



Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

Primary Career Cluster:	Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources
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Course Code(s):	5964
Prerequisite(s):	<i>None</i>
Credit:	½ credit each year, up to a maximum of 2 credits per student
Grade Level:	9-12
Graduation Requirements:	This course satisfies ½ credit of three credits required for an elective focus when taken in conjunction with other Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources courses.
Programs of Study and Sequence:	This course can be used to supplement all Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources programs of study and is designed to evolve with a student through high school.
Aligned Student Organization(s):	FFA: http://www.tnffa.org Stena Meadows, East Tennessee FFA Consultant, (423) 414-8669, Stena.Meadows@tn.gov Stuart Watson, West Tennessee FFA Consultant, (731) 431-1183, Stuart.Watson@tn.gov
Coordinating Work-Based Learning:	All Agriculture students are encouraged to participate in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. In addition, Teachers are encouraged to use embedded WBL activities. For information, visit https://tn.gov/education/topic/work-based-learning .
Available Student Industry Certifications:	None
Dual Credit or Dual Enrollment Opportunities:	There are no statewide dual credit/dual enrollment opportunities for this course. If interested in establishing a local opportunity, reach out to a local postsecondary institution.
Teacher Endorsement(s):	048, 150, 448
Required Teacher Certifications/Training:	None
Teacher Resources:	https://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-agriculture-food-natural-resources

Course Description

A *Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)* is a structured experiential learning opportunity that takes place in a setting outside of regular school hours. Individual LEAs can choose whether or not to offer credit, provided participating students demonstrate mastery of the standards outlined below. SAEs allow students to experience the diversity of agriculture and natural resources industries and to gain

exposure to agricultural-related career pathways. SAEs require a documented formal project scope, accurate recordkeeping, and student advisor supervision.

Program of Study Application

This course can be used to supplement all AFNR programs of study. For more information on the benefits and requirements of implementing these programs in full, please visit the Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources website at <https://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-agriculture-food-natural-resources>.

Course Requirements

This capstone course aligns with the requirements of the Work-Based Learning Framework (established in Tennessee State Board High School Policy), with the Tennessee Department of Education's Work-Based Learning Policy Guide, and with state and federal Child Labor Law. As such, the following components are course requirements:

Course Standards

- 1) A student will have a Personalized Learning Plan that identifies their long-term goals, demonstrates how the Work-Based Learning (WBL) experience aligns with their elective focus and/or high school plan of study, addresses how the student plans to meet and demonstrate the course standards, and addresses employability skill attainment in the following areas:
 - a. Application of academic and technical knowledge and skills (embedded in course standards)
 - b. Career knowledge and navigation skills
 - c. 21st Century learning and innovation skills
 - d. Personal and social skills

Principles of Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Programs

- 2) Examine the general philosophy and objectives of SAE programs. Identify and describe the types of SAEs, their applications, and benefits. Types of offerings include:
 - a. **Exploratory:** Learn about the big picture of agriculture and its many related careers
 - b. **Research/Experimentation and Analysis:** Conduct research and analyze information to discover new knowledge
 - c. **Ownership/Entrepreneurship:** Plan and operate an agriculture-related business
 - d. **Work-Based Learning (WBL) Placement or Internship:** Work (paid or unpaid) for a business or individual
- 3) Choose a specific project or WBL placement to build knowledge and skills in a particular agriculture area. Articulate how the knowledge and skills learned in a specific SAE program will benefit preparation for agriculture- and natural resources-related careers. Conduct at least 180 hours of research, work, or activities related to the chosen SAE project.

Project Management and Recordkeeping Skills

- 4) Formulate annual SMART goals for the SAE project or placement and apply the concepts of project planning to monitor and evaluate SAE progress.
- 5) Accurately maintain a prescribed recordkeeping system and apply proper financial recordkeeping skills as required by the specific project.

Personal and Career Growth

- 6) Develop personal SMART goals and conduct activities (such as updating a professional resume or joining a professional organization) to work toward individual and career development.
- 7) Explore and compare local and regional career opportunities from multiple sources such as the United States Bureau for Labor Statistics and the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Identify and develop knowledge and technical skills necessary for selected careers or job shadowing by linking specific attributes to development activities outlined in SAE SMART goals.

Leadership Skills

- 8) Examine the leadership skills needed for careers in agriculture and natural resources industries and engage youth leadership opportunities to practice and develop effective leadership skills, such as teamwork, decision making, problem solving, critical thinking, and time management.
- 9) Demonstrate a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure. When appropriate, conduct meetings and facilitate discussions in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- 10) Demonstrate positive interpersonal skills to work effectively with others and maintain successful professional relationships.
- 11) Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively with diverse groups and individuals. Compare and contrast elements of formal and informal communication, and demonstrate appropriate written, verbal, and nonverbal communication skills.
- 12) Develop public speaking skills by planning, preparing, revising, and delivering public presentations about the results and overall impact of the SAE project at local science/agricultural fairs, school activities, and/or participation in career development events.

Occupational Safety

- 13) Interpret general occupational health and safety standards. Demonstrate appropriate health and safety procedures for agriculture and natural resources activities aligned with SAE project.

Occupational Ethics

- 14) Identify and discuss occupational ethics, legal responsibilities, and regulatory compliance issues in relation to specific activities and/or careers aligned with SAE project.

Information Literacy

- 15) Use a variety of methods to assemble and evaluate information for the purposes of technical research, scientific inquiry, and investigation.

Standards Alignment Notes

References to other standards include:

- AFNR: [National Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources \(AFNR\) Career Cluster Content Standards](#): Students engaged in activities outlined above should be able to demonstrate fluency in Standards CS.01, CS.02, CS.03, CS.07, CS.09, CS.10, and CS.11 at the grade appropriate level.
- P21: Partnership for 21st Century Skills [Framework for 21st Century Learning](#): Students engaged in activities outlined above should be able to demonstrate fluency in 21st Century Themes, Learning and Innovation Skills, Information and Media Technology Skills, and Life and Career Skills.