

Colorado ACE Student Organization

BYLAWS

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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. Fosters 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

STUDENT STATE OFFICERS

Section 1. ACE State Officers:

- a. ACE Student State Officers shall be selected by the ACE Teacher Board.
 1. The Student State Officer 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 State Officers may elect officers.
- c. The duties of the officers shall be specified in these Bylaws and in the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization.

Section 2. Duties of ACE Student State Officers:

- a. The ACE Student State Officers shall make themselves available, as necessary, to promote the general welfare of the Colorado ACE Student Organization.

- b. ACE Student State Officers shall serve as consultants to the Colorado ACE Teacher Board.
- c. ACE Student State Officers shall work with the ACE Teacher Board to develop and facilitate all statewide student leadership conferences.
- d. ACE Student State Officers shall be responsible for public relations and marketing campaigns.
- e. ACE Student State Officers 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. The Colorado Community College System staff provides guidance for the Colorado ACE Student Organization.

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 State Officer Meeting, ACE Teacher Board Meeting, or Colorado ACE Student Leadership Conference.