



PARENTS GUIDE TO

Vian FFA

2025-2026

WHAT EVERY PARENT NEEDS TO KNOW TO HELP THEIR
CHILD SUCCEED IN THE FFA PROGRAM

AGRICULTURE STUDENT LINGO

TERMS YOU MAY HEAR AGRICULTURE STUDENTS USE

CDE (CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS) – FFA/AGRICULTURE SKILL COMPETITIONS

LDE (LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS) - FFA/AGRICULTURE SPEAKING COMPETITIONS

CREED – THE FFA CREED IS A 5 PARAGRAPH DOCUMENT TAUGHT TO ALL MEMBERS.

DEGREES – AWARD RECOGNIZE STUDENT PROGRESS AND SUCCESS IN LEADERSHIP, AG EDUCATION AND THEIR SAE.

PROFICIENCY - AWARD RECOGNITION FOR STUDENTS WITH AN OUTSTANDING SAE PROJECT.

AREA – OUR STATE FFA CONSISTS OF AREAS . WE ARE IN THE NORTHEAST AREA.

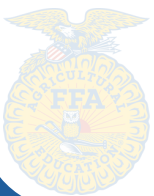
REGION - OUR FFA REGION CONSISTS OF 18 FFA CHAPTERS AND WE ARE IN THE MUSKOGEE REGION.

FFA MOTTO – LEARNING TO DO, DOING TO LEARN, EARNING TO LIVE, LIVING TO SERVE

FFA MISSION –PREMIER LEADERSHIP, PERSONAL GROWTH, AND CAREER SUCCESS

AET – THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF A STUDENT'S SAE, DONE ONLINE THROUGH WWW.THEAET.COM

SAE- (SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE) – INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THAT TAKES PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM AND IS AGRICULTURE BASED.



Welcome

PARENTS,

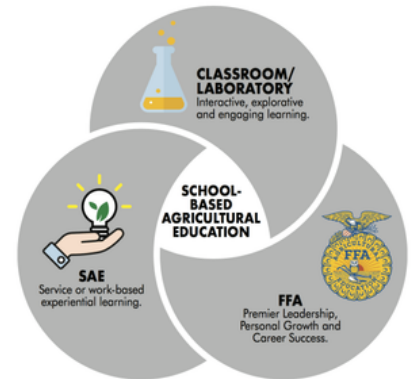
THE FFA ORGANIZATION HAS A LOT TO OFFER YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO KNOW WHAT IS AVAILABLE SO THAT THEY CAN HELP THEIR CHILD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES FFA HAS TO OFFER. THIS SHORT GUIDE IS DESIGNED TO HELP PARENTS NAVIGATE THE FFA ORGANIZATION AT THE CHAPTER LEVEL. HOPEFULLY THIS GUIDE CAN ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS, AND MAYBE STIMULATE SOME CONVERSATIONS.

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION (FORMERLY KNOWN AS “VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE”) IS AN ELECTIVE CREDIT-BEARING COURSE. STUDENTS MUST BE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM TO BE ENROLLED IN THE COURSE. ALL COURSES, ESPECIALLY SCIENCE BASED COURSES ARE A-G APPROVED FOR GRADUATION AND COLLEGE CREDIT.

THE AGRICULTURE EDUCATION COURSES CONSIST OF THREE SEGMENTS:

- CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION
- SUPERVISED AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCE
- FFA -

AS A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN AG EDUCATION CLASS AT VIAN HIGH SCHOOL OR MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER IS NOW AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF VIAN FFA.



AS AN ENROLLED MEMBER AND STUDENT IN AG EDUCATION THEIR GRADE IN THESE CLASSES ARE FOCUSED USING THE 3 CIRCLE MODEL SHOWN ABOVE. THEIR GRADE WILL BE BASED ON FFA PARTICIPATION, THEIR SAE PROJECT AND THE REMAINING AND ON COURSE ASSIGNMENTS, TESTS, ETC.

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WHAT IS FFA?

FFA IS A DYNAMIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION WITHIN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION THAT PREPARES STUDENTS FOR PREMIER LEADERSHIP, PERSONAL GROWTH, AND CAREER SUCCESS. FFA WAS CREATED IN 1928 AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA; HOWEVER, THAT NAME WAS CHANGED TO THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION IN 1988 TO REFLECT THE GROWING DIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE. TODAY, MORE THAN 700,000 STUDENT MEMBERS ARE ENGAGED IN A WIDE RANGE OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, LEADING OVER 300 CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE, FOOD, FIBER AND NATURAL RESOURCES INDUSTRY. STUDENT SUCCESS STILL REMAINS THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE FFA.

