

Constitution of the Burleson High School SkillsUSA Texas Association

Article 1—Name

The official name of this organization shall be “Burleson High School SkillsUSA Chapter.”

Article II—Purposes

The purposes of this organization are:

- To assist local SkillsUSA members in their growth and development
- To unite in a common bond without regard to race, sex, religion, creed or national origin full-time students enrolled in classes with vocational trade and industrial, technical and health occupations education objectives
- To develop leadership abilities through participation in educational, vocational, civic, recreational and social activities
- To foster a deep respect for the dignity of work
- To assist students in establishing realistic vocational goals
- To help students attain a purposeful life
- To create enthusiasm for learning
- To promote high standards in all phases of occupational endeavor including 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, technical and health occupations education
- To develop patriotism through a knowledge of our nation’s heritage and the practice of democracy
- To emphasize the importance of continuous education consistent to the needs of the individual and the requirements of his or her chosen occupation

Article III—Organization

Section 1. The Burleson High School SkillsUSA Chapter shall be affiliated with the Texas Association of SkillsUSA. The chapter shall operate in accordance with its charter granted by the Texas association.

Section 2. The Burleson High School SkillsUSA Chapter shall be organized into occupational programs. A program is defined as a single program of study; whose teacher serves as the program advisor; each having an elected delegate serving on the SkillsUSA Chapter Executive Board.

Section 3. Section and chapter activities shall be coordinated by appropriate executive council.

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Section 4. Each program advisor shall provide counsel, advice, and assistance to the section in carrying out section's functions. Equal representation shall be given to each program.

Section 5. All program advisors shall be members of a Chapter Advisor's Committee. They shall meet periodically to discuss SkillsUSA as it relates to the instructional program.

Article IV—Membership

Section 1. Membership in each program shall be open to students currently enrolled in a high school preparatory course in trade, industrial, technical and health occupations education in Burleson High School.

Section 2. Chapter membership shall be open to all students regardless of race, sex, religion, creed, national origin or disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Section 3. State and national membership shall be permitted only through the chapter, and all members of the local chapter must be members of the state and national organization.

Section 4. Classes of membership that will be recognized are:

- **Active Membership** – Students currently enrolled in a coherent sequence of courses that prepares the student for further education and/or employment related to technology, the health industry, trades or industry and is earning credit toward a diploma/certificate. Active members will pay dues as established by SkillsUSA.
- **Professional Membership** – Persons associated with or participating in the professional development of SkillsUSA as approved by a state association. Such members shall include chapter advisors, teacher educators and supervisors. Professional members will pay dues as established by SkillsUSA.

Section 5. A membership year shall be from September 1 through August 31.

Article V—Competitions

Section 1. All active members shall have the opportunity to compete at the district competition that meet current eligibility requirements.

Section 2. Only student that receive Blue ribbons on exhibition projects or advance to compete in the hands-on skills competitions shall go to the state contest. Advancement shall be based on the current Texas Contest Regulations.

Article VI—Executive Councils

Section 1. A delegate from each program shall be elected by members of that program to serve on the chapter executive council and shall serve as the voting delegate for that program at all local, district, state, and national events.

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Section 2. The executive council officers shall be elected from the program delegates.

Section 3. There shall be executive council officers consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 4. The chapter officers of Burleson High School SkillsUSA shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the first regular chapter meeting of each school year.

Section 5. All program advisors shall make up the Advisory Council.

Section 6. Any student elected to a District, State, or National office shall serve on the executive council as an at-large delegate.

Article VII—Chapter Meetings

Section 1. Regular chapter meetings shall be held during the school year.

Section 2. The executive council shall meet in advance of every chapter meeting.

Section 3. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings will be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

Article VIII—Finances

Section 1. The chapter will be responsible for state and national SkillsUSA dues, according to the number of individual members claimed in each membership classification.

Section 2. The chapter advisors shall be responsible for the finances and will furnish an annual audit to the membership.

Section 3. Annual dues and membership fees shall be set by the Chapter Advisory Committee.

Article IX—Voting

Section 1. Burleson High School SkillsUSA members shall exercise their franchise through voting delegates at district and state conferences. Each organized program shall elect one delegate to the Texas SkillsUSA House of Delegates.

Section 2. Each active member in good standing shall have the right to cast his or her vote concerning all program and chapter business and election of officers.

Article X—Logo, emblem and colors

The logo, ceremonial emblem and colors of Burleson High School SkillsUSA shall be that of the national organization. The wearing or use of the logo, emblem and colors will be governed by the national organization.

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Article XI—Amendments

The chapter constitution shall be amended as follows:

1. All proposed amendments to the constitution shall be submitted in writing to the chapter Executive Council.
2. If the Executive Council passes the proposed amendment or an amended form of the proposed amendment by a majority vote, and the membership votes by two-thirds majority for the amendment, it shall be effective.

Article XII—Rules, regulations and bylaws

Section 1. Such rules, regulations and bylaws as are deemed necessary for the proper conduct of this organization shall be adopted.

Section 2. No rules, regulations or bylaws shall be adopted that are contrary to this constitution.