



MIDDLE SCHOOL AGRICULTURE EXPLORATION

Middle School Agriculture Exploration is a middle school program designed to provide a general introduction to the agriculture, food, and natural resource industry. This program allows students to explore agriculture career pathways, while gaining an understanding of the importance of agriculture in daily life by exploring basic principles of agribusiness, agricultural mechanics, animal science, natural resources, technology advancements and horticulture. Upon completion of this program, proficient students may earn a high school graduation credit and be prepared for high school coursework in the agriculture field of study.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA STUDENT ORGANIZATION

How does FFA in middle school prepare students?

- » Agriculture programs offer practical, hands-on learning experiences for students, helping to make science more tangible and preparing them for a deeper comprehension of scientific concepts as they transition to high school programs.
- » AG-focused courses offer tailored learning experiences for students to delve into agricultural careers, equipping them with the necessary skills for a more specialized curriculum in high school.
- » Middle school FFA students are provided with an excellent opportunity to discover their interests in different competitions. These students can participate in a range of contests including CREED, illustrated talk, quiz, judging, and many others.
- » Participation in middle school FFA enhances students' mathematical skills. Middle schoolers are required to maintain digital record books, which involve tasks like journaling and budget management. Moreover, certain competitions, like horticulture production, incorporate math components that students must tackle.
- » Participation in middle school competitions and membership in FFA motivate students to enhance their public speaking abilities. Although certain competitions are tailored for middle school level, the evaluation of middle schoolers' oral presentations is conducted in a manner similar to that of high school students.
- » Middle school students have the chance to enhance their leadership skills through various opportunities such as club meetings, record books, coursework, and contests, preparing them effectively for high school.
- » Being a member of FFA entails participating in community service activities. Middle school students involved in FFA programs are educated on civic involvement and the importance of contributing to their communities at an early age.
- » Middle school programs enhance FFA enrollment. By engaging a greater number of students in FFA, schools that integrate middle schoolers into their high school membership will foster student growth. Schools that have distinct middle and high school chapters should witness a seamless transition of involvement from middle school to high school among enthusiastic students.
- » Middle school FFA provides students and programs with an opportunity to enhance their potential for success with American degrees. The American FFA Degree, which is the highest degree attainable in the National FFA Organization, demonstrates a member's commitment to their chapter, state association, community, SAE project, and FFA career.



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