FFA AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

FFA MEMBERS ARE PART OF A TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT CONNECTS STUDENTS TO EXCITING CAREERS IN THE SCIENCE, BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY OF AGRICULTURE. FFA IS ONLY ONE OF THE THREE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM, ALL OF WHICH WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH LEADERSHIP, ACADEMIC AND CAREER EXPERIENCES ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FFA

FOUNDED IN 1928, THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA BROUGHT TOGETHER STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND AGRIBUSINESS TO SOLIDIFY SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. IN KANSAS CITY'S BALTIMORE HOTEL, 33 YOUNG FARM BOYS CHARTED A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE. THEY COULD NOT HAVE FORESEEN HOW THE ORGANIZATION WOULD GROW AND THRIVE. SINCE 1928, MILLIONS OF AGRICULTURE STUDENTS - NO ONE KNOWS EXACTLY HOW MANY - HAVE DONNED THE OFFICIAL FFA JACKET AND CHAMPIONED THE FFA CREED. FFA HAS OPENED ITS DOORS AND ITS ARMS TO MINORITIES AND WOMEN, ENSURING THAT ALL STUDENTS COULD REAP THE BENEFITS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. TODAY, THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT, PROVIDING A PATH TO ACHIEVEMENT IN PREMIER LEADERSHIP, PERSONAL GROWTH AND CAREER SUCCESS THROUGH AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. NOW, THE ORGANIZATION IS EXPANDING THE NATION'S VIEW OF "TRADITIONAL" AGRICULTURE AND FINDING NEW WAYS TO INFUSE AGRICULTURE INTO THE CLASSROOM.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES (POA)

THE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES (POA) IS THE VIAN FFA CHAPTER CALENDAR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. THESE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE JUDGING EVENTS, COUNTY FAIR, CHAPTER MEETINGS, FIELD TRIPS, AND COMPETITIONS. ASK YOUR STUDENT OR AGRICULTURE ADVISOR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING ON SOME OF THE TRIPS AS A CHAPERONE OR DRIVER. A COPY OF THIS CALENDAR WILL BE GIVEN TO EVERY STUDENT AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH YEAR TO HELP PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLAN ACCORDINGLY. YOU WILL ALSO FIND THIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS (POA) IN THIS GUIDE.



Program of Activities

Tentative Dates

September

TBA FFA Back to School Activity

TBA Sequoyah County Free Fair

TBA Blue & Gold Fundraiser

9th C.O.L.T. Conference

24th Arkansas Oklahoma State Fair

TBA Arkansas Oklahoma State Fair Contest Day

25th- Oct. 5th Tulsa State Fair

October

TBA Seq. Co FFA Quiz & Opening Ceremonies Contest

TBA Vian Invitational Sporting Clays Shoot

14th Regional Greenhand Quiz/OC @ Warner High School

16th N.E. Area Sporting Clays @ Coweta

21st Greenhand Quiz/OC State Finals @ OSU

November

TBA NE Area AFR Speech Contest

TBA Seq. Co. Land and Survey Contest

12th State Sporting Clays @ Arcadia

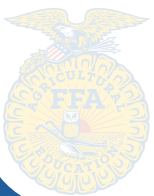
TBA Wildlife Contest Muskogee Region

December

TBA Downtown December

TBA Christmas Parade

TBA Seq. Co. Jr. Livestock Show Nominations



THE SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (SAE)

SAE: LEARNING BY DOING - A SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (SAE) IS A KEY COMPONENT OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. WHILE WORKING ON AN SAE PROJECT, STUDENTS LEARN TO APPLY THE CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES TAUGHT IN THEIR AGRICULTURE CLASSES TO REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS AND SCENARIOS. A STUDENT SELECTS AN SAE PROJECT BASED ON HIS OR HER INTEREST IN ONE OF FOUR AREAS:

- **EXPLORATORY** - LEARN ABOUT THE BIG PICTURE OF AGRICULTURE AND ITS MANY RELATED CAREERS.
- **RESEARCH/EXPERIMENTATION AND ANALYSIS** - CONDUCT RESEARCH AND ANALYZE INFORMATION TO DISCOVER NEW KNOWLEDGE.
- **OWNERSHIP/ENTREPRENEURSHIP** - PLAN AND OPERATE AN AGRICULTURE-RELATED BUSINESS.
- **PLACEMENT/WORK EXPERIENCE** - WORK FOR A BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL, EITHER FOR PAY OR FOR THE EXPERIENCE.

THE CAREER OR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (CDE OR LDE)

FOR STUDENTS WHO ASK THEIR TEACHERS "WHEN WILL I EVER USE THIS IN THE REAL WORLD?" CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (CDES) AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (LDES) ARE THE ANSWER. SINCE 1928, FFA HAS WORKED TO CREATE CDES THAT DEMONSTRATE THE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND REAL-LIFE SCENARIOS CDES BUILD ON WHAT IS LEARNED IN AGRICULTURAL CLASSES AND THE FFA. THE EVENTS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP PREPARE STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE. CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION COMES ALIVE AS STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS IN A COMPETITIVE SETTING. CDE'S TEST THE ABILITIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS IN OVER 30 MAJOR AREAS OF AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTION.

MEMBERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN:

CREED SPEAKING - PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING - EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING- OPENING CEREMONIES CONTEST- AG COMMUNICATIONS- JOB INTERVIEW - GREENHAND QUIZ - - SAE PROFICIENCIES- LAND JUDGING- SOIL & CONSERVATION SURVEY -SPORTING CLAYS - NURSERY & LANDSCAPE - VET SCIENCE-HOMESITE EVALUATION - AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS - FABRICATION - LIVESTOCK SHOWING AND NUMEROUS OTHER POSSIBILITIES.



FFA OFFICIAL DRESS (OD).

AS FFA MEMBERS, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT MANY PEOPLE WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THE ORGANIZATION: COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN, FFA SPONSORS, GUESTS, PARENTS, ETC. THEREFORE, FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE CRUCIAL, AND THAT INVOLVES THE WAY WE DRESS. ALL FFA MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR OFFICIAL DRESS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES.

OFFICIAL DRESS INCLUDES:

- BLACK PANTS OR SKIRT (LADIES)
 - SKIRT IS TO BE AT LEAST KNEE LENGTH, HEMMED EVENLY ACROSS THE BOTTOM, WITH A SLIT NO LONGER THAN 2 INCHES ABOVE THE KNEE, EXCLUDING THE KICK PLEAT.
 - SKIRTS ARE USUALLY RECOMMENDED IN MORE OF THE PROFESSIONAL EVENTS SUCH AS CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING COMPETITIONS.
- BLACK SLACKS OR JEANS MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR TRAVELING AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. (GENTLEMAN)
- WHITE COLLARED DRESS SHIRT/BLOUSE
- OFFICIAL FFA BLUE SCARF OR TIE
- BLACK DRESS SHOES WITH A CLOSED HEEL AND TOE
 - DEPENDING ON THE EVENT BOOTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE RECOMMENDED
- SUN TAN NYLON HOSIERY OR BLACK SOCKS
- OFFICIAL FFA JACKET ZIPPED TO THE TOP



WHERE TO PURCHASE???

YOUR CHILD CAN CHECK OUT A MAJORITY OF THESE ITEMS FROM THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT IF NEEDED FOR A ONE TO TWO TIME USE. STUDENTS WILL BE CHARGED FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS BELONGING TO VIAN FFA.

YOU CAN ALSO PURCHASE THESE ITEMS ON AMAZON, WALMART, JC PENNY OR ANY DEPARTMENT STORE IN THE MENS OR WOMENS SECTION.

VISIT WWW.SHOPFFA.ORG/PRODUCTS FOR MORE FFA GEAR!

VIAN FFA STUDENT LEADERSHIP

VIAN FFA EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANIZED AND EXECUTED BY THE FFA OFFICER TEAM AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. ANY FFA MEMBER CAN BECOME A MEMBER OF AN FFA COMMITTEE. ELIGIBLE FFA MEMBERS CAN RUN FOR OFFICE. WE HAVE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CHAPTER OFFICER TEAM), AND SEVERAL SPECIAL AND STANDING FFA COMMITTEES. FFA ADVISORS (TEACHERS) ADVISE AND SUPERVISE STUDENT LEADERS AND FFA MEMBERS. EACH SPRING CHAPTER OFFICER APPLICATIONS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS TO COMPLETE IF THEY DESIRE TO SERVE AS A CHAPTER FFA OFFICER.

2025-2026 CHAPTER OFFICER TEAM

PRESIDENT - TBD IN AUGUST

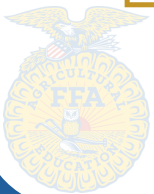
VICE PRESIDENT - TBD IN AUGUST

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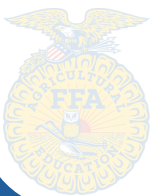


DEGREES

STUDENTS CAN EARN DEGREES EACH YEAR THEY ARE ENROLLED IN AN AGRICULTURE COURSE. THEY MUST ACHIEVE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO EARN EACH DEGREE. THERE SHALL BE FIVE DEGREES OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP BASED ON INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT.

