

# 16 CTE Career Clusters & CTSO Alignment Guide

Which student organizations align with each of the 16 National CTE Career Clusters - For CTE Directors, Coordinators & Administrators

<p><b>01 Agriculture, Food &amp; Natural Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>FFA</b> National FFA Organization <i>Primary CTSO · largest ag student org nationally</i></li> <li>● <b>SkillsUSA</b> ag mechanics / horticulture tracks</li> </ul>	<p><b>02 Architecture &amp; Construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>SkillsUSA</b> <i>Primary CTSO · carpentry, electrical, plumbing, HVAC</i></li> <li>● <b>TSA</b> Technology Student Association <i>Architectural design events</i></li> <li>● <b>PLTW</b> Project Lead the Way <i>Civil engineering &amp; architecture pathway</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>03 Arts, A/V Technology &amp; Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>TSA</b> Technology Student Association <i>Video production, animation, graphic design events</i></li> <li>● <b>SkillsUSA</b> graphic comm., broadcast journalism</li> <li>● <b>BPA</b> Business Professionals of America <i>Digital media production events</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>04 Business Management &amp; Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>FBLA</b> Future Business Leaders of America <i>Primary CTSO · business admin, management</i></li> <li>● <b>BPA</b> Business Professionals of America <i>Strong fit · management &amp; admin events</i></li> <li>● <b>DECA</b> business operations events</li> </ul>
<p><b>05 Education &amp; Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Educators Rising</b> <i>Primary CTSO · teacher prep, early childhood ed</i></li> <li>● <b>FCCLA</b> Family, Career &amp; Community Leaders <i>Early childhood education track</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>06 Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>FBLA</b> Future Business Leaders of America <i>Banking, accounting, financial planning events</i></li> <li>● <b>BPA</b> Business Professionals of America <i>Accounting, payroll, financial analysis events</i></li> <li>● <b>DECA</b> financial services pathway</li> </ul>	<p><b>07 Government &amp; Public Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>FBLA</b> public admin, civic engagement events</li> <li>● <b>BPA</b> public administration track</li> <li>● <b>SkillsUSA</b> public safety &amp; first response</li> </ul>	<p><b>08 Health Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>HOSA</b> Future Health Professionals <i>Primary CTSO · all health science pathways</i></li> <li>● <b>SkillsUSA</b> health care occupations events</li> <li>● <b>FCCLA</b> nutrition, early childhood, mental health</li> </ul>
<p><b>09 Hospitality &amp; Tourism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>DECA</b> hospitality, travel &amp; tourism events <i>Primary CTSO for this cluster</i></li> <li>● <b>FCCLA</b> culinary arts, lodging management</li> <li>● <b>SkillsUSA</b> culinary arts competitions</li> </ul>	<p><b>10 Human Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>FCCLA</b> Family, Career &amp; Community Leaders <i>Primary CTSO · social services, counseling, childcare</i></li> <li>● <b>HOSA</b> behavioral health &amp; mental wellness</li> </ul>	<p><b>11 Information Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>TSA</b> Technology Student Association <i>Cybersecurity, software dev, networking events</i></li> <li>● <b>BPA</b> Business Professionals of America <i>IT infrastructure, coding, database events</i></li> <li>● <b>SkillsUSA</b> IT &amp; networking competitions</li> </ul>	<p><b>12 Law, Public Safety, Corrections &amp; Security</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>SkillsUSA</b> criminal justice, fire, EMS events <i>Primary CTSO for public safety pathways</i></li> <li>● <b>FBLA</b> business law events</li> </ul>
<p><b>13 Manufacturing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>SkillsUSA</b> <i>Primary CTSO · welding, machining, precision manufacturing</i></li> <li>● <b>TSA</b> manufacturing prototype, engineering design</li> <li>● <b>PLTW</b> Engineering pathway</li> </ul>	<p><b>14 Marketing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>DECA</b> <i>Primary CTSO · marketing, retail, sports &amp; entertainment</i></li> <li>● <b>FBLA</b> marketing &amp; advertising events</li> <li>● <b>BPA</b> digital marketing events</li> </ul>	<p><b>15 Science, Technology, Engineering &amp; Mathematics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>TSA</b> Technology Student Association <i>Primary CTSO · robotics, engineering design, coding</i></li> <li>● <b>SkillsUSA</b> STEM-related technical competitions</li> <li>● <b>PLTW</b> Project Lead the Way · STEM pathway</li> </ul>	<p><b>16 Transportation, Distribution &amp; Logistics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>SkillsUSA</b> <i>Primary CTSO · auto service, collision, aviation, diesel</i></li> <li>● <b>DECA</b> logistics &amp; supply chain events</li> <li>● <b>TSA</b> transportation design events</li> </ul>

<b>CTSO KEY</b>	<b>FFA</b> — National FFA Organization	<b>FBLA</b> — Future Business Leaders of America	<b>BPA</b> — Business Professionals of America	<b>DECA</b> — Distributive Education Clubs of America	● Primary CTSO ○ Secondary/Related
	<b>HOSA</b> — Future Health Professionals	<b>FCCLA</b> — Family, Career & Community Leaders of America	<b>SkillsUSA</b> — SkillsUSA (formerly VICA)	<b>TSA</b> — Technology Student Association	
	<b>PLTW</b> — Project Lead the Way	<b>Educators Rising</b> — formerly Phi Delta Kappa / PDK Student			