

NETWORKING CONCEPTS

Acquiring a high level of familiarization and proficiency in working with networks is essential in today's connected workplace. This event provides recognition for FBLA members who have an understanding of network technologies.

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

- general network terminology
- network operating system concepts
- equipment for network access (firewall, DSU/CSU, T1, WiFi, etc.)
- OSI model and functionality
- network topologies and connectivity
- network security

NBEA STANDARDS REINFORCED BY EVENT

Information Technology: computer architecture, operating systems, environments, utilities, systems analysis and design, communications and networking infrastructures, network applications

Management: technology and information management

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.

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. No graphing calculators, cell phones, or any other memory storage devices will be allowed.

JUDGING

The 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 national competition