

**To:** Parents/Guardians of PCSC SkillsUSA Competitors  
**From:** Michelle Ledbetter, Director, PCSC  
**Date:** January 27, 2020  
**RE:** PCSC Policies and Requirements for SkillsUSA Competition

As we enter competition season for SkillsUSA, I would like to inform you of the policies we have set forth at PCSC for students who wish to compete at regional, state, and national levels. The following requirements apply to PCSC students who wish to engage at any level of SkillsUSA competition.

**1. General Requirements for PCSC SkillsUSA Competition**

- a. Students must be in good academic, disciplinary, and attendance standing with PCSC.
- b. Students must have no unpaid fees or fines with PCSC, including \$16 SkillsUSA dues.
- c. Students will be expected to put in extra time (including beyond the school day) in order to prepare for competitions.
- d. **Students are responsible for paying any competition event registration and travel fees for SkillsUSA. Note: travel fees to national competition range \$1800-\$2000 per student.**

**2. Qualifying for State Competition:**

- a. Students must place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in a regional competition to qualify for state.
- b. Students who compete in events with historically low participation rates **must take 1<sup>st</sup> place in a regional competition** to qualify for state.
- c. Students who qualify for state competition will be responsible for the \$100 registration fee and travel expenses (hotel, meals) to the State Leadership Conference in Yakima. Instructors may organize fundraising events.

**3. Competing in Events with Historically Low Participation Rates:**

- a. Students who compete in events with lower participation rates **must take part in an internal PCSC competition before advancing to regional, state, and national contests** to verify they are ready to compete at higher levels.
- b. Competitions include, but are not limited to: crime scene investigation, medical terminology, medical math, pin design, prepared speech, t-shirt design, extemporaneous speaking, construction wiring, carpentry, and firefighting. This list is subject to change at any time.
- c. PCSC staff will determine which contests require an internal qualifying event, and minimum score requirements, for students to proceed with competition.

**4. Qualifying for National Competition (June 2020 – Louisville, Kentucky)**

- a. **Students must take 1<sup>st</sup> place in a state competition AND demonstrate mastery in all areas assessed on the scoring rubric** in order to attend nationals. This ensures that students are prepared to compete at the national level and that it will be a worthwhile use of their time and money.
- b. Students cannot attend nationals as alternates.
- c. **Students are responsible for ALL registration and travel costs (\$1800-\$2000 per student).** Travel to nationals is very expensive. While fundraising options will be available, students should not expect to depend on it for paying their travel costs.

These rules are set forth to ensure that students are adequately prepared to compete with their peers at the highest levels, and represent themselves and PCSC with professionalism.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements for students participating in SkillsUSA competitions, please contact Jessica Soete, PCSC Dean of Students, at [jsoete@bethelsd.org](mailto:jsoete@bethelsd.org) or 253-800-4815.