



South Sumter Middle School FBLA – Future Business Leaders of America

Dear guardians and students,

South Sumter Middle School is proud to announce that we are offering students the opportunity to join a competitive FBLA Team during the 2023-2024 school year. Our team will be offered as a co-curricular after-school program for our students.

Benefits include:

FBLA
• Entrepreneurship & teamwork
• Cultivation of a business-disposition
• Multimedia and website development
• Competition in business & tech events
• Travel opportunities

Guardians and students should understand that participation in FBLA involves a **\$30 membership fee**.

Competitions may involve travel (in whole or small groups). Guardians may be asked to assist with chaperoning or transportation to events, or participation in fundraising efforts. While travel will not be frequent, students who sign up to compete in an FBLA competition must be prepared to honor that commitment.

Team Practice Information:

Team practices will be held every Monday of the school year, with the exception of half-days, unless otherwise noted. Meetings will begin in Mr. Ball's classroom after school at 4:15 and will end at 5:30. Students are expected to be picked up at 5:30 in the West Bus Loop, which is the bus loop closest to the gym. **FBLA begins meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023.**

Expectations

Attending meetings is mandatory. FBLA members must compete in local and district competitions.

Attendance Policy

2 missed meetings results in a *warning*. 3 missed meetings will result in a **probation** consisting of a *loss of seniority*. 4 missed meetings **shall** constitute **removal from the team**. Excused absences will not be counted.

Sincerely,
Neil Ball
South Sumter Middle School

Please sign this permission slip and return it to Mr. Ball.

I hereby grant permission for my child, _____, to participate in the South Sumter Middle School's FBLA Team. I understand there are \$30 membership dues and this commitment may include travel.

Guardian signature

Date