



Gibbs High School

Dear Parents:

Your student is currently enrolled or has previously taken a business technology class in the BETA Academy at Gibbs High School. Business classes prepare your student for today's workplace through education of leadership skills, career exploration, development of character, fostering citizenship, building self-confidence, and assisting in occupational goals. Because developing these skills are an important part of our program, participating in different co-curricular activities like Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) are a must. All students enrolled in a business class (previously at Gibbs or currently) are eligible to join FBLA, along with students enrolled at Gibbs High School, including PCCA, BETA, and traditional students. Affiliated, due-paying members will be able to participate in our out-of-class activities, possibly serve as officers, and potentially gain recognition from the district, state and national leadership conferences. I hope your student will become affiliated and fully involved.

Enclosed is a membership application. If your student would like to become an affiliated member of our chapter, please help your student complete the membership application and submit the proper amount of **dues (\$20.00 pays for chapter, district, and national)** using cash or a money order (noted on 3rd page). The Field Trip Medical Release Form must be signed by a notary.

Note: Previous members are required to complete a new application and submit payment each school year.

FBLA is a very active organization and requires active involvement from your student. Aside from going on several fieldtrips and participating in competitions, they may have to fundraise. Please remind them of this as we want to make sure that all members are actively involved. They will have a great time being a part of this organization and will learn many important skills needed for their future educational endeavors and beyond.

Some events that we already have planned include:

TBD*	District Rays Game
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	Fall Leadership Rally (Not Mandatory \$150 Per Student)
Oct. 31	District Fall Rally
TBD*	FBLA Objective Testing for District Competition
TBD*	FBLA Performance Testing for District Competition
TBD*	FBLA received date for State Conference registration/hotel reservations
TBD*	Florida State Leadership Conference, Orlando, FL

If you have any questions, please feel free to email at tuazonj@pcsb.org

Sincerely,

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****FBLA IS NOT ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR. APPLICATIONS WILL BE BACK UP NEXT YEAR.**

Gibbs High School Future Business Leaders of America

Membership Information and Requirements

As an active member of the elite organization Future Business Leaders of America I agree to abide by and follow the FBLA Creed and Code of Ethics. Also, as an active member I understand the requirements set forth and discussed with me by the Local Chapter Adviser. Those requirements include but are not limited to:

- **Missing no more than 3 meetings per semester. Meetings will be held during or after school, or when necessary.**
- Members: having and maintaining a 2.0 GPA.
- Officers: having and maintaining a 3.0 GPA.
- Having **no** discipline referrals or any type of inappropriate behavior per school year.
- Participating in at least **four** (Leadership Conference Breakfast, Competitions, Awards Ceremony, Community Service) of the organization sponsored **activities** per school year.

Any violation of the above requirements or those set forth in the FBLA Creed or Code of Ethics may result in a termination of the organization Membership. Termination will be decided on in *one* of the following manners: Adviser request, Active Member vote (2/3 Majority), School Administrator request. **Money is not refundable.**

FBLA CREED

I believe education is the right of every person.

I believe the future depends on mutual understanding and cooperation among business, industry, labor, religious, family and educational institutions, as well as people around the world. I agree to do my utmost to bring about understanding and cooperation among all of these groups.

I believe every person should prepare for a useful occupation and carry on that occupation in a manner that brings the greatest good to the greatest number.

I believe every person should actively work toward improving social, political, community and family life.

I believe every person has the right to earn a living at a useful occupation and that this right should not be denied because of race, color, creed, sex or handicap.

I believe every person should take responsibility for carrying out assigned tasks in a manner that brings credit to self, associates, school and community.

I believe I have the responsibility to work efficiently and to think clearly. I promise to use my abilities to make the world a better place for everyone.

FBLA Code of Ethics

I will be honest and sincere.

I will approach each task with confidence in my ability to perform my work at a high standard.

I will willingly accept responsibilities and duties.

I will seek to profit from my mistakes and take suggestions and criticisms directed toward the improvement of myself and my work.

I will abide by the rules and regulations of my school.

I will exercise initiative and responsibility and will cooperate with my teachers and fellow students.

I will dress and act in a manner that will bring respect to me and my school.

I will seek to improve my community by contributing my efforts and my resources to worthwhile projects.