Wisconsin Career & Technical Education

Through Career & Technical Student Organizations

What is a CTSO?

A CTSO is a quality component of career and technical education programs that support and enhance related school-based and work-based learning. They provide value to students through various opportunities that allow them to showcase their skills and knowledge. CTSOs are found in middle, junior and senior high schools throughout Wisconsin.

Elements of CTSOs

Wisconsin has six state and nationally recognized CTSOs that are intra-curricular (connected directly to the classroom through curriculum, activities, and community resources) in nature. All CTSOs include leadership development elements as well as competitive events in related technical skills and leadership.

CTSO Competitive Events

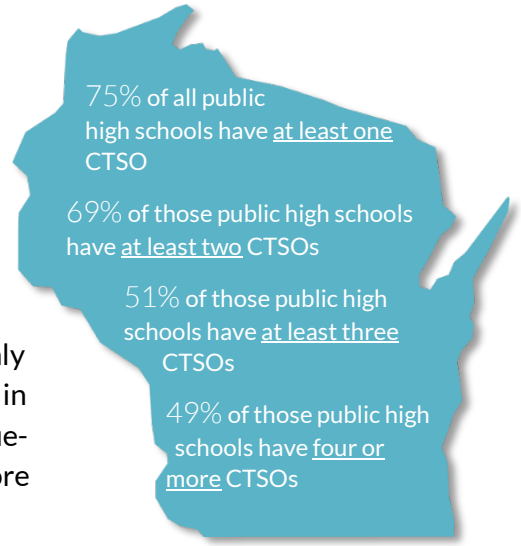
The competitive events program directly supports the student organization's mission. CTSOs evaluation process involves students in both a written component such as an exam or report and an interactive component with an industry professional serving as a judge. The CTSOs competitive events directly contribute to every student being college and career ready when they graduate from high school.

Wisconsin CTSO members have the opportunity to experience the competitive events program at a variety of different levels.

- District or regional competitions range from 50-800 students and are located throughout Wisconsin
- State Competitions range from 500-2,500+ students and members have the opportunity to compete, network and broaden their professional interests
- National Competitions range from 5,000-15,000+ students, advisors, businesspersons and alumni gather for several days of competitions, leadership training and career academies

CTSO Leadership

Academic engagement, civic engagement, self-efficacy, and employment skills are evident in students who are actively involved in CTSOs. In addition, these students are more highly motivated throughout their years in high school. This is considered value-added and does lead to a more meaningful high school experience.



Community Service

Over $90,000 raised to support charities and over 20,000 hours donated by Career & Technical Student Organizations

In One Year:

46,882
student members

922
participating chapters

Give back to many charities, including…

Habitat for Humanity
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Lead2Feed
Local Food Pantries
Make-A-Wish Foundation
March of Dimes
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Music and Memory
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Reuse-A-Shoe
Share Our Strength
Soles4Souls
Special Olympics

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An Association of Marketing Students

An Association of Technology and Engineering Students

An Association of Business Students

An Association of Health Science Students

An Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Students

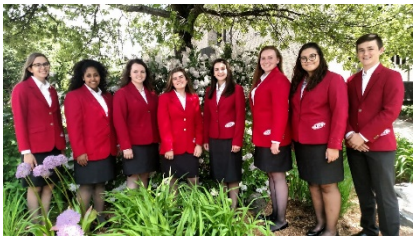
An Association of Agricultural Education Students

DECA
115 Chapters
11,065 Members

SkillsUSA
167 Chapters
3,725 Members

FBLA
209 Chapters
6,751 Members

HOSA
80 Chapters
2,835 Members



FCCLA
104 Chapters
1,931 Members

FFA
252 Chapters
20,825 Members

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