

FY 2025-2026 Finance Information for Agricultural Education

Local schools will receive the following funds from the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education for having an approved, full-time agricultural education program for 12 months:

CareerTech Salary Reimbursement

\$ 2,600

The State Board of Career and Technology Education will reimburse local school districts an amount of \$2,600 for the 2025-2026 school year for approved programs and shall be applied to the instructor's salary to augment their salary. CareerTech rules require that teachers "are required to attend summer conference and other required teacher professional development per division to receive teacher salary supplement and program assistance."

Program Assistance Grant

\$13,000

Schools offering approved agricultural education programs will receive a grant of \$13,000 for each agricultural education program/instructor. In accordance with CareerTech rules, "these monies shall be used to support the additional costs of the CareerTech program limited to the purchase of equipment, instructional supplies, and staff development."

Summer Salary Reimbursement

\$ 7,920

To assist a local school district in meeting the salary commitment to an agricultural education instructor, a school will receive \$3,960 per month for each of the two summer months that the instructor is under contract.

Total a local school will receive for providing an agricultural education program:

\$ 23,520

CALCULATING THE SALARY FOR AN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR (Use Local Salary Schedule)

- Salary for 10 months of a 12-month contract:
The agricultural education instructor should receive the same as other instructors with like qualifications employed by the local district. The same formula of base pay plus increments and salary increases considered in calculating the salary for other instructors should be used.
- Two summer months:
The Attorney General has ruled that summer pay for the agricultural education instructor is to be calculated on the local school base salary schedule for instructors of like qualifications, including increments of any flat raises provided by the Legislature over and above the minimum salary and increment. For each additional month employed, the salary shall be one-tenth of the base salary for an instructor of like qualifications employed on a 10-month basis.
- CareerTech Salary Reimbursement
The amount of \$2600 will be reimbursed to be paid in addition to teacher salary and summer pay. (Any local school district or public education institution that established a base salary schedule for career and technology instructors less than that paid to other instructors of like qualifications in the district or institution will not be reimbursed.)