

District Career Development Conferences

The following general registration information is for all District Conferences. Your specific district conference information memo will be sent separately as soon as it is finalized by your district conference coordinator.

All conference participants will be required to complete and turn in a fully signed COVID-19 Acknowledgement and Liability Waiver when arriving at the conference.

Number of Competitors per Chapter:

Chapters will be able to bring the number of delegates listed below, based on your chapter membership:	Maximum Number in Each Event		
	Individual	TDM	Selling events
Chapters with 35 or less members by October 15th	2	1	1
Chapters with 36-65 members by October 15th	3	2	1
Chapters with 66-114 members by October 15th	4	2	2
Chapters with 115 or more members by October 15th	5	3	3
Chapters with 100% Membership or receiving the “Gimmie 5” Award:			
with 35 or less members by October 15th	3	2	2
with 36-65 members by October 15th	4	3	2
with 66-114 members by October 15th	5	3	3
with 115 or more members by October 15th	6	4	4

***New chapters may have one additional competitor or team in each event.**

Competition will take place at the District Conference for *Individual Series Events, Team Decision Making events, Principles events, Financial Consulting Event, Hospitality & Tourism Professional Selling Event, and the Professional Selling Event.*

Seniors may not enter the four (4) Principles Events.

Competition will **NOT** be held at the district level for any written events. These events will start competition at the State Conference.

Number of finalists attending the State Conference: This number will be set according to the paid memberships for each district, received by November 30. This number will be communicated to you with your conference confirmation.

Chapters are required to have proper supervision.

Number of Registered Students	Minimum Number of Registered Advisors/Event Assistants
1-20 students	1

All Advisors and Event Assistants will be assigned to help administer the competitive events. If a chapter wishes to have an adult available to chaperone students, they will need to bring additional individuals above the minimum number set above. These individuals must be noted on the registration form as chaperones, so they will not be assigned to assist with an event. Chaperones will need to pay the registration fee, according to each District’s policy.

Chaperones and Event Assistants are in addition to any judges required for the conference.

State Conference Competitors

1. The number of SCDC qualifiers from each district will be determined annually based on the number of paid memberships by November 30, as a percentage of the total state-wide DECA membership. Each district will be guaranteed a minimum of five (5) participants and a maximum of twelve (12) participants per individual event at the State Career Development Conference. There will be 80 participants for each individual event, and 50 for each Team Decision Making Event at the SCDC.
2. If there is an extra slot(s) due to rounding, it will be given to the smallest district(s).
3. If an event at a District Conference has less students competing than the number of qualifiers allocated for the state conference for that district, then the number of qualifiers will be reduced to half of the allocation. This is done because each student competing at the State Conference must earn their way there by placing at their District Conference.
4. Competitors in the *Individual Series, Principles, Team Decision Making, Financial Consulting, Hospitality & Tourism Professional Selling, and Professional Selling Events* must qualify at the District Conference level to compete at the State Conference.
5. The following lists the number of entries allowed per chapter for each written event at the SCDC:

Each chapter is allowed the specified number of entries in EACH of the listed events			
Chapters with:	Innovation Plan Integrated Marketing Campaign Event Integrated Marketing Campaign Product Integrated Marketing Campaign Service Start-Up Business Plan	Business Solutions Project Career Development Project Community Awareness Project Community Giving Project Financial Literacy Project Sales Project	Business Growth Plan Business Services Operations Research Buying & Merchandising Operations Research Finance Operations Research Franchise Business Plan Hospitality & Tourism Operations Research Independent Business Plan International Business Plan Sports & Ent. Marketing Operations Research
0-99 members	1*	1	2
100-200 members	2*	2	3
201+ members	3*	3	4

*Chapters that have achieved the THRIVE level in the Chapter Membership Campaign, earned the Gimmie 5! award, or those that have 100% Membership are eligible to bring one (1) additional entry per event in the *Innovation Plan, Integrated Marketing Campaign Product, Integrated Marketing Campaign Service, Integrated Marketing Campaign Event* and *Start-Up Business Plan* events.

6. Chapters may enter one (1) team of three **non-Seniors** in the Leadership & Teamwork event (LTW).
7. Chapters may enter one (1) team of two **Seniors** in the Ethics Team Event (ETH).
8. Participants in the *Stock Market Game*, and the *Virtual Business Challenge Events* will not compete at the State Conference. ICDC Qualifiers in these events will proceed directly to the International Career Development Conference, through the process established by DECA Inc. These students will not attend the State Conference unless they are competing in another event.
9. Chapters participating in *School Based Enterprise* that receive the Gold Certification or Gold Re-Certification have the option to bring 1 to 3 student manager(s) to present their work at the State Conference, if they are not in an event that is competing Friday morning. This practice competition will follow the International Career Development Conference guidelines. The top five teams will receive recognition at the Saturday Session. Teams that receive the Gold Certification or Re-Certification do not have to attend the State Conference; they can advance directly to the International Career Development Conference.