

2025-2026 Competitive Events Changes

High School



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High Level Changes for the 2026 National Leadership Conference

For the High School Competitive Events program, the National FBLA Competitive Events Committee carefully analyzed state survey results, state course offerings, and state standards. The High School competitive events lineup was reviewed to ensure alignment with Middle School & Collegiate competitive events and career pathways. To guide our focus on career pathways, the Advance CTE's [Career Cluster Framework](#) was used as a foundational reference to inform the changes outlined in this document.

Overall Changes

- Refreshed rating sheets and streamlined scoring process
- Competencies & Tasks have been updated in some Objective Test events. These are now called **Knowledge Areas** and **Objectives**.
- Clarification of use of judge table
- Career Cluster Framework Connections have been added to the educational alignment areas.
- Additional NACE Competencies have been added to the educational alignment areas.

Accounting

- Formerly named 'Accounting I'
 - Individual Event, Objective Test
 - Event not eligible for those that placed in the top ten at previous NLCs in Accounting I
- Rationale for Change:* This name change better aligns with competencies.

Advanced Accounting

- Formerly named 'Accounting II'
 - Individual Event, Objective Test
 - Event not eligible for those that placed in the top ten at previous NLCs in Accounting II
- Rationale for Change:* This name change better aligns with competencies.

American Enterprise Project

- Event has been retired
- Rationale for Change:* This chapter event has historically showed low participation. Any American Enterprise Project moving forward can be classified under the Event Planning competition.

Broadcast Journalism

- Competitors will show a pre-recorded news segment to the judges.

Business Ethics

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

Business Management

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

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Career Portfolio

- Formerly named 'Electronic Career Portfolio'
- Individual Event, Presentation
- Event not eligible for those that placed in the top ten at previous NLCs in Electronic Career Portfolio
Rationale for Change: Name change to remove confusion around "electronic" verbiage as Career Portfolio can be either physical or digital.

Coding & Programming

- Three devices may now be used during the presentation.

Computer Applications

- Updated Knowledge Areas
- Removed the Objective Test
- Database has been removed from the production test.

Computer Game & Simulation Programming

- Three devices may now be used during the presentation.

Computer Problem Solving

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

Customer Service

- Formerly named 'Client Service'
- Individual Event, Role Play with Objective Test
- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives
- Updated prep and presentation times
- Event not eligible for those that placed in the top ten at previous NLCs in Client Service
Rationale for Change: Added a more descriptive name to better align with multiple Career Clusters as well as added the objective test to align with other role play events in the Competitive Events Program.

Cybersecurity

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

Data Science & AI (Artificial Intelligence)

- **New Event:** Individual Event, Objective Test
Rationale for Change: Adding this event to address the Digital Technology Cluster and FBLA "pathway" to Data Analysis.

Economics

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

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Event Planning

- **New/Modified Event:** Formerly named 'Introduction to Event Planning'
- Team Event, Presentation
Rationale for Change: Modified to showcase skills in planning and executing events. This event is an avenue for chapters that continue American Enterprise or Partnership with Business Projects.

Financial Math

- Event has been retired
Rationale for Change: Intro to Financial Math and Financial Math competencies will be incorporated in Financial Planning, Personal Finance, Exploring Accounting & Finance.

Financial Planning

- **New Event:** Team Event, Presentation with a Topic
Rationale for Change: Adding this event with a topic to address the Financial Services Cluster and the retired Financial Math event competencies.

Impromptu Speaking

- Updated prep and presentation times

Introduction to Business Concepts

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

Introduction to Financial Math

- Event has been retired
Rationale for Change: Intro to Financial Math and Financial Math competencies will be incorporated in Financial Planning, Personal Finance, Exploring Accounting & Finance.

Introduction to Information Technology

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

Introduction to Programming

- Three devices may now be used during the presentation.

Introduction to Public Speaking

- Added a Question-and-Answer portion

Introduction to Retail & Merchandising

- **New Event:** Individual Event, Objective Test, 9th & 10th Grade Only
Rationale for Change: Adding this event to address the Marketing & Sales Cluster/Retail & Customer Experience Sub Cluster.

Introduction to Supply Chain Management

- **New Event:** Individual Event, Objective Test, 9th & 10th Grade Only

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Rationale for Change: Adding this event to address the Supply Chain & Transportation Cluster and expand the Supply Chain Management FBLA “pathway” as Supply Chain Management is an up & coming area within business and has a full semester curriculum from MBA Research.

Marketing

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

Management Information Systems

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

Mobile Application Development

- Three devices may now be used during the presentation.

Network Design

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

Networking Infrastructures

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

Partnership with Business Project

- Event has been retired

Rationale for Change: This chapter event has historically showed low participation. Any Partnership with Business Project moving forward can be classified under the Event Planning competition.

Personal Finance

- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives

Project Management

- **New Event:** Individual Event, Objective Test

Rationale for Change: Adding this event to address the Management & Entrepreneurship Cluster/Project Management Sub Cluster.

Public Administration & Management

- **New Event:** Individual Event, Objective Test

Rationale for Change: Modified Public Policy & Advocacy to this event which incorporates careers in government agencies responsible for policy and economic development, ensuring democratic processes, access to public service, governance, public administration, public policy, urban and regional planning, and community development. This field delivers services that support the protection of public goods and community resources which promote the well-being, stability, and sustainable growth of communities and their residents.

Public Policy & Advocacy

- Event has been retired

Rationale for Change: Moved to Public Administration & Management to capture more global competencies in Public Administration. Public Policy will be included in the Public Administration & Management competition.

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Public Speaking

- Added a Question-and-Answer portion

Real Estate

- **New Event:** Individual Event, Objective Test
Rationale for Change: Adding this event to address Financial Services Cluster/Real Estate Sub Cluster.

Retail Management

- **New Event:** Individual Event, Objective Test
Rationale for Change: Adding this event to address Management & Entrepreneurship Cluster/Project Management Sub Cluster.

Technology Support & Services

- Formerly named 'Help Desk'
- Individual Event, Role Play with Objective Test
- Updated Knowledge Areas and Objectives
- Updated prep and presentation times
- Event not eligible for those that placed in the top ten at previous NLCs in Help Desk
Rationale for Change: Name change to remove confusion. Help Desk is intended to be technology focused. This name also aligns to Career Cluster terminology.

Supply Chain Management

- Formerly was an Objective Test
- For 2025-2026, Team Event, Presentation with a Topic
Rationale for Change: Modified to add to the Supply Chain Career Cluster in an FBLA pathway that includes Intro to Supply Chain Management as a test. This would provide opportunities for teacher advisers to add competitive events to their classroom curriculum.

Spreadsheet Applications

- Event has been retired
Rationale for Change: This event is included in Computer Applications. These two events (Spreadsheet Applications & Word Processing) are moving to Middle School.

UX Design

- Event has been retired
Rationale for Change: UX Design is best showcased as a skill. This will be incorporated into presentation events such as Coding & Programming.

Word Processing

- Event has been retired
Rationale for Change: This event is included in Computer Applications. These two events (Spreadsheet Applications & Word Processing) are moving to Middle School.