

Standards for a Quality Program In Agricultural Education

1. Agricultural education programs have a vision and mission statement that is in alignment with the school district's mission and vision.
2. The classes offered are in alignment with the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Agricultural Education and incorporate the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Mathematics, Science, English Language Arts, and Social Studies.
3. Programs are served by an advisory committee.
4. The agricultural education program is evaluated at regular intervals and recommendations are used to improve the program.
5. Qualified instructors should be employed with a minimum of 40 working days on an extended contract.
6. FFA is an integral part of the agriculture education program; therefore, all programs shall have an FFA Chapter.
7. The agriculture education program includes experiential learning with all students having a supervised agricultural experience program.
8. The instructional program is articulated with technical colleges, and four-year agriculture programs.
9. The agricultural education program is integrated with other disciplines to support student academic achievement and career development.
10. The curriculum is based on current occupational trends, industry standards and recognized educational practices.
11. The agricultural education program offers certified work based learning options for students.
12. The program fosters a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction active engagement in learning and self-motivation.
13. Through effective communication and outreach, the faculty, students, parents, employers and advisory committee members understand the vision and mission, major activities, and accomplishments of the agriculture education program.
14. Community leaders, resources, facilities, and industries are identified and utilized to enhance the quality of the instructional program.
15. The facilities, equipment, technology and operating budget support the vision and mission of the agricultural education program.
16. An agricultural education exploratory program is offered at the middle school level with exploratory experiences offered PK-6.
17. An active FFA Alumni chapter supports the local program.
18. The instructor actively identifies and informs potential students about the opportunities in the agricultural education program.
19. The instructor is actively involved in the professional agricultural teacher organizations and is engaged in continuing professional development.
20. The program is in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations.