

BYLAWS OF FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA OF THE
NORTHEASTERN PLAINS DISTRICT OF THE COLORADO ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. District

The name of this organization shall be the Northeastern Plains District of the Colorado Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

- A. The letters FCCLA may be used to designate the district, its activities, or members.
- B. The letters FCCLA shall be used only by districts certified by the national and Colorado Associations.
- C. The letters FCCLA may be used for combinations of activities, members, and the Executive Council of the Colorado Association and its districts.

Section 2. Local Chapters

A. High School

1. High school chapters shall be known as (name of school), Colorado Chapter of FCCLA.
2. The name FCCLA shall be used only by chapter chartered by the national and Colorado Associations.

B. Middle School

1. Junior/middle school chapters organized in sixth, seventh, eighth, and/or ninth grades shall be known as (name of school) Colorado Middle School Chapter of FCCLA.
2. The name FCCLA shall be used only by chapters chartered by the national and Colorado Associations.

ARTICLE II

Mission Statement and Purposes

Section 1. Mission Statement

- A. The mission of the organization is to promote growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education focusing on multiple roles of family members, wage earners and community leaders. Members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

Section 2. Purposes

- A. The purposes of the organization shall be:
 1. To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.
 2. To strengthen the function of the family as a basic unit of society;
 3. To encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community;
 4. To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony;
 5. To promote greater understanding between youth and adults;
 6. To provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities;
 7. To prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society;
 8. To promote Family and Consumer Sciences and related occupations.

ARTICLE III

Organization

Section 1. The Northeastern Plains District of the Colorado Association shall consist of local chapters within the boundaries of the Northeastern Plains District as defined by the Colorado FCCLA Association.

Section 2. This district accepts in full the provisions of the bylaws of the National Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, the parent organization.

Section 3. No part of these bylaws, nor any action of this district shall be valid if it violates higher FCCLA bylaws or policies of the Colorado authorizing body, CCCS, Colorado Community Colleges System. (This includes state conduct policies and disciplinary action.)

Section 4. The administration of the Northeastern Plains District shall be vested in the Northeastern Plains District Executive Council

- A. The Northeastern Plains District Executive Council shall consist of youth leadership (at least one district representative from each affiliated chapter) and adult leadership (district consultant(s), district advisor, and the chapter advisors.)

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1. Member Chapters:

- A. Chartered FCCLA Chapters in good standing (dues paid at all levels) at private or public schools in which family and consumer sciences instruction is offered may be a member of the Northeastern Plains District.
- B. If at any time during the current school term the family and consumer sciences program is terminated, said member chapter may continue to participate in state and district functions for the remainder of the school term for which membership dues were paid.
- C. Affiliate members of member chapter shall not pay Colorado or district dues, and shall not be eligible to hold office or participate in district activities.

Section 2. Non-chartered chapters of chapters not in good standing may attend a district meeting upon payment of the required meeting fees but shall not participate in any official business or have voting delegates.

Section 3. Honorary Membership

- A. Any person who has rendered outstanding service to the district or has helped to advance the family and consumer sciences program in the district may be nominated to a District Honorary Membership.
- B. Any FCCLA district member may submit a nomination to the District Executive Council.
- C. A 2/3 vote of a District Executive Council is required to elect an honorary member.
- D. Honorary members may attend all district meetings without vote.
- E. Honorary members are lifetime members and do not pay district dues.
- F. District honorary members may be presented the official pin with an "H" guard.

ARTICLE V

District Executive Council

Section 1. Membership

- A. The Northeastern Plains District Executive Council consists of:
 - 1. The District Officers
 - 2. District Consultant and/or Co-consultant
 - 3. District Representatives
 - 4. Chapter Advisers

Section 2. Duties

- A. The District Executive Council shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the district between business meetings. The Executive Council shall be subject to the orders of the district membership and none of its actions shall conflict with action taken by the district membership.

Section 3. Election

- A. District Officers shall be elected at large each year. Each chapter will be allowed to run 3 candidates. Only 2 District Officers may be selected from 1 chapter. Chapters not receiving an officer will be allowed to elect a district representative. The District Chairperson's chapter will be allowed to elect a district representative, provided that the chapter is not represented by another officer. In the event of fewer than eight candidates, more than two members from one chapter may serve as a district officer.
- B. The selection process for district officers at the January Meeting shall be determined by the District Executive Council.
- C. In the event of a vacancy in the district officer team, except the District Chairperson, the district officer alternate will fulfill the unexpired officer term. Should that alternate be unable to fill the vacancy, the district chairperson with the advice of the district consultant will select a district representative to serve in that capacity.

Section 4. Eligibility

- A. Only active members below senior standing in middle or senior high shall be eligible for election as district officer or representative.

Section 5. Term of Office

- A. Officers shall serve from January to January.

Section 6. Meetings

- A. The Executive Council shall meet four times annually preferably in June, in August, in October, and in January. Special meetings or changes in meetings scheduled may be called

by the District Chairperson and District Consultant by notifying the chapters at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Section 7. Quorum

- A. At any scheduled business meeting a majority of the voting delegates from an affiliated chapter shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8. Vote

- A. Decisions shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Executive Council members, except as provided in the bylaws.
- B. Colorado State Officers or National Officers of the Northeastern Plains District serve as ex-officio members of the Northeastern Plains District Executive Council

Section 9. District Executive Committee

- A. The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected district officers, district representatives, and district consultant(s).
- B. The District Executive Committee shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the district between District Executive Council meetings.
- C. The District Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the District Chairperson and the District Consultant.
- D. The District Executive Committee shall not modify any actions taken by the District Executive Council.

