**Constitution of the (School Name) Chapter of the**

**Arizona Association of DECA**

**Article I – Name**

**Section 1.** The official name of this organization shall be "(School Name) Chapter of the Arizona Association of DECA" and may be referred to as "(School Name) DECA Chapter."

**Article II – Purposes**

**Section 1.** To assist our members in the growth and development of DECA.

**Section 2.** To develop a respect for education in marketing and management, business administration and/or hospitality management that will contribute to occupational competence.

**Section 3.** To promote understanding and appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship in our free competitive enterprise system.

**Article III – Organization**

**Section 1.** The (School Name) DECA Chapter, Arizona State Association of DECA, is an organization of students enrolled in Marketing Education, Business Administration and/or Hospitality Management programs.

**Article IV – Membership**

**Section 1.** The (School Name) DECA Chapter may be chartered a member of the Arizona State DECA Association upon approval of the Arizona DECA State Director or the Arizona DECA Executive Council.

**Section 2.** The classes of membership are:

High School Members: Shall be students enrolled in the school programs of Marketing Education, Business Administration and/or Hospitality Management. Members must pay affiliation fees or dues, as established by Arizona State DECA and National DECA, and will be eligible to hold DECA offices, participate in DECA activities, serve as voting delegates, or to otherwise represent Arizona in National DECA affairs of the High School Division only as approved by Arizona State DECA.

Alumni Members: Shall be former students of Marketing Education Business Administration and/or Hospitality Management, and/or former members of DECA, as provided for by the Arizona State Association for membership in the Alumni Division.

Professional Members: Shall be persons associated with or participating in the professional development of DECA, as approved by the Local Chapter Advisor. Such persons will pay dues, as established by the Arizona State Association, and may include such persons as teachers, administrators, employers, parents of DECA members, advisory committee members and others willing to contribute to the growth and development of DECA.

**Article V – Voting**

**Section 1.** (School Name) DECA Chapter members shall exercise franchise in Arizona State DECA through voting delegates, as may be approved by the Arizona State Association of DECA.

**Article VI – Meetings**

**Section 1.** Regular meetings shall be held at least once each month during the school year.

**Section 2.** Parliamentary procedure of all meetings will be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

**Article VII – Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of the (School Name) DECA Chapter shall consist of a (list of the offices your Chapter will elect) and each shall exercise the usual duties of the office to which he/she has been elected.

**Section 2.** The officers of the (School Name) DECA Chapter shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the first regular meeting of each school year. A majority vote of the high school members present shall be necessary to elect.

**Article VIII – Advisors**

**Section 1.** The (School Name) DECA Chapter Advisor(s) shall be the Marketing Education, Business Administration and/or Hospitality Management teacher(s) of the (School Name).

**Article IX – Finances**

**Section 1.** (School Name) DECA Chapter will be responsible selecting the specific method for collecting and paying State and National DECA membership.

**Section 2.** The (School Name) DECA Chapter Advisor shall be responsible for the DECA Chapter finances.

**Article X – Emblem and Colors**

**Section 1.** The emblem of (School Name) DECA Chapter shall be a diamond-shaped design, as described and protected from infringement by Patent No. 663.265, as filed with the U.S. Patent Office. The wearing and use of this emblem will be governed by National DECA.

**Section 2.** The colors of the (School Name) DECA Chapter shall be blue and gold unless specified other by the local membership.

**Article XI – Amendments**

**Section 1.** To amend this constitution, the proposed amendments must be presented, in writing, by a DECA member to the Chapter President. The President will present the amendment to the membership, where it must be approved by a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

**Article XII – Rules, Regulations, and Bylaws**

**Section 1.** Such rules, regulations, and bylaws as are deemed necessary for the proper conduct of this organization shall be adopted.

**Section 2.** No rules, regulations, or bylaws shall be adopted which are contrary to this constitution.

**Section 3.** In all meetings, Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall serve as standard procedure.