

# Central District FBLA Leadership Conference



January 23, 2026, at East Central Community College, Decatur

The Central District FBLA Leadership Conference will be held **Friday**, **January 23**, **2026**, at East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi.

Mail ALL registration materials with full payment to:

East Central Community College Attn: Robert Hebert

P O Box 129

Decatur, MS 39327

Registration Deadline is Friday, December 19, 2025.

Event Verification is 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. in Huff Auditorium.

Written Testing times are **9:00 and 10:30**. Performance Events begin at **9:00**.

# **REGISTRATION GUIDELINES:**

# **Conference Registration is Online ONLY**

Registration payments (personal check, school check, or money order) payable to *East Central Community College* for \$25 per participant, attendee, or adviser; purchase orders may be sent with initial registration; however, full payment must be made prior to January 8, 2026.

- ➤ ALL paperwork MUST BE MAILED at the <u>same</u> time, or your chapter <u>will not</u> be registered for the conference (includes check or money order, folders, and transcripts or a letter from school counselor or principal verifying grade of 7<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> grade participants).
- ➤ NO refunds and NO substitutions students' names will be submitted to the testing center as they are keyed into the registration site. NO refunds for excess registration fees.

#### **Guidelines for Competitive Event Registration**

- A member can enter two events, except for middle-level events.
- NO SUBSTITUTIONS.

#### **Guidelines for Skills Competitions**

- All one-hour tests, interviews and speaking events will continue to be administered at the district level.
- All testing must be done on computers in ECCC's testing labs.
- All skills portion of the skills competitive events will be held at the state conference.

#### **Guidelines for Speaking Events**

 Students competing in Performance Events will be sequestered in a holding room until their performance time.

#### Other Information

- Packet-pickup area: adviser must sign document indicating the liability form for each student/adviser is in his/her possession.
- Cell phones, MP3s/IPods, etc. are **not** permitted in any testing room, holding room, or preparation room. *Please explain this to your students prior to the competition*.
- Special Needs Notification Form for students who need special provisions (send with registration). Bring another student from your chapter to assist this person.

## **Lunch Information**

- Campus cafeteria: To eat in the cafeteria, a ticket must be purchased through us in advance. The cafeteria will not accept payments on-site—only pre-purchased tickets will be honored.
- All lunch tickets must be preordered and included on the registration site. Schools will receive their lunch tickets along with an assigned lunch time to ensure the line flows smoothly.
- The cost of lunch is \$8.00 per person.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

ALL packets MUST be paid and postmarked prior to January 8, 2026.

We look forward to having you on our campus January 23, 2026. Please feel free to contact one of the following if you have questions regarding the conference:

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