

If you love the idea of working with crops, animals, and resources that contribute to the worldwide food supply, pursuing a career in agriculture could provide you with a rewarding and fulfilling future.



Pathway Description:

The Agriculture pathway will give students a broad agriculture knowledge base and entry-level skills in crop production, livestock management, and agribusiness. Students will gain relevant, hands-on experience through a combination of classroom instruction, field trips, and lab experiences. There is a definite need for individuals with this knowledge in the local area, state, and nation since agriculture and agriculture-related careers employ about 25 percent of the labor force in the United States.

Key Competencies:

- Describe career opportunities in the animal industry
- Describe how animals use nutrients
- Name and describe the functions of the major animal body systems
- Explain the importance of livestock nutrition
- Assess opportunities in exotic animal production
- Define the agri-food industry
- Describe the role of science in livestock production
- Describe food processing and production methods
- Identify Career paths/occupations in agriculture and related industries
- Discuss and analyze employment outlook in agriculture and related industries
- Make informed career decisions
- Draw a soil map
- Identify different insecticides and herbicides
- Identify plant diseases

Courses (HS Credits):

- Year 1:** 96D0A Survey of the Animal Industry
 96D1B Career Seminar
Year 2: 96D2A Principles of Agronomy
 96D3B Foods of Animal

College Credits: 11

Annual National Average Salary for Entry Level Agriculture Worker: \$45,000

Career Opportunities:

Food Scientists and Technologists	Buyer/Purchasing Agents, Farm Products
Veterinarians	Farm and Ranch Managers
Farm Labor Contractors	Animal Scientist
Aquacultural Managers	Animal Breeders

