

- Promotes school spirit through FCCLA week events or sponsoring of school activities.
- Encourages members to return to the community as adults because of the strong connection made through community service work.
- Builds family relationships by hosting family nights or power of one projects planned and carried out at home.
- Members serve as role models to younger kids through mentoring programs or just being good examples in the school.

Other Considerations...FCCLA addresses issues such as school violence and bullying, traffic safety, healthy relationships, making wise eating choices and character development through chapter projects which would be lost if this CTSO was dissolved.

Remember...FCCLA is an extension of the Family and Consumer Sciences department and is directly linked. If the FCS department is closed, the FCCLA chapter is dissolved.

Reasons to Retain FCCLA When Considering the Present Financial Situation...

FCCLA benefits students because it...

- Teaches life lessons...how to fail as well as how to succeed.
- Develops positive self-esteem and self-worth.
- Builds relationship skills...how to meet people, how to work with a variety of people, how to network.
- Strengthens communication skills....how to develop a presentation, how to speak in front of groups of people, large and small at the local, district, state or national level.
- Provides opportunities for real life experiences...how to travel, use a budget, the importance of flexibility.
- Builds a work ethic...fundraising for a purpose, learning the connection between work and income.

- Builds leadership skills...hold office at local, district, state or national level; how to organize activities, how to problem solve, how to meet deadlines.
- Provides financial assistance through scholarships as well as fundraising that allow students the means to take part when otherwise not possible.
- Builds experiences which can be used on a resumes for employment, scholarships and/or award recognition.

To the advisor, FCCLA...

- Provides and/or endorses research-based curriculum for classroom use.
- Provides planning and evaluation tools that already link to SCANS skills, National FCS standards, 21st Century skills and academic areas (i.e. STAR Events, National Programs).
- Provides a network of peers who share how to be successful teachers and advisors.
- Offers trainings/professional development in conjunction with member events.

- Provides recognition through awards, certificates, recognition ceremonies and advisor year pins.
- Provides leadership experiences.
- Builds relationships with others who have the same convictions to Family and Consumer Sciences.
- Provides a way to meet the required CTE course competencies and provide leadership development and experiential learning opportunities for the classroom.

To the community/school, FCCLA...

- Addresses issues of concern that otherwise may not be addressed, such as donations to needy families or to weather-devastated areas.
- Members donate time and energy to those who need it, like a park clean up or senior citizen help day.
- Provides knowledge of current topics and issues through STAR Event and National Program projects.

