

**Question 6: How do you incorporate DECA into the classroom when not all students are members? What types of activities?**

**Allen Gancarz**

I did not give students a choice about membership—they were all members. Of course, I could not require them to travel, but I did make students attend regional competition and gave them grades for their participation. I also encouraged first-year members to participate in chapter projects and rewarded them with participation grades.

**Mike Karpie**

All students can benefit from working on role-plays or being given the opportunity to speak in front of the class. The DECA Guide and manual outlines are great projects for everyone. DECA Dimensions is a great source for all your classes.

**Bill Lind**

I had 100% membership my last 10+ years. I used fund-raising to cover everyone's dues. This way you never have someone on the outside looking in. I'm talking about a chapter as large as 250 members, and there were no complaints.

**Lucinda Mason**

All students who take business/marketing classes or coordinated studies are required to join DECA. If your school will let you do that, you should. I talk about DECA from day one. Every student gets a DECA Fact Sheet, a calendar of DECA activities for the year and a list of competitive events on the first day of school. Leadership and parliamentary procedure are taught in every class, and tests are given on those subjects just like anything else I teach. My chapter has 83 student members and 10 business members. Some students are more active than others, and some really just don't participate much at all. As far as activities go, we do lots of different things. We participate in several of the chapter written events, so some of our activities are built around those events. We have anywhere from four to six meetings a year, some with guest speakers. The first meeting of the year is strictly a parliamentary procedure training meeting. We have a Christmas party and an end of the year banquet that honors employers and students who have excelled during the year. Our chapter really celebrates DECA Week by having a teacher appreciation breakfast, t-shirt day, professional dress day and store promotions. Our state has a fall leadership day, and we always attend the regional leadership conference. We sponsor an MDA project and do at least one other civic project, usually before Christmas.

**Dennis Sweetapple**

All students who enroll in marketing courses must be DECA members. It is the responsibility of the classes of the current year to leave enough money behind to pay the dues of the incoming students for the next year.

**Debbie Tixier**

At our school it is mandatory to join DECA. Since DECA is co-curricular, all students join and then it is very easy to incorporate DECA into the classroom. It is already such a part of the curriculum that I think it would be hard to separate the two.