

Oregon DECA High School Division Bylaws

Nothing in these Oregon DECA High School Division Bylaws can contradict or supersede any statements or intents of the Oregon DECA Constitution.

Article I. Name

Section 1. The official name of this organization shall be the Oregon DECA High School Division.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Oregon DECA shall recognize individual membership in the High School Division only through the chapters chartered through DECA Inc., at the pleasure of the Oregon State School Board, acting through the Oregon DECA Board of Advisors.

Section 2. Active members shall be current state and DECA Inc. dues paid members from local chapters within the High School Division of Oregon DECA.

Section 3. Honorary Life Members may be individuals who have made or are making contributions to the field of marketing or management, or to DECA, as may be approved by the Board of Advisors, and shall be exempted from annual dues. Honorary Life Members are not voting members of Oregon DECA.

Section 4. Annuals state membership dues shall be set by the Oregon Board of Advisors, in addition to that amount prescribed by National DECA.

Section 5. The membership year shall be September 1 to August 31, inclusive.

Article III. Organization

Section 1. The Oregon DECA High School Division is an association of the local chapters within the State of Oregon, chartered by DECA Inc., at the pleasure of the Oregon State School Board.

Section 2. The administration of the High School Division shall be vested in an Executive Council, which operates within the authority and purview of the Board of Advisors.

Section 3. The Executive Council may make recommendations to the Board of Advisors and perform other duties as prescribed in these Bylaws.

Section 4. Oregon DECA shall be divided into administrative districts as established by the Board of Advisors.

Section 5. The Presidents Council of the High School Division shall consist of the Executive Council and the Chapter Presidents of chartered chapters within the High School Division of Oregon DECA. The Presidents Council shall serve as a forum for communication between local chapters, the Executive Council, and the Board of Advisors.

Article IV. Voting Delegates

Section 1. The High School Division of Oregon DECA shall exercise its membership voting privilege through Voting Delegates. Each school shall have one vote for each approved Voting Delegate. Voting Delegates shall be entitled to an individual vote.

a. One (1) Voting Delegate will be allowed each chapter. Additional Voting Delegates will be appointed to chapters according to the following ratio:

10-29	student members = 1 additional delegate (2 delegates total)
30-49	student members = 2 additional delegates (3 delegates total)
50-69	student members = 3 additional delegates (4 delegates total)
70-89	student members = 4 additional delegates (5 delegates total)
90-109	student members = 5 additional delegates (6 delegates total)
110 +	student members = 6 additional delegates (7 delegates total)

b. Chapters attaining 100% marketing student membership shall receive one (1) additional delegate.

In total, a maximum of eight (8) voting delegate positions may be held by a DECA chapter.

Article V. Officers and the Executive Council

Section 1. The elected state officers of the High School Division shall consist of a president, secretary/treasurer, publicity director, and one (1) vice president representing each of the administrative districts.

Section 2. The collective state officers will function as an executive body for the High School Division, and shall be known as the Executive Council.

Section 3. Only active members of the High School Division will be eligible for state office in this division and must be enrolled in high school for the major portion of their term of office.

Section 4. No individual may succeed himself as an officer, and no individual may serve for more than two (2) terms in this Division.

Section 5. The Executive Council may fill by appointment any vacancy occurring on the Executive Council. Such an appointment will be only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Article VI. Duties of State Officers

Section 1. President: It shall be the duty of the President of the High School Division to preside at all meetings of this division; to make all necessary committee appointments, including the designation of committee chairman; to develop with the Executive Council a program of work for his or her term of office; and to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Oregon DECA.

Section 2. Secretary/Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to record the proceedings of all meetings of the Division and meetings of the Executive Council; to accumulate the minutes and/or membership reports necessary; to provide annual accounting of Division funds to the membership; and to be available, as necessary in promoting the general welfare of Oregon DECA.

Section 3. Publicity Director: It shall be the duty of the Publicity Director to work with local chapters in dealing with all matters concerning the promotion and publicizing of local and state activities; to be editor of the High School Division newsletter; and to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Oregon DECA.

Section 4. District Vice Presidents: It shall be the duty of the district Vice Presidents to promote DECA within their district; to work with members of the Presidents Council within their district in developing a district program of work; to coordinate DECA Experience events; preside at meetings of DECA members within their district; and be available as necessary to promote the general welfare of Oregon DECA.

Article VII. Removal of State Officer

- Section 1. Any member of Oregon DECA, adult or student, seeking the removal of an officer shall present a written statement to the Board of Advisors showing evidence of failure to carry out the duties of office.
- Section 2. The officer in question shall be notified by the Board of Advisors of the proposal to remove said officer from office, and of the reasons given for that proposal.
- Section 3. The Executive Council may then recommend to the Board of Advisors that said officer be either dismissed or retained according to a majority vote of the Executive Council.
- Section 4. The officer in question may present a defense to the Executive Council and/or Board of Advisors before each vote is taken.
- Section 5. The officer shall then be notified by the Oregon DECA Executive Director, in writing, of the action taken by the Board of Advisors.

Article VIII. Amendments

- Section 1. Any active chapter of the High School Division of Oregon DECA may propose amendments to these Bylaws. The State Executive Council may appoint annually a committee to study and submit to the Board of Advisors proposed amendments to these Bylaws.
- Section 2. To amend these Bylaws, the state-appointed committee or chapter proposing the amendment must present the proposed amendment, in writing, to all chapters of the High School Division and to the Division President at least thirty (30) days prior to any High School Division business meeting. The President must then present the proposed amendment, together with the actions recommended by this Executive Council, to the Board of Advisors. If approved by the Board of Advisors, the proposed amendment will be presented at the next scheduled business meeting of this Division, and may be adopted by a two-thirds majority approval of the Voting Delegates present at this Division meeting. If adopted, the amendment will take effect upon the adjournment of the meeting in which approval is granted.
- Section 3. Only such amendments to the High School Bylaws shall be made as are in keeping with the purpose stated in Article II of the Oregon DECA Constitution, and shall not be contrary to any provisions of the Constitution.