

2024-25 Competitive Events Guidelines

Future Business Educator (High School)



Future Business Educator provides competitors with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in the business education field. This competitive event consists of pre-judged materials and presentation components.

Event Overview

Division: High School

Event Type: Individual

Event Category: Presentation

Event Elements: Pre-judged Lesson Plan and Presentation

Pre-judged Component: Lesson Plan due May 13, 2025

Presentation Time: 3-minute set-up, 7-minute presentation time, 3-minute question & answer time

NACE Connections: Career & Self-Development, Critical Thinking, Communication, Leadership, Professionalism

2024-25 Topic

Competitors can choose a business-related topic from one of the following subject areas: Accounting, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, or Technology.

Judges will play the role as middle school or secondary students. Competitors will select one part of their lesson plan to teach to the judges during the presentation. Judge interaction is allowed throughout the lesson plan as directed by the competitor; however, judges will ask questions about the lesson and presentation during the 3-minute question and answer time.

District/Region/Section

Check your District's Call to Conference for any district-specific information about presentation events.

State

Presentation events will have a 1-minute set-up time. Most presentations will happen in a large ballroom, and all competitors will present in the preliminary round. See below for list of required competition items; Colorado FBLA requires the same items set by National FBLA at our State Leadership Conference. However, Colorado FBLA will not be providing power, a projector, or screen for final presentations.

National

Required Competition Items

	Items Competitor Must Provide	Items FBLA Provides
Preliminary Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology and presentation items Conference-provided nametag Photo identification Attire that meets the FBLA Dress Code 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table
Final Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology and presentation items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table Power

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference-provided nametag• Photo identification• Attire that meets the FBLA Dress Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projector with HDMI cord• Projector screen
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Important FBLA Documents

- Competitors should be familiar with the Competitive Events [Policy & Procedures Manual](#), [Honor Code](#), [Code of Conduct](#), and [Dress Code](#).

Eligibility

- FBLA membership dues are paid by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on March 1 of the current school year.
- Members may compete in an event at NLC more than once if they have not previously placed in the top ten of that event at NLC. If a member places in the top ten of an event at NLC, they are no longer eligible to compete in that event.
- Members must be registered for the NLC and pay the national conference registration fee to participate in competitive events.
- Members must stay in an official FBLA hotel block to compete.
- Each state may submit four entries.
- Each competitor can only compete in one individual/team event and one chapter event (American Enterprise Project, Community Service Project, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, Partnership with Business Project).
- Only competitors are allowed to plan, research, prepare their pre-judged component. They must also set up their presentation by themselves.
- Each competitor must compete in all parts of an event for award eligibility.
- Picture identification (physical or digital: driver's license, passport, state-issued identification, or school-issued identification) matching the conference nametag is required when checking in for competitive events.
- If competitors are late for their assigned presentation time, they will be allowed to compete with a five-point penalty until such time that results are finalized, or the accommodation would impact the fairness and integrity of the event.
- Some competitive events start in the morning before the Opening Session of NLC. The schedules for competitive events are displayed in the local time of the NLC location. Competitive event schedules cannot be changed.

Recognition

- The number of competitors will determine the number of winners. The maximum number of winners for each competitive event is 10.

Event Administration

- This event has three parts: pre-judged, preliminary presentation, and final presentation
- Pre-judged Materials – The Lesson Plan
 - **Submission Deadline:** A PDF of the lesson plan must be uploaded in the conference registration system by May 13, 2025
 - The lesson plan should not be more than three pages long.

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- Competitors must use the provided lesson plan template, found on the last page of these guidelines. The lesson plan can be retyped into a different format with the same components. The lesson plan should account for a full class period.
- Restricted Items: Links and QR codes cannot be included in the lesson plan.
- Competitors must prepare lesson plans. Advisers and others are not permitted to assist. Lesson plans must be original, current, and not submitted for a previous NLC.
- Facts and data must be cited and secured from quality sources.
- Pages must be formatted to fit on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
- The pre-judge materials are judged before the NLC.
- Pre-judged materials will not be returned.
- Preliminary Presentation – The Lesson
 - **Equipment Set-up Time:** 3 minutes
 - **Presentation Time:** 7 minutes (one-minute warning)
 - **Question & Answer Time:** 3 minutes
 - **Internet Access:** Not provided
 - The presentation is judged at the NLC. Preliminary presentations are not open to conference attendees. The presentation will take place in a large, open area, with a booth size of approximately 12' x 12'.
 - Competitors/teams are randomly assigned to sections.
 - Timing: The presentation time is exclusive to the allotted times. Once the set-up time has been reached, the presentation time automatically begins. The presentation time shall not exceed the stated time, meaning that the set-up and Q&A time cannot be used as presentation time.
 - Technology
 - Competitors present directly from a device which includes a laptop, tablet, mobile phone, or external monitor (approximately the size of a laptop screen). Competitors can present with one or two devices. If presenting with two devices, one device must face the judges and one device must face the competitors.
 - Projectors and projector screens are not allowed for use, and competitors are not allowed to bring their own.
 - Wireless slide advancers (such as a presentation clicker or mouse) are allowed.
 - External speakers are not allowed. Only device audio can be used.
 - Power is not available.
 - Non-technology Items: Pre-judged lesson plans, materials, notecards, visual aids, and samples related to the project may be used during the presentation; however, no items may be left with the judges or audience.
 - Restricted Items: Animals (except authorized service animals), Food (for display only; may not be consumed by judges during the presentation), Links and QR codes (for display only; cannot be clicked or scanned by judges before, during, or after the presentation)
 - Research: Facts and data must be cited and secured from quality sources.

