



# Welcome IL HOSA Advisors

## THE HOSA ADVISOR

The Advisor is a teacher, a guide/mentor, and a resource who assists HOSA members in relating Chapter activities to their local health science education curriculum and to a future health career.

The attitude, interest, enthusiasm, and commitment exhibited by the local HOSA Chapter Advisor will be crucial as he/she conveys the values of HOSA in the educational program in secondary, adult, postsecondary and collegiate health science education programs. The Advisor, individually and with HOSA Chapter members, must establish and maintain contacts with a variety of individuals and groups in publicizing and securing resources and support. The Advisor's tasks are many, particularly relating to serving as the motivating force, and may be grouped generally under the following categories:

- Securing administration support
- Organizing the local HOSA Chapter
- Assuring that HOSA concepts and activities are an integral part of the Health Science Education classroom
- Serving as a resource/facilitator for HOSA student members' planning of Program of Work and implementation of activities
- Effecting leadership development

## ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Be knowledgeable about HOSA, including: goals, mission, structure, conferences, deadlines, bylaws, and policies.
2. Be held to the standards of the Illinois Code of Ethics for Educators and follow the policies of their school and local Board of Education at all times.
3. Promote the goals and objectives of HOSA as a positive student experience; therefore, will act as a positive role model for students in dress, voice, attitude, actions, and demeanor.
4. Be appropriately dressed at all HOSA activities in accordance with the Illinois HOSA Dress Code.
5. Aware of their student's activities and whereabouts at all times.
6. Be immediately available in the event of an emergency and are to report any accidents, injuries, or significant illnesses to the conference staff.
7. Be responsible for the resolution of all damages incurred by their students.
8. May NOT use or have in their possession any illegal substances, alcohol, or tobacco products at any time.



9. Ensure that no students/guests of the opposite sex are allowed in a hotel room together without an approved chaperone present.
10. Review all pertinent information in the Advisor Guide Book with students prior to all HOSA events.

## **RULES FOR HOSA ADVISORS**

1. Never forget that your role is ADVISOR. The best chapter advisors encourage and guide students to do the work of the chapter.
2. HOSA is a “student-led” organization. Make sure the chapter is student- led.
3. If you find yourself working too hard, step back and look at what you are doing. Delegate tasks to HOSA members. You will be surprised at what they can do when given a chance.
4. Point out the connections. It is your responsibility to help students connect their HOSA learning with their future health career.
5. Don’t get discouraged. When members do not do what is expected, remember it isn’t personal.
6. HOSA is designed to be fun. Look around. Make sure all HOSA members get involved.
7. Encourage – don’t pressure. Celebrate the good and use the bad to improve. But, most of all, sit back and watch HOSA members achieve and succeed – the real reward for being a HOSA chapter advisor