Section 10. Other Committees

- A. Each chapter shall be represented by at least one member on some committee of the District Executive Council.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of District Officers

Section 1. Chairperson

- A. The Chairperson shall preside over District meetings of FCCLA and over meetings of the Executive Council; shall act as chairperson of the Executive Council; shall appoint special committees with the cooperation of the District Adviser; and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

Section 2. Vice-chairperson

- A. The Vice-chairperson shall perform all duties of the chairperson during his/her absence or disability; and be responsible for coordinating the district project(s), if applicable.

Section 3. Secretary

- A. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the sessions of the district meetings, the meetings of the Executive Council, and keep records and other materials of importance to the organization; and also maintain roll call of the number of people present at all meetings. Within 10 days, the secretary shall mail a copy of the minutes to the district consultant to be included with the agenda for the next meeting to be sent to the chapters.

Section 4. Treasurer

- A. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of money handled in the district and be responsible for payment of all district bills. He/she shall make a treasurer's report at all meetings.

Section 5. Reporter

- A. It is the duty of the Reporter to gather and organize news of all meetings and information of the district and send reports which could include photographs to the Colorado Comments and to local newspapers within two weeks of the meetings.

Section 6. Historian

- A. The Historian shall keep an accurate history of the district organization through photographs and collections of news articles; compile a scrapbook; and shall serve as district photographer.

Section 7. Recreation Chairperson

- A. The Recreation Chairperson shall provide team building and icebreakers activities.

Section 8. Parliamentarian

- A. The Parliamentarian shall advise the chairperson, other officers, committees, and members in matters concerning parliamentary procedure; during meetings call attention of the

chairperson to any error in the proceedings that may affect the rights of any member or may do harm; advise district members of changes to National and State bylaws as revised.

Section 9. District Representatives

- A. District Representatives shall be voting officers; be elected by chapters who do not have district officers and represent their chapter at all district meetings and fulfill any assigned responsibility.

ARTICLE VII

Candidates for State Officer and Interviewing Panel

Section 1. State Officer Candidates

- A. Each chapter may have two candidates for state office.
- B. Candidates must be interviewed at a district meeting. Three candidates and an alternate will be selected to represent the district in state officer interviews at the state leadership conference.

Section 2. State Officer Interviewing Panel

- A. Each chapter may have one candidate for state officer interviewing panel.
- B. Candidates must be interviewed at a district meeting. One candidate will be selected to represent the district on the state officer interviewing panel at the state leadership conference.

ARTICLE VIII

District Consultant

Section 1. Selection

- A. District Consultant and Co-consultant shall be selected by and from the FCCLA Advisers in the district.
- B. Each FCCLA district shall have only one voting district consultant who shall serve on lthe state advisory board.

Section 2. Term of Office

- A. The District Consultant shall serve a two year term with rotation. Attempts for a rotation shall be made with consultant and co-consultant.
- B. A District Consultant may serve only two consecutive terms.

Section 3. Duties

- A. District Consultant and co-consultant shall serve as a liaison between the State Executive council, the district organization, and member chapters within the district.
- B. They shall cooperate with the District Adviser and the District executive Council in planning and managing meetings and activities at the district level.
- C. They hall assume responsibilities for the state leadership conference.
- D. They may assume responsibilities for the state leadership conference for district officers
- E. They shall attend the following meetings:
 1. State Executive Council Meetings with vote.
 2. State Leadership Conference
 3. State Leadership Conference for District Officers, if several district officers are in attendance without adult supervision.

Section 4. Vacancy

- A. If a vacancy in the position of district consultant occurs, the co-consultant will assume the position.

ARTICLE IX

District Adviser

Section 1. Selection

- A. The District Adviser shall be the adviser of the chapter from which the District Chairperson has been selected.

Section 2. Term of Office

- A. The term of office will be from January to January.

Section 3. Duties

- A. The District Adviser shall be responsible for guidance of the District Chairperson's activities and other assigned responsibilities.

ARTICLE X

Insignia and Creed

Section 1. Official Emblem

- A. The emblem of Northeastern Plains District shall be the same as Colorado and national Associations.

Section 2. Official Colors

- A. The colors for the Northeastern Plains District shall be the same as the national colors, which are red and white.

Section 3. Official Flower

- A. The official flower of the Northeastern Plains District shall be the same as the national flower which is the red rose.

Section 4. Creed

- A. The creed for the Northeastern Plains District shall be:

We are the Family, Career and
Community Leaders of America.
We face the future with warm
courage and high hope.

For we have the clear consciousness
of seeking old and precious values.
For we are the builders of homes,
Homes for America's future,
Homes where living will be
the expression of everything
that is good and fair,
Homes where truth and love
and security and faith
will be realities, not dreams.

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ARTICLE XI

Dues

Section 1. Dues

- A. District expenses shall be met by registration fees and special assessments.

ARTICLE XII

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Authority

- A. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the authority in all questions of parliamentary law, unless in conflict with the bylaws of the Colorado and national associations, or with the laws of the State of Colorado. It does not rule at meetings, merely advises.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments

- A. This constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) of the voting delegates represented at any scheduled district business meeting, providing the amendment to be voted on has been mailed by the District Consultant to all affiliated chapters of the organization for consideration at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting.

