

OVERVIEW:

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives; working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. It helps each student to excel. SkillsUSA is a national organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations. SkillsUSA was formerly known as VICA (the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

PURPOSES:

The purposes of this organization are:

- To unite in a common bond without regard to race, sex, religion, creed, national origin or disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, full-time students enrolled in programs with vocational trade, industrial, technical and health occupations objectives.
- To provide leadership for the state organizations.
- To provide a clearinghouse for information and activities.
- To provide national recognition and prestige through an association and affiliated organizations.
- To provide a vehicle, national in scope, for organizations to work articulately with trade, industrial, technology, and health occupations student groups.
- To develop leadership abilities through participation in educational, occupational, civic, recreational and social activities.
- To foster a deep respect for the dignity of work.
- To assist students in establishing realistic career goals.
- To help students attain a purposeful life.
- To create enthusiasm for learning.
- To promote high standards in trade ethics, workmanship, scholarship and safety.
- To develop the ability of students to plan together, organize and carry out worthy activities and projects through the use of the democratic process.
- To foster a wholesome understanding of the functions of labor and management organizations and a recognition of their mutual interdependence.

- To create among students, faculty members, patrons of the school and persons in industry a sincere interest in and esteem for trade, industrial, technology and health occupations education.
- To develop patriotism through a knowledge of our nation's heritage and the practice of democracy.