



A Phased Approach to FCCLA

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) should be an integral part of every FACS Career and Technology program in Missouri. FCCLA fosters personal growth, leadership training, career development, teamwork, community service, STAR Events, and student recognition to supplement the curriculum in FACS Education.

Below are some suggestions to implement an FCCLA program:

Year 1

1. [Learn what FCCLA is](#) and how it will benefit your program? [Do Step 1](#), [Show-Me 5](#) and/or [Power of One](#) with your classroom.
2. FCCLA should be included in your FACS class. If implemented correctly, it should not require a huge time commitment outside of your classroom.
3. It is easy to infuse FCCLA in your FACS curriculum.
4. Familiarize yourself with the [Missouri FCCLA](#) website and the [FCCLA National](#) website.
5. Take a look at the [STAR Events](#) and pick one or two STAR Events which naturally fit into your curriculum.
6. Infuse these 1-2 STAR Events into your curriculum and use them as a classroom assignment for the whole class. The students will love it!
7. Familiarize yourself with the FCCLA Membership Kit.
8. Elect officers.
9. Affiliate your students.
10. Take your FCCLA Star Event participants to the Missouri FCCLA regional and State Conference to compete.
11. Recognize the accomplishments of your FCCLA students within your school. Give as many students an award as possible. Paper Certificates and ribbons are very inexpensive but are highly valued by students. You could have classroom winners and school-wide winners. Announce your winners publicly through the school announcements, newsletter, school newspaper, awards assembly, yearbook photos, and video yearbook.

Year 2

1. Elect officers and include leadership training in your curriculum.
2. Leadership training is given to all students as an integral part of your curriculum. FCCLA provides excellent lesson plans, including classroom activities, to teach leadership development. Remember, the leadership lessons are designed to develop leadership skills in all FCCLA members. These lessons should be an integral part of your curriculum.
3. Hold leadership meetings with your officers before school, during lunch, or after school.
4. Attend the FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference usually held in October.
5. Add a social, community service, or career development event to your program. This could be a lunch-time barbecue, a service project at Thanksgiving or Christmas, a guest speaker, a field trip, or team up with another Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for a school-wide social event.
6. Add another FCCLA STAR Event to your curriculum.
7. Start a FCCLA bulletin board in your classroom.

Year 3

1. Have your FCCLA officers develop a school-wide program which includes fun social events, community service, career development, competition, and student recognition.
2. Participate in National FCCLA Week.
3. Make your FCCLA Chapter visible in the school. Visibility can happen with a showcase display, bulletin board, participation in school assemblies, posting a FCCLA banner in your classroom, having students wear a FCCLA jacket or polo shirt, publicize FCCLA STAR Events and winners in school-wide announcements, publish an article in the school newspaper, FCCLA pictures in the school yearbook, using FCCLA officers in school events, etc.
8. Add another FCCLA STAR Event to your curriculum. You will now have 3-4 STAR Events infused into your curriculum. The more FCCLA STAR Events you sponsor the more students will have a chance to compete and receive awards.
9. Establish a FCCLA Wall of Excellence in your classroom or display case. Post pictures of regional, state and national winners.
10. Promote school pride by competing in the Missouri FCCLA State Conference. Send as many students as possible to the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for student growth and recognition.

The above steps make it easy to integrate FCCLA into any FACS program with very little time commitment outside of the classroom. In Missouri, CTSO's are expected to be an integral part of every CTE classroom. Students develop leadership and responsibility by running the FCCLA Chapter and doing the work. A teacher should support, encourage and guide the organization. FCCLA is meant to improve a teacher's curriculum, promote student leadership development, and add classroom excitement. FCCLA encourages team interaction, develops skills, promotes competition, provides student recognition and creates a needed sense of belonging for students. With such important benefits, FCCLA should be available to all Career and Technology Education students.