NASDCTEc Board of Directors' Meeting
Statement of Policy: Career and Technical Student Organizations
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The National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium maintains a relationship with career and technical student organizations and encourages cooperation and support in strengthening programs of career and technical education, tech prep and school-to-work. Recognizing that career and technical student organizations provide students with employability skills, business partners, community outreach, leadership opportunities, school-to career solutions, and comprehensive programs in career majors, the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium endorses implementation of career and technical student organizations as an integral part of the instructional program.

In view of this belief, this policy represents the position of the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium:

1. The National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium recognizes the educational program and philosophies embraced by the career and technical student organizations, the following career and technical organizations are an integral part of career and technical education instructional programs:

   Business Professional of America
   National DECA
   Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda
   National FFA Organization
   Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
   Health Occupations Students of America
   National Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization
   National Young Farmer Educational Association
   Technology Student Association
   Skills USA-VICA

2. The National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium recognizes total student development as being necessary for successful roles in society and for entering the labor market.

3. The National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium encourages its membership to endorse, support, and promote the growth of career and technical student organizations within states in an effort to improve workplace and leadership skills of students.

4. The National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium encourages involvement of career and technical student organizations in efforts to strengthen career and technical education.