

Future Business Leaders of America-Middle Level



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DEAR PARENTS AND FUTURE MEMBER(S) OF FBLA:

Your child may be currently enrolled in a business technology course at CFCMS or has taken a business technology class before. Business technology courses prepare your child for today's workplace through education of leadership skills, career exploration, development of character, fostering citizenship and building self-confidence. An integral component of this course is the co-curricular student organization, FBLA known as Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Students will apply and practice concepts learned in class by participating in our FBLA Middle chapter. It is strongly recommended that students join FBLA to maximize their learning experience and gain a competitive edge.

WHAT IS FBLA?

FBLA was founded as a premier organization for students preparing for careers in business in 1937 by Dr. Hamden L. Forkner while at the Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City. Through FBLA, members gain the competitive edge for career and/or college success. By taking advantage of the many programs FBLA offers, students acquire the skills that set them apart from the average middle school student. Members learn by participating in a variety of activities that help them build their skills while contributing to the improvement of the community in which they live, their school, and their chapter.

WHAT DOES FBLA DO?

FBLA provides the business leaders of tomorrow with the necessary skills to successfully compete in the job market, pursue postsecondary education, or manage personal skills. Members learn how to lead and participate in group discussions by engaging in practical problem solving and decision-making activities. FBLA members learn the value of competition through directed competitive events.

WHY JOIN FBLA-PBL?

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- Enhance self-confidence and leadership skills through chapter leadership activities;
- Sharpen public speaking skills by leading discussions, presenting workshops, and giving speeches;
- Build friendships through chapter team activities and at conferences;
- Apply money management techniques by developing chapter and project budgets;
- Acquire the skills needed to compete in the job market;
- Network with business leaders to increase job prospects and mentoring opportunities;
- Participate in conferences and workshops on leadership skills, image, etiquette, time management, goal setting, decision making, and career development;
- Complete community service activities by working with such organizations as Autism Speaks, our national community service project-**the March of Dime** and/or our state community service project-**Project Ask**.

IS THERE A FEE TO JOIN FBLA-PBL and WHEN WILL WE MEET?

There is a **\$20.00**–membership **one-time, NON-REFUNDABLE** registration fee. The fee is distributed as follows: **\$6.00 National dues, \$4.00 State dues, \$1.50 Middle Level**. Visit: www.vafbla-pbl.org/ or www.fbla-pbl.org for more information. The additional **\$8.50** will be placed in our account to help us start building revenue for fundraising activities, conferences fees, t-shirts, and end of the year celebration activities.

Meetings will be held virtually this year due to the pandemic. Meeting will take place in **Google Meet**. Instructions on how to join the meeting will be shared in Google Classroom. Dates of meetings will be announced Remind, Google Classroom, and other Social Media Connection(s).

I hope that you and your child will see the many benefits of this very worthwhile co-curricular student organization. If so, please send in the membership form and dues enclosed with your student(s) at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

Thank you

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