

INTRODUCTION TO TECHNOLOGY CONCEPTS

The processing of data is important to the successful operation of business. This event provides recognition for FBLA members who understand the basic principles involved in computer technology.

OBJECTIVE TEST COMPETENCIES (may include, but not limited to)

- basic computer principles terminology
- computer application concepts
- programming basic concepts (structure, logic)
- computer equipment
- safety and security

NBEA STANDARDS REINFORCED BY EVENT

Information Technology: operating systems, environments and utilities, application software, input technologies

CAREER CLUSTER(S): Information Technology

ELIGIBILITY

The top five winners at the winter regional conferences may enter this event. If a chapter has no winner in the top five, it may enter one participant in this event. **Only FBLA members in grades 7-10** as of the State Business Leadership Conference registration deadline of the current school year **are eligible**.

1. All participants must be members of the active local chapter on record in the FBLA state and national offices as paying dues by February 15.
2. Participants must be selected in accordance with the regulations of the local chapter and the state association.
3. Participants must not have won first place at a State Business Leadership Conference nor entered this event at a previous National Leadership Conference.
4. Participants failing to report on time for the event will not be permitted to compete.
5. Participants must adhere to the dress code established by the Board of Directors, or they will not be permitted to participate in the competitive event.

OVERVIEW

A one (1) hour objective test will be administered based on the competencies listed. Nongraphing calculators may be used.

Every effort will be made to provide online computerized testing at the state level. If this is not possible, participants must furnish their own No. 2 pencils and erasers; they may use their own cordless calculators. No graphing calculators, cell phones, or other memory storage devices will be allowed.

JUDGING

Tests will be machine graded. Ties will be broken based on the last ten questions and in groups of ten thereafter if a tie still exists.

STATE AWARDS

The number of awards presented at the State Business Leadership Conference is determined by judges and/or number of entries. The maximum number will be five (5).

NATIONAL ENTRIES

Washington State may enter three (3) state winners in this event for national competition. Only competitors in grades 9 and 10 are eligible for national competition in this event.