

Constitution and Bylaws of _____ High School Chapter

Established _____

ARTICLE I. Name

Section 1. The official name of this organization shall be (*school*) Chapter of the Texas Association of DECA Inc. and will be referred to as (*school*) DECA Chapter.

ARTICLE II. Purpose

Section 1. To prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management.

Section 2. To prepare the next generation to be academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, and experienced leaders.

Section 3. To equip student members, teacher advisors, and professional associates to be engaged citizens who practice the DECA values of competence, integrity, teamwork, and innovation in our free enterprise system.

ARTICLE III. Organization

Section 1. The (*school*) Chapter, is within the Texas Association of DECA and is an organization of students enrolled in business and marketing classes, career technical education, and related courses and/or activities preparing to advance to the next level of career and college readiness.

ARTICLE IV. Membership

Section 1. The (*school*) DECA Chapter may be chartered as a member of the Texas Association of DECA upon the approval of the Texas DECA Executive Director.

Section 2. The classes of membership that will be recognized are:

- A. High School Members
- B. Alumni Members
- C. Professional Members

ARTICLE V. Voting

Section 1. *(School)* DECA Chapter members shall exercise their franchise in voting at the chapter level by (insert voting procedures)

Section 2. *(School)* DECA Chapter will appoint up to two (2) Voting Delegates at the discretion of the local Chapter Advisor to represent the chapter during voting at the District Career Development Conference as well as the Business and Election Session at the State Career Development Conference. These delegates will ensure the chapter is represented as attendance is mandatory.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings will be held (*at least once each month, weekly, bi-weekly, etc.*) during the school year.

Section 2. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings will be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE VII. Officers

Section 1. DECA Mission-Based Officer Positions.

The officers of the *(school)* DECA Chapter shall be based on the mission of DECA consisting of a President, Vice President of Leadership, Vice President of Career Development, Vice President of Marketing, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Hospitality. Upon approval of the DECA teacher/advisor, the chapter executive council may appoint additional directors reporting to the corresponding mission-based vice present as the needs, goals, and aspirations of the chapter may need. Each chapter officer and appointed leaders shall exercise the duties of the office to which he/she has been selected/elected.

Section 2. Officer Election.

The officers of the *(school)* DECA Chapter shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the first regular business meeting of each school year. A majority vote of the *(chapter)* members shall be necessary to elect chapter officers.

ARTICLE VIII. Advisor(s)

Section 1. DECA Chapter Advisor.

The (*school*) DECA Chapter Advisor shall be a business and/or marketing instructor or related credentialed professional educator approved by the host school administration to be a DECA Chapter Advisor.

Section 2. DECA Co-Chapter Advisor(s).

Other career technical education teachers, related educators, school personnel, alumni, and/or chaperones may be designated as DECA Chapter Co-Advisors subject to the approval of the DECA Chapter Advisor and school administration policy.

ARTICLE IX. Finances

Section 1. (*School*) DECA Chapter will be responsible for State and DECA Inc. chapter affiliation fees according to the number of individual members claimed in each membership classification, times the amount established for that classification of the state-chartered association and international levels.

Section 2. The (*school*) DECA Chapter Advisor shall be responsible for the DECA Chapter finances in accordance with (*school district*) policy.

ARTICLE X. Amendments

Section 1. Amendment Process.

To amend this constitution, the proposed amendment must be presented, in writing to the chapter president by any DECA member. The president will present the amendment to the membership where it must be approved by a two-thirds-majority vote for adoption.

Section 2. Continuity with State and International DECA Bylaws.

No rules, regulations or bylaws shall be adopted which are contrary to this constitution or inconsistent with the state-chartered association and international association corporate or student division bylaws or policies and procedures.

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