

INTRODUCTION

The ***Oregon HOSA Advisor Handbook*** was developed to assist the Health Science Educator in establishing and maintaining an active HOSA chapter in their local community, in the state of Oregon, as well as nationally.

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) is a national student organization available to all students enrolled in a Health Science class, students interested in pursuing a career in the health industry as well as alumni, associates and professionals. HOSA is endorsed by the United States Department of Education. Oregon HOSA is a program of the Student Leadership Development Center in cooperation with the Willamette Education Service District. Oregon HOSA is a Professional Technical Student Organization recognized by the Oregon Department of Education.

I would like you to share in our common goal - To develop future leaders for the health care system through HOSA – A Student-Led Association of Future Health Professionals.

HOSA is a dynamic professional technical organization and works best when integrated into the curriculum and classroom through various activities designed to provide technical, leadership and team building skills. These skills will serve as a foundation for a successful future for students entering the health care field. *Remember: HOSA should be part of your curriculum, not an extracurricular club.*

The ***Oregon HOSA Advisor Handbook*** will provide you with basic HOSA information, a calendar of the year's events and information regarding the State Leadership Conference. There are many resources available from National HOSA for both advisors and students. Please go to the National HOSA website (www.hosa.org) for additional information.

I look forward to your participation in Oregon HOSA and encourage you to seek assistance from the many outstanding Oregon Advisors, the State Officers, and the Oregon HOSA State Office.

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