

# BUSINESS LEADERS

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Future Business Leaders of America has been helping students develop leadership skills and business knowledge since 1940. The organization ensures students have the skills they need as they prepare for college and careers. Proving so, LHS sophomore FBLA member, Meg Wendling, said, “It’s given me more confidence in carrying out daily tasks like talking to new people. FBLA has also given me new relationships with people all over the country which has made me more well-rounded.” Of the 214,000 members the organization helps each year, 76 of those are Lyndon High School students.

On February 1st, district FBLA will take place at Emporia State University where 13 schools, including Lyndon, will compete in competitive events. Sixty-six LHS students, who are all required to participate in at least three events, will compete in a total of 2 team events, 6 speaking events, 22 objective events such as Accounting and Securities and Investments, and 4 skill events in Computer Applications, Database Design & Applications, Spreadsheet Applications, and Word Processing. The most popular test among LHS students is Intro. to Business Procedures where members are tested over basic small business principles.

Mrs. Judy Patterson, FBLA Advisor for the last 27 years, requires Lyndon students to place in the top 10 in any event or score higher than 50% in order to compete at the state conference in Topeka at the end of March. Because this event takes place during school hours, many LHS students enjoy attending. “I look forward to using this opportunity away from school to broaden my network of acquaintances,” stated LHS senior FBLA member, Chase Newberry.