



Leadership Lessons with Montana FCCLA

A semester-long leadership development course, appropriate for students in grades 7-12

Montana Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America is the only student-led Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its primary focus. We offer students enrolled in Family and Consumer Sciences courses the opportunity to explore careers and develop career and leadership skills that will prepare them to be functional members of society in their families, careers, and communities.

One requirement for membership in FCCLA at both the state and national levels is completion of or current enrollment in a Family and Consumer Sciences course. For some potential members, this requirement can be challenging to accomplish if the school they attend does not offer Family and Consumer Sciences, if they attend school virtually, or if they are homeschooled. The curriculum included in this document is designed to strengthen leadership skills and increase workplace preparation for all of our students and potential members; those involved virtually, homeschooled, or those in FCS courses.

Students completing this curriculum will also have the opportunity to explore STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition). The specific events are listed in the table below. Through these events, students apply learning to practical situations, then share what they have learned with others. Students completing these projects and affiliating as chapter members have the opportunity to participate in these events at the state level during the Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference, held each March. Look for additional information under “meetings” at mtfccla.org

For teachers who want to adapt lesson resources, please create your own account in Canva, then click on the link for the presentation or handout you wish to adapt. Look in the upper left corner of the screen, click “File” then choose “Make a copy”. You will then have your own copy of the file in your Canva account and may make adjustments as needed. This may be especially helpful in situations where learning is more independent than group-based, as many activities are designed for groups of students. Learning collaboratives may offer homeschooled and virtual students an opportunity to complete some group activities together in a virtual setting.

For teachers who wish to print out all materials, please understand that hyperlinks will no longer be easily accessible, and you may wish to organize those links in a separate document.

Several of these units involve projects, which may take more or less time than originally planned, depending on student need and on the size of the projects students select. In instances when some finish earlier than others, one option is to have students conduct a Leadership Book Study. Assignment materials and suggested reading lists can be found below. Another option for early finishers is the [Five Dysfunctions of a Team](#) lesson and resources. Students may work through these items independently or in a small group.

Unit	Approximate Time	Lesson Plan Links—support materials are linked in each lesson	STAR Events integrated
Introduction to FCCLA	3 days	Montana FCCLA in Three Days	
Goal Setting and The Planning Process	4 days	Dare to Dream : Charting Your Course for Success with Montana FCCLA	
Leadership	1 day	What is Leadership	
	2 days	The Impact of Leaders	
	5 days	My Leadership Journey	Leadership
Teamwork	1 day	The Fundamentals of Teamwork	
	1 day	Successful Teamwork	
	2 days	Teamwork in Action	
Communication Skills and Public Speaking	2 days	The Basics of Communication	
	4 days	Effective Listening Skills	
	1 day	Nonverbal Communication	
	5 days	Introduction to Public Speaking	
	5 days	Presenting Professionally	Professional Presentation
Management	4 days	The Fundamentals of Parliamentary Procedure	Parliamentary Procedure
	4 days	Managing Resources	Event Management
	4 days	Managing Conflict	Interpersonal Communication
Community Impact	12 days	Community Outreach Projects	National Programs In Action Chapter Service Project Display and Portfolio
Career Development	4 days	Design Your Future	Career Investigation
Competitive Events Preparation	17 days	Your STAR Event	
	81 days	Approximate total days required	