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Curricular and Extra-curricular Activities
Focus on Career and Technical Student Organizations
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Curricular

- Activities that are connected to the regular curriculum or program of courses and may carry academic credit

Curricular activities may take place during the course period or are tied to the course and its credit for the course. Examples of curricular activities may include band, choir, orchestra, journalism or yearbook.
CTSOs include any organization that is a part of the Career and Technical Education department.
Extra-curricular activities include activities that extend beyond the classroom and are not tied to course credit. Examples of extra-curriculars are DECA, FCCLA, SkillsUSA, and TAFE. We will discuss these organizations in more detail later.
An organization of students is necessary for the CTSO to operate.
At this time, discuss with your students the curricular activities that are available on your campus.
At this time, discuss with your students the extra-curricular activities that are available on your campus.
According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, in 2010, 32% of high school students participated in extra-curricular activities. The study conducted also said that students who participated in extra-curricular activities were more likely to attend college.
At this time, discuss with your students the curricular and extra-curricular activities that are available on your local high school(s).
One curricular activity that career and technical students can participate in is Career Preparation Course I and II. This course is an articulation between the teacher, student and employer in which the student agrees to take courses and work a minimum of 15 hours per week.
Career preparation courses give students a real-world experience that provide them with a wide variety of skills while the student is getting paid for the position.
Practicum courses provide students with real-world experiences, however usually without pay. An internship is a method of on-the-job training.
Students who enroll in the Education and Training career cluster pathway can take a class during their senior year that allows them to work in the elementary classroom, one-on-one with students. Check with your local high school(s) to see what their program offers and share with your students.
Students who enroll in the Hospitality and Tourism career cluster pathway can take a class during their senior year that allows them to work in the hospitality industry. Check with your local high school(s) to see what their program offers and share with your students.
Students who enroll in the Human Services career cluster pathway can take a class during their senior year that allows them to work with children or families. Check with your local high school(s) to see what their program offers and share with your students.
The Education and Training, Hospitality and Tourism and Human Services clusters contain several CTSOs. The four main CTSOs available for students to participate in are DECA, FCCLA, SkillsUSA and TAFE.
There are many benefits of joining a club or organization. What do you think some of the benefits are? Allow time for student responses.
CTSOs offer students a variety of ways to acquire new skills useful in the classroom and workplace. CTSOs teach organization because students must be able to balance both classroom work and the duties that come with joining an organization. Students can also learn professionalism and communication skills through peer interactions.
Students can develop social skills through attending meetings, social gatherings, competitions, participation in community service projects and more.
Through CTSOs, you will have the opportunity to meet new people around your school, community, state and nation through local, regional, state and national meetings.
Through CTSOs students are able to meet a variety of people within their field of interest who serve as their social network of friends, team mates, colleagues and references for school and work.
When a student joins a CTSO, they become involved in several new experiences such as competitions, travel and new friendships.
Through competitive speaking events, students in CTSOs have the ability to improve their communication skills.
CTSOs allow students to build their resume by adding skills, experiences, activities, awards and professional references from participation in the organization.
Several areas for competitions are available through CTSOs through the local, regional, state and national level.
There are several opportunities for travel to new areas through competitions, conferences, workshops and training.
Questions?
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