



Braden River Middle School

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The current members and I are so excited about your interest in Family, Careers, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) ~ The Ultimate Leadership Experience!

What is FCCLA? FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life through planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication. FCCLA is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only Career and Technical in-school Student Organization (CTSO) with family as its central focus.

What does FCCLA do? BRMS FCCLA plans and leads many events that promote compassion and generosity through school and community activities. Some events we have participated in include food drives, Adopt-A-Family, making items for a memory care home, Relay for Life, and school clean-ups. We also participate in up to 31 different STAR events at the state and national level.

Who can join FCCLA? Anyone BRMS student who has taken, or plans to take, Family and Consumer Science (FCS) in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. If you are in 8th grade and have not taken FCS yet, please talk to Ms. Diss about placement in the class next semester.

When does FCCLA meet? FCCLA has a class at BRMS that meets during 6th period. New sixth grade members will have monthly lunch-time meetings during the first semester while your child takes the 6th grade FCS course. There may be times that we need to meet before or after school, or even on the weekend to participate in competitions and community events. You will be given ample notice.

Where do we meet? Room 415.

Why should I join FCCLA? Develop leadership skills. Explore career pathways. Discover real-world skills. Make lifelong friendships. Earn scholarships. Participate in competitive events. Travel.

Uniform: For official meetings and events, students will need the red FCCLA polo. You can order them, brandnew, from the FCCLA website, fcclainc.org. Then, click on shop, uniform, polo. Please order the red polo that is \$14.00. You may want to coordinate ordering with others to save on shipping. You will also need black dress pants or a black knee-length or longer skirt and black, closed-toe, dress shoes. Please be mindful that you can walk in the dress shoes you choose to wear.

District Leadership Conference: The date and location is still pending but it will be within the county in late November or early December. The District Leadership Conference usually takes place on a Friday. Students will be excused from their classes granted they are passing and do not have any referrals.

District Competition: This will take place at Sugg Middle School. The date is still pending but it will be in early February on a Saturday morning.

State Leadership Conference and Competition: For those that have advanced from Districts and have earned enough money to pay for their hotel and transportation (we fundraise!), SLC takes place in late March or early April in Orlando, Florida. Students will be excused from their classes granted they are passing and do not have any referrals.

National Leadership Conference and Competition: For those that have advanced from States and have earned enough money to pay for their hotel, NLC will be July 5 – July 9 in Orlando, Florida. We will travel as a group on a charter bus.