

WHY FCCLA?

FCCLA helps students

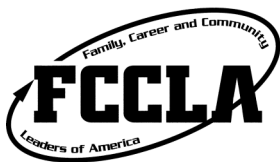
- develop career skills and learn to balance career and family responsibilities
- strengthen home and family life
- prepare for community living as responsible citizens
- experience the connection between career and technical and academic skills
- improve self-esteem
- practice and apply creative and critical thinking
- understand themselves and their relationships with others
- develop a personal leadership style
- identify concerns, make decisions and carry out activities
- experience the satisfaction of helping others
- observe family and consumer sciences-related careers
- gain recognition for accomplishments
- build supportive relationships with teachers in a less formal atmosphere
- achieve established performance standards and competencies

FCCLA helps teachers

- incorporate school-to-career elements and applied academics into the family and consumer sciences program
- serve special populations
- enrich classroom teaching and motivate students to learn
- fulfill student performance standards and competencies
- reduce preparation time as students take responsibility for learning
- guide students toward meaningful projects that enhance the image of family and consumer sciences education
- model how to help others
- publicize the family and consumer sciences program to parents, administrators and community
- attract more students
- establish rapport with students
- develop leaders who can assist in the classroom
- become aware of additional resources
- expand professional experience and fulfillment
- tap into a professional support system

FCCLA helps schools

- motivate and improve students' attitudes toward school and learning
- facilitate the transition from school to career
- demonstrate how academic lessons are applied through the family and consumer sciences program
- integrate life skills into family and consumer sciences classes, making school and life relevant to one another
- gain community support for programs
- prepare employable citizens
- support school activities
- demonstrate classroom learning in the community
- build support systems for students



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