

Colorado ACE Student Organization

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be **Colorado ACE Student Organization**.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of Colorado ACE Student Organization is to serve the needs of its members and strengthen ACE (Alternative Cooperative Education) classroom instruction. The Colorado ACE Student Organization partnership is fostered in the following ways:

- a. Provides special populations (*special education and at-risk*) with a lifelong pathway to graduation, employment, and career development.
- b. Foster programs and activities which develop self actualization through:
 1. Physical, mental, and social well-being
 2. Leadership, character and citizenship
 3. Ethical practices and respect for the dignity of work
 4. Financial independence.
- c. Build confidence by providing opportunities to assume responsibilities and develop personal and occupational competencies and social skills.
- d. Provide opportunities for self-assessment and self-knowledge that lead to realistic choices of careers and successful employment.
- e. Promote inter-organizational relationships with professional groups, businesses, industries and other organizations.

- f. Acknowledge individual academic, occupational, and/or service achievements through recognition and awards.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership composition.

Colorado ACE Student Organization is an organization of, by and for students who are or were enrolled in secondary, transition and post-secondary ACE programs.

Section 2. Annual affiliation fees shall be specified in policies and procedures and must be approved by the ACE Teacher Board. Additional affiliation fees may be assessed by local organizations.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. ACE Student Representatives:

- a. ACE Student Representatives shall be selected by the ACE Teacher Board.

- 1. The Student Representative candidates shall provide:

- a. A letter of application, stating motivation, commitment and qualifications.

- b. A resume.

- c. A verified statement of academic performance for the current school year.

- d. A statement of support with the signature of the school principal, CTE director or dean; the signature of the ACE teacher and/or designee; and, the signature of parent or guardian.

- b. ACE Student Representatives may elect officers.

- c. The duties of the representatives shall be specified in these Bylaws and in the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization.

Section 2. Duties of ACE Student Representatives:

- a. The ACE Student Representatives shall make themselves available, as necessary, to promote the general welfare of the Colorado ACE Student Organization.
- b. ACE Student Representatives shall serve as consultants to the Colorado ACE Teacher Board.
- c. ACE Student Representatives shall work with the ACE Teacher Board to develop and facilitate all statewide student leadership conferences.
- d. ACE Student Representatives shall be responsible for public relations and marketing campaigns.
- e. ACE Student Representatives shall promote community service and service learning opportunities.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

- Section 1.** An annual State Leadership Conference shall be held each year with the time and place to be designated by the Colorado ACE Student Organization Student Representatives and the ACE Teacher Board.

ARTICLE VI

SUPERVISION

- Section 1.** The state ACE Teacher Board shall be responsible for the Colorado ACE Student Organization association.

Section 2. Guidance of the Colorado ACE Student Organization comes from the Colorado Community College System staff.

ARTICLE VII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of **Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised**, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any ACE Student Representatives Meeting, ACE Teacher Board Meeting, or Colorado ACE Student Organization Leadership Conference.