

Vision:

“Family and Consumer Sciences Education empowers individuals and families across the life span to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse global society. The unique focus is on families, work, and their interrelationships.”

Mission:

“The mission of Family and Consumer Sciences Education is to prepare students for family life, work life, and careers in Family and Consumer Sciences by providing opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors needed for strengthening the well-being of individuals and families across the life span.”

Family and Consumer Sciences Educational Programs:

- address 21st Century Skills through content relating to: global awareness, financial, entrepreneurial, civic, technology, and health literacy
- focus on the “family” as the foundation of society and prepares students to live as responsible citizens
- provide an authentic context for problem solving “real world” issues through critical, creative and collaborative thinking
- engage students in service learning through the related student-leadership organization Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- prepare students for careers in hospitality and tourism, culinary arts, interior and fashion design, early childhood, community services, education, food science and other related careers
- apply social science concepts and science principles to everyday living

*An investment in Family and Consumer Sciences is an investment in the health and economy of our society**

Did you know...in America:

Bankruptcies cost the banking industry \$40 billion in 1999.

Child abuse costs America \$94 billion a year.

Underage drinking cost America \$61.9 billion in 2001 for medical expenses, loss of work, etc.

FCS Programs of Study teach:

- financial and entrepreneurial literacy and a conservative estimate places at 1% the economic returns on an investment in family and consumer sciences education.
- child development and parenting skills and when one student per school receives training in parenting, over \$4.6 billion is saved in costs related to child abuse.
- nutrition, wellness, and healthy life choices and when 2 students per school quit drinking, America saves about \$2 billion a year.