



## REQUIREMENTS TO START AN FBLA CHAPTER IN CALIFORNIA

California Future Business Leaders of America is an officially recognized Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) by the California Department of Education. The following are the requirements to qualify as an eligible school to start an FBLA chapter.

### HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

#### Program of Study Alignment

A Career and Technical Education (CTE) program of study that aligns to FBLA must be offered at your school site. These are pathways in the Industry Sectors of:

- Business and Finance
- Marketing, Sales & Services
- Information and Communications Technology

#### CTE Credentialed Faculty Member

A CTE credentialed faculty member at the school must be willing to serve as the Primary Adviser. This individual must also teach one of the courses in the CTE pathway used for alignment and interact with the students on a regular basis.

#### Student Member Enrollment

Students eligible for FBLA affiliation must be currently enrolled in the pathway or previously taken the pathway courses.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

#### Option 1: Feeder Middle School for an Approved High School Program

A middle school that meets the following requirements:

- Is a feeder middle school into an approved high school FBLA program
- A unit of career exploration is offered to all students

#### Option 2: Middle School with Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program

A middle school that meets the following requirements:

- Has a robust CTE program in which career exploration and leadership are clearly embedded
- There is an effort to grow the middle school participants into an approved high school chapter (i.e. feeder school)

#### Questions?

If you have questions about eligibility to start an FBLA chapter in California, contact us at [hello@cafbla.org](mailto:hello@cafbla.org).