










# RACE Into Reading

## RATIONALE and OBJECTIVES

*RACE Into Reading – Reading About Career Experiences* is an interactive school/community service project between Missouri CTSO members and elementary students that promotes reading for fun and information. Participation in the project allows elementary students to learn about a variety of career opportunities and allows the CTSO member to develop leadership skills and serve as a positive role model for elementary students. The project is sponsored through Missouri Career Education and Missouri's Career and Technical Student Organizations - DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, SkillsUSA and TSA.

Objectives of the *RACE Into Reading* project were developed with an advisory committee of Missouri CTSO advisors. They have been aligned to the Missouri Show-Me Standards and Goals. The objectives of *RACE Into Reading* have also been aligned with the Grade-Level Expectations (GLE) for Communications Arts. Local districts should verify the alignment based on local implementation strategies for curriculum integration and development purposes.

-  **Demonstrate positive leadership skills and serve as a role model for elementary students**
  - Goal 4.3, 4.4, 4.5
  - GLE Listening and Speaking I.B, 2.A
-  **Utilize effective communication skills**
  - Goal 2.6, CA 1, CA 3, CA 6
  - GLE Reading 3
  - GLE Listening and Speaking 1.A, 1.B, 2.A
  - GLE Information Literacy 1.B
-  **Explore career possibilities**
  - Goal 1.10, 4.8
  - GLE Information Literacy 1.B
-  **Develop positive attitudes toward reading**
  - CA 3
-  **Evaluate interactive activities between elementary students and CTSO members**
  - Goal 3.1, 3.2, 3.7, 4.6
  - GLE Listening and Speaking 1.B
  - GLE Information Literacy 2.A
-  **Develop community partnerships to support RACE Into Reading**
  - Goal 2.1, 3.8
-  **Provide recognition opportunities for RACE Into Reading participants**
  - Goal 4.3, 4.5

*RACE Into Reading* projects may also be a part of the service-learning opportunities and before and after school child care programs. Tying the projects to a school/community need and collaboration between staff can provide additional leadership development opportunities for CTSO members.

*RACE Into Reading* projects complement other components of a student's education. Awareness of potential careers in the early elementary years facilitates the decision-making process as students plan their futures. This project supplements guidance efforts as students investigate career clusters and develop career plans and portfolios.

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