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- Judges will play the role as middle school or secondary students. Competitors will select one part of their lesson plan to teach to the judges during the presentation.
- Final Presentation – The Lesson
 - **Equipment Set-up Time:** 3 minutes
 - **Presentation Time:** 7 minutes (one-minute warning)
 - **Question & Answer Time:** 3 minutes
 - **Internet Access:** Not provided
 - An equal number of top scoring competitors from each section in the preliminary round will advance to the final round. When there are more than five sections of preliminary presentations for an event, two competitors from each section will advance to the final round.
 - Final presentations may be open to conference attendees, space permitting. Finalists may not view other competitors' presentation in their event.
 - Timing: The presentation time is exclusive to the allotted times. Once the set-up time has been reached, the presentation time automatically begins. The presentation time shall not exceed the stated time, meaning that the set-up and Q&A time cannot be used as presentation time.
 - Technology
 - Competitors can present with one or two devices which includes a laptop, tablet, mobile phone, or external monitor (approximately the size of a laptop screen). If presenting with two devices, one device must be connected to the projector or facing the judges and one device must face the competitors.
 - The following will be provided for the final round if it occurs in a conference room: Projector, projector screen, power, and table.
 - Competitors using laptops or other devices that do not have an HDMI port will need to provide their own adapters.
 - It is up to final-round competitors to determine if they wish to use the technology provided.
 - Wireless slide advancers (such as a presentation clicker or mouse) are allowed.
 - Non-technology Items: Pre-judged lesson plans, materials, notecards, visual aids, and samples related to the project may be used during the presentation; however, no items may be left with the judges or audience.
 - Restricted Items: Animals (except authorized service animals), Food (for display only; may not be consumed by judges during the presentation), Links and QR codes (for display only; cannot be clicked or scanned by judges before, during, or after the presentation)
 - Research: Facts and data must be cited and secured from quality sources.
 - Judges will play the role as middle school or secondary students. Competitors will select one part of their lesson plan to teach to the judges during the presentation.

Scoring

- The lesson plan score will be added to the preliminary presentation score to determine the finalists.

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- The normalized lesson plan score (using standard deviation) will be added to the final presentation score to determine the top winners.
- The lesson plan score will be used to break a tie.
- All announced results are final upon the conclusion of the National Leadership Conference.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- FBLA meets the criteria specified in the Americans with Disabilities Act for all competitors with accommodations submitted through the conference registration system by the registration deadline.

Recording of Presentations

- No unauthorized audio or video recording devices will be allowed in any competitive event.
- Competitors in the events should be aware FBLA reserves the right to record any presentation for use in study or training materials.

Penalty Points

- Competitors may be disqualified if they violate the Code of Conduct or the Honor Code.
- Five points are deducted if competitors do not follow the Dress Code or are late to their assigned presentation time.

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Future Business Educator Pre-Judged Lesson Plan Rating Sheet

Expectation Item	Not Demonstrated	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Points Earned
Documents are free of spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors	Three or more errors	Two errors	No spelling errors, and not more than 1 punctuation or grammatical error	No spelling or grammatical errors, and not more than 1 punctuation error	
	0 points	1-2 points	3-4 points	5 points	
Business and Academic Standards	No standards identified	Standards are identified, but not business or academic related	Standards are identified, either business OR academic	Business standards are identified and connected to academic standards	
	0 points	1-2 points	3-4 points	5 points	
Objectives (Competencies & Presentation Indicator)	No objectives listed	Objectives are identified, may not be specific & measurable	Objectives are identified and are specific and measurable	Objectives are identified and relate to meaningful skills or concepts essential to student learning	
	0 points	1-2 points	3-4 points	5 points	
Outcome & Measurement	No outcome or measurement listed	Outcome or measurement listed	Outcome and measurement are listed	The measurement of the outcome reflects objectives	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Resources & Materials	Resources & materials are not listed or not appropriate	Resources & materials are listed, not effectively implemented	Range of resources and materials are listed with specific citation information	Resources and materials are selected and/or designed to meet diverse learning needs	
	0 points	1-2 points	3-4 points	5 points	
Instructional Activities	Plan of activities is so vague or generalized that it is unusable	Plan of activities lack elements or details for effective delivery	Plan of activities is clear and designed to promote critical thinking, problem solving or creativity	Plan of activities utilizes multiple strategies and includes guiding questions appropriate for engaging students in higher-level thinking	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Substantiates and cites sources used while conducting research	Sources are not cited	Sources/References are seldom cited to support statements	Professionally legitimate sources & resources that support statements are generally present	Compelling evidence from professionally legitimate sources & resources is given to support statements	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	

