

Oklahoma Agricultural Education

7th Grade Course and participation guidelines

Course Approval

The addition of 7th grade Agricultural Education courses in a local school is subject to annual approval by the State Program Manager for Agricultural Education at the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education. This course is only to be taught in an approved Agricultural Education program by a full-time Ag teacher. The overall effectiveness and quality of the local AG Ed program will be considered when approving or denying requests. A request for approval should be submitted annually by the local Agricultural Education Instructor(s) prior to enrollment for the upcoming school year.

Course

The approved seventh grade course is *Orientation to Agriculture in Society*. The OCAS code for this course will be 8032. The focus of this course is agricultural literacy and STEM in agriculture. This course should include many hands-on activities to engage students. Standards and suggested curriculum resources will be made available in the summer of 2025. Schools that combine 7th and 8th graders in one class should alternate years between this course and *Agricultural Explorations* so that students will not repeat the same course.

Supervised Agricultural Experience

To remain consistent with a three-circle model Agricultural Education program, seventh grade students are at a minimum expected to develop a Foundational SAE and document time and/or dollars in AET. To be eligible for SAE awards through FFA, students must have a minimum of two calendar years of complete records at the time of application.

FFA

Again, remaining consistent to a three-circle model, students in all Agricultural Education courses including 7th grade should be FFA members.

In the transition to 7th grade FFA membership, local control and policy established by the teacher and school will guide participation by these students in specific FFA activities and events.

Alumni Camp participation will be limited to students who have completed the eighth grade. LEAD 360 will not be open to 7th grade students.

Seventh grade participation in CDE and LDE competitions will be decided locally by instructors and/or local policy.

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7th Grade Approval request

This form should be submitted by the local Ag Teacher annually for approval prior to establishing enrollment in a 7th grade Agricultural Education course for the upcoming school year.

School: _____ Teacher (s) _____

Date of request: _____ Beginning date for course requested: _____

1. List the current courses taught prior to this request:
2. What is your school class schedule?
____ 6 period day
____ 7 period day
____ 8 period day
____ Block schedule (explain) _____
____ Other (explain) _____
3. Describe any physical classroom locations that would be changed or added if this request is approved:
4. How many unduplicated students are currently enrolled in your courses? _____
5. How many students (including duplicates) are currently enrolled? _____
6. What is the total 7-12 enrollment schoolwide? _____
7. What course and schedule changes would occur if this request is granted?
8. Has your school offered 7th grade courses previously? _____
9. What is the anticipated 7th grade enrollment number if this request is approved? _____
10. What is the projected total enrollment number if this request is approved? _____
11. Please describe your justification for this request and how it fits in the strategic plan for your program:

Teacher(s) signature

Administrator signature

Date

Approved Yes No

State Program Manager signature

Date

Submit this form before July 1 of upcoming school year to scott.nemecek@careertech.ok.gov