

19. I'm not sure how to incorporate DECA into class as well as make it extra-curricular.

Lucinda Mason:

I spend the first two weeks of the school year on leadership skills, which includes DECA. We talk about what makes a good leader, duties of officers, competitive events, leadership opportunities, and just everything you can think of related to DECA. On my board I keep a list of DECA opportunities and deadlines. I encourage students, especially about signing up for competition. We start working on competition in October and written events in September. Some of the textbooks have DECA competitive event role-plays, etc. Use them. Many of my students, those who don't compete, don't like to do role-plays, but it is required if that's in my lesson plans for the day.

Al Gancarz:

DECA is co-curricular so it is perfectly ok to incorporate it into your classroom curriculum. When students need individual help, have them come in when it is convenient for you to work with them. (Before or after school, maybe during a planning period, etc.)

Bill Lind:

You should be teaching problem solving and communications skills in your classroom. Both competition and leadership are a part of the workplace. We are getting them ready for the workplace. We aren't getting them ready to earn an "A." Ever try spending a grade?

Debbie Tixier:

It is co-curricular at our school, and I can't imagine my marketing program not being integrally involved with DECA. The two are almost inseparable to me. It is the DECA component that is the motivational factor that keeps our program viable in this day and age of academic accountability and increasing core requirements.

Dennis Sweetapple:

Don't make it extra curricular. The classroom material and DECA events and projects are curriculum driven.

Mike Karpie:

If you teach any marketing/business class, it should be very easy to put DECA into it. You do it through the using the role-plays, written manuals and business plans; by teaching public speaking and teamwork; and by using the DECA materials you can buy from DECA Images.