

## CTSO Information

As you are aware, DCTE has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation for the past several weeks. Due to the current public health crisis, DCTE feels it is the most prudent course of action to cancel all student competitions and conferences effective immediately through the end of April 2020.

We are thankful for the network of teachers and advisors throughout our CTSO programs and will update members of the impacted community as more details become available on how we plan to execute components of these competitions and conferences in the coming months. It is our plan to supply updates via our website, [dcte.ade.arkansas.gov](http://dcte.ade.arkansas.gov), and through social media as we move forward.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Will the CTSO competitions and conferences be rescheduled?

DCTE is evaluating all components of the various student competitions and conferences to determine alternate methods of competition and delivery if possible. Each respective CTSO will work with their state staff, advisory boards and industry partners to make the best determination for their event, and will communicate information directly to the local advisors and teachers.

### Will DCTE consider virtual competitive events?

Yes. DCTE staff are working with a variety of virtual competition and conference platforms to determine feasibility and logistics for virtual competitions and delivery of conference content. If the determination is made to use virtual resources this will be communicated to the local advisor along with plans for implementation and planning.

### What if I were a recipient of a scholarship or award that was to be presented at a competition or conference?

DCTE Staff are working to make sure that all students that have earned recognition will continue to receive that recognition. Although the award may not be presented in person, arrangements will be made to get the award to the local advisor, and appropriate recognition will be given through online platforms.

### Will state officer elections still occur?

Yes. DCTE Staff are working on methods for electing CTSO State Officers for the upcoming year that will be within guidelines established by the various CTSO organization constitution and bylaws. More guidance will be provided to the local Advisors for each respective CTSO.

### What about registration refunds? Should I continue to register my students now?

DCTE Staff are working with conference registration systems to determine the best procedures moving forward if a refund is deemed appropriate. Some CTSO competitions and conferences may still be conducted in an alternative method and will still require a registration fee. Specific information for the respective CTSO conferences will be communicated to the local advisors for those events. At this point, we suggest that you do not register any more students for currently scheduled events that have been postponed until further information is provided.

### Should my students continue taking the required pre-tests for competitions?

DCTE Staff will be communicating to local advisors about alternate plans for competitions and conferences. We suggest you contact the respective office concerning pre-tests to determine the appropriate actions.