DISCOVERY DEGREE - THE DISCOVERY DEGREE IS FOR GRADES 7-8 WHERE STUDENTS MUST BE ENROLLED IN AG ED CLASSES FOR A LEAST A PORTION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THEY MUST BE A DUES PAYING MEMBER OF THE FFA AT A LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVEL, AND PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE LOCAL FFA CHAPTER ACTIVITY OUTSIDE OF SCHEDULED CLASS TIME. THE STUDENT MUST HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF AGRICULTURALLY RELATED CAREERS, OWNERSHIP, AND ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES. LASTLY, THEY MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THE LOCAL FFA CHAPTER PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

GREENHAND DEGREE - TO EARN THE GREENHAND DEGREE MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED IN AG ED AND HAVE SATISFACTORY PLANS FOR A SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM. THEY MUST LEARN AND EXPLAIN THE FFA CREED, MOTTO, SALUTE, AND FFA MISSION STATEMENT. STUDENTS SHALL DESCRIBE AND EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF THE FFA EMBLEM AND COLORS, AND DEMONSTRATE A KNOWLEDGE OF THE FFA CODE OF ETHICS AND THE PROPER USE OF THE FFA JACKET. THEY WILL DEMONSTRATE A KNOWLEDGE OF THE HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, AND THE CHAPTER PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES. LASTLY, STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT A WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR THE GREENHAND FFA DEGREE.

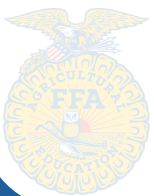


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CHAPTER DEGREE - TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE CHAPTER DEGREE STUDENTS MUST HAVE RECEIVED THE GREENHAND FFA DEGREE, HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED THE EQUIVALENT OF AT LEAST 180 HOURS OF SYSTEMATIC SCHOOL INSTRUCTION IN AG ED AT OR ABOVE THE NINTH-GRADE LEVEL, HAVE IN OPERATION AN APPROVED SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE PROGRAM, AND BE ENROLLED IN AN AG ED COURSE. STUDENTS MUST HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING AND CONDUCTING OF AT LEAST THREE OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS IN THE CHAPTER PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES. THEY MUST HAVE EARNED AND PRODUCTIVELY INVESTED AT LEAST \$150 BY THE MEMBER'S OWN EFFORT OR WORKED AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE HOURS IN EXCESS OF SCHEDULED CLASS TIME, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, AND HAVE DEVELOPED PLANS FOR CONTINUED GROWTH AND IMPROVEMENT IN A SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM. STUDENTS MUST HAVE LED A GROUP DISCUSSION FOR 15 MINUTES, DEMONSTRATED FIVE PROCEDURES OF PARLIAMENTARY LAW, AND SHOWN PROGRESS TOWARD INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FFA AWARD PROGRAMS. LASTLY, STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE A SATISFACTORY SCHOLASTIC RECORD AND SUBMIT A WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR THE CHAPTER FFA DEGREE. .

STATE FFA DEGREE - THE STATE DEGREE IS THE HIGHEST AWARD A STATE FFA ASSOCIATION CAN BESTOW UPON ITS MEMBERS. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION WILL STAND IN THIS CHAPTER AS THOSE FOUND IN ARTICLE IX, SECTION E IN THE OKLAHOMA STATE FFA CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLE VI, SECTION E OF THE NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION.

AMERICAN DEGREE -THE AMERICAN DEGREE IS THE HIGHEST AWARD THAT ANY FFA MEMBER CAN RECEIVE. LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF ALL FFA MEMBERS RECEIVE THIS HONOR. IN ORDER TO EARN THE DEGREE, MEMBERS MUST MEET MINIMUM QUALIFICATION FOR THIS DEGREE AS STATED IN ARTICLE VI, SECTION F OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION.



FUNDRAISING

THE FFA CHAPTER HOLDS FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. FUNDRAISERS PAY FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE FFA. MAJOR FUNDRAISERS INCLUDE BLUE & GOLD MEATS SALE (SAUSAGE, BACON OR CHICKEN STRIPS) IN THE FALL AND ONE SALE IN THE SPRING.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO ENSURE SUCCESS IN THE VIAN AG PROGRAM?

- ASK ABOUT HIS/HER SAE:
 - WHAT ARE HIS/HER SAE GOALS?
 - HOW MANY HOURS IS HE/SHE WORKING? ARE THE RECORD BOOKS UP TO DATE?
- EMAIL OR CALL HIS/HER AGRICULTURE TEACHER.
- COMMUNICATE WITH THE AGRICULTURE TEACHERS ABOUT ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.
- SIGN UP FOR AET COMMUNICATION ALERTS VIA TEXT MESSAGE
- KEEP FFA EVENTS ON YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR.
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND FFA ACTIVITIES.
- PARENTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND/WATCH FFA ACTIVITIES .
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO COMPETE. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.
- RETURN ALL PERMISSION SLIPS SO YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND FIELD TRIPS.
- SHARE ANY AGRICULTURALLY RELATED NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE ARTICLES, OR MEDIA WITH YOUR CHILD.
- ENCOURAGE SPEAKING AND READING AT HOME
- LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD'S SPEECH
- ATTEND THE PARENT CONFERENCES
- JOIN THE VIAN FFA LIVESTOCK AG BOOSTERS
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO APPLY FOR FFA DEGREES.
- GATHER AMMUNITION FOR SPORTING CLAY TEAMS.

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