Pre-judge Lesson Plan Total (50 points)

Name(s):	
School:	
Judge Signature:	Date:
Comments:	

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Future Business Educator Presentation Rating Sheet

Expectation Item	Not Demonstrated	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Points Earned
Demonstrated knowledge of subject matter	<i>No knowledge of the subject matter demonstrated</i>	<i>Demonstrated limited understanding of the subject matter</i>	<i>Demonstrated understanding of the subject matter</i>	<i>Demonstrated extensive understanding of the subject matter</i>	
	0 points	1-8 points	9-12 points	13-15 points	
Presented material met the objectives of the lesson plan	<i>Presented material was not included, objectives not stated</i>	<i>Presented material was included, but not connected to the stated lesson plan objectives</i>	<i>Presented material was included and connected to the stated lesson plan objectives</i>	<i>Materials meet the stated objectives and accommodate learner differences</i>	
	0 points	1-8 points	9-12 points	13-15 points	
Presented material appropriate for audience and subject	<i>Activities/materials are not included or not appropriate for the grade level or topic</i>	<i>Activities/materials are included but do not give students clear opportunities for guided practice</i>	<i>Activities/materials are included and give students opportunities for practice</i>	<i>Activities/materials engage and motivate students with opportunities to demonstrate skills</i>	
	0 points	1-8 points	9-12 points	13-15 points	
Presented interesting, motivating and creative lesson plan	<i>Lesson plan is unorganized</i>	<i>Lesson plan is organized</i>	<i>Lesson plan is organized; and interesting, motivating, OR creative</i>	<i>Lesson plan is organized, interesting, motivating, creative, and presented professionally</i>	
	0 points	1-8 points	9-12 points	13-15 points	
Substantiates and cites sources used while conducting research	<i>Sources are not cited</i>	<i>Sources/References are seldom cited to support statements</i>	<i>Professionally legitimate sources & resources that support statements are generally present</i>	<i>Compelling evidence from professionally legitimate sources & resources is given to support statements</i>	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Presentation Delivery					
Demonstrates strong self-confidence, appropriate assertiveness, and enthusiasm	<i>Competitor did not demonstrate self-confidence, assertiveness, OR enthusiasm</i>	<i>Competitor demonstrated minimal self-confidence, assertiveness, AND enthusiasm</i>	<i>Competitor used strong eye contact, appropriate assertiveness, AND enthusiasm</i>	<i>Competitor led the teaching process and effectively used time</i>	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Demonstrates proper verbal and nonverbal communication skills	<i>Verbal AND nonverbal communication skills are inappropriate</i>	<i>Verbal and/or nonverbal communication skills are weak or distracting</i>	<i>All questions were clearly answered using good grammar and appropriate body language</i>	<i>Verbal communication skills are excellent; nonverbal communication is natural</i>	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Demonstrates the ability to effectively answer questions	<i>Unable to answer questions</i>	<i>Does not completely answer questions</i>	<i>Completely answers questions</i>	<i>Interacted with the judges in the process of completely answering questions</i>	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Staff Only: Penalty Points (5 points for dress code penalty and/or 5 points for late arrival penalty)					
Presentation Total (100 points)					
Name(s):					
School:					
Judge Signature:					Date:
Comments:					

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LESSON PLAN TEMPLATE
This template may be retyped/recreated

Competitor Name:
 Competitor School:

Competitor State:

Lesson Plan Title		
Content Area		
Grade Level		
Business and/or Academic Standard		
Objectives <i>(What should students be able to do after your lesson?)</i>		
Outcome / Measurement <i>(How to assess that students met your learning objectives?)</i>		
Resources and Materials		
Anticipatory Set / Gaining Learners' Attention		Time Spent
Informing Learners of Objective		Time Spent
Teacher Input / Modeling / Check for Understanding		Time Spent
Guided Practice		Time Spent
Independent Practice		Time Spent
Closure		Time Spent
Notes		