

EDUCATION ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

By no means is this an exhaustive list, but it is a start to knowing some of the terms you might hear throughout the year as a state officer.

First time references in any speech or document should be done using all the words in the name of the organization, if possible. It is appropriate to use the acronym alternatively within the document. Keep in mind your audience may not be familiar with the organizations and thus using the complete title and the acronym interchangeably may be necessary. After all, we want people to know the words behind the acronym for FCCLA, don't we? Those words are what the organization is based upon, not the acronym.

- **FCS or FACS** – Family and Consumer Sciences
- **FCCLA** – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc.
- **MoEFCS** – Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences, a professional organization and an affiliate of the Missouri ACTE
- **ACTE** – Association for Career and Technical Education; Missouri ACTE is the state affiliate
- **AAFCS** – American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- **LEADFCS** – Leading, Engaging, Advocating, Developing Family & Consumer Sciences; an affiliate within the FCS division of ACTE
- **DESE** – Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, located in Jefferson City
- **CTSO** – Career and Technical Student Organization; vocational organization based in high schools, colleges and career and technology centers
- **FFA** – Association for students in agricultural education
- **FBLA** – Future Business Leaders of America; association for students enrolled in business education programs
- **DECA** – Association of marketing students
- **SkillsUSA** – association of high school and college students and instructors who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations
- **TSA** – Technology Student Association
- **SEC** – State Executive Council
- **SECA** – State Executive Council Advisors
- **NEC** – National Executive Council.
- **NECA** – National Executive Council Advisors
- **BOD** – Board of Directors
- **SEAT** – STAR Events Advisory Team; team of members, advisors and state staff that consultant on STAR Events issues and changes on the national level
- **A&A** – Alumni & Associates

Acronyms from the past:

- **NHA** – New Homemakers of America
- **FHA** – Future Homemakers of America
- **HERO** – Home Economics Related Occupations
- **Home Ec** – Home Economics; now evolved to Family and Consumer Sciences in 1994