



## Bringing SkillsUSA Into the Classroom

### Not sure how to introduce SkillsUSA to your students at the start of the year?

Here is a strategy that worked well for one veteran advisor—and how you can adapt it to meet your students' needs. Best wishes!

#### Start with a conversation:

#### Introduce the Framework

##### Try this:

Play the [SkillsUSA Framework Video](#) and have students jot down three things that stood out to them. Use their responses to spark a class discussion.

##### Conversation Starters:

- What surprised you about the framework?
- Have you ever heard of the 1:2:7 ratio? (for every 1 job requiring a master's degree, there are 2 requiring a bachelor's and 7 needing technical skills.)
- What does success look like beyond college?

##### Make it Yours:

- Tie the conversation into a classroom culture discussion.
- Relate the Framework to upcoming units, projects or student goals.

#### Bring the Framework to Life with Goal Setting:

##### Try this:

Use the [Behaviors and Definitions Chart](#) from the Framework Toolkit as a student goal-setting tool. Ask students to choose one Essential Element (like responsibility, communication or adaptability) to focus on each week or month.

##### Make it Yours:

- Create a reflection journal or digital check-in system.
- Tie student-chosen elements to classroom activities or behavior expectations.



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## Integrate with what you're already doing:

### Try this:

Use the [Framework Integration Toolkit](#) to connect the Framework with:

- Guest speakers
- Lab expectations
- Field trips
- Classroom activities

### Make it Yours:

- Highlight real-world applications in your lesson plans.
- Ask guest speakers to refer to the Framework in their talks.

## Make it visible and consistent:

### Try this:

Post the [SkillsUSA Framework](#) on your classroom wall—somewhere visible but natural. Refer to it often in conversation with students. You can also post the Framework poster included in your fall membership mailing.

### Make it Yours:

- Use SkillsUSA Framework language when giving feedback.
- Create SkillsUSA Framework-based student recognition cards or shoutout moments.

## Reliable Resources

- [SkillsUSA Framework Video](#)
- [Behaviors and Definitions Chart](#)
- [Framework Integration Toolkit](#)  
(in SkillsUSA Pathful - professional member benefit)

## PRO TIP

**If your school offers** end-of-year recognition such as graduation cords for SkillsUSA involvement, make sure students know from the beginning of the school year about it. You can order graduation regalia from the [SkillsUSA Store](#).