

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Staff Travel Report  
to  
School Board of Trustees*

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent.

**Please Download & TYPE the following information.**

Staff Member:	Jenifer Sexson	School:	YHS
Conference:	NAAE 2025 National Association of Ag Educators Conference	Staff Assignment	Ag Science
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Location of Conference:	Nashville, TN	Dates Attended:	12/8-12/12/25

*General Overview: Do not use acronyms*

I attended the National Association of Agricultural Educators Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, from Dec 8 - Dec 12, 2025. This conference provided professional development that focused on agricultural education, classroom instruction, student engagement, and program sustainability. The conference featured a variety of workshops led by experienced agricultural educators and industry professionals. These workshops were all geared towards improving our local programs, with workshop that talked about new curriculum resources, innovative instructional strategies, student leadership development, fundraising ideas, and hands-on classroom activities. There was also sessions that included the whole group of Ag Teachers from around the nation, these included awards and recognition of programs throughout the nation. The conference also provided opportunities to collaborate and network with agricultural educators from across the country, allowing for the exchange of ideas and best practices that can be applied directly to my program, and the state ag association.

*How will this impact student learning in a positive way?*

This conference will impact student learning in a positive way, by bringing new ideas to the classroom, excitement from learning how others teach various topics, and learning about new curriculums. The new innovative ideas will bring more student engagement and expand hands-on learning in my classroom. For example I attended a workshop showing a fun way to learn how to use a dichotomous key to identify flowers. In this students are trying to solve a crime that was committed, and their main clues were the flowers the attendees had on. From there they used that information in the key to identify the flowers, their parts, and functions. I am excited to bring this to my classroom as a more engaging activity.

*How will I implement what I learned and how will I share  
this information with my colleagues?*

I plan on using many of the takeaways from this conference in my classroom immediately. I have already shared to many of my colleagues how great this experience was and all of the information the workshops gave. I have collaborated with the other Ag Teachers in Lyon County about how we can use the information in our classrooms. I also plan to share this info with the other CTE instructors, since some of these items can be modified to their curriculum. I attended many workshops about Ag Science, Greenhouse Management, Teacher Retention and Recruitment, and now have fresh ideas to implement in my classroom as well as across the state of Nevada. I also brought back information on the CTE Completer exams to share with the CTE Advisory Board.

*Other Comments:*

Thank you so much for allowing me to attend this conference. I thoroughly enjoyed my time learning from my peers across the nation. I know that my students will directly benefit from my attendance at the National Association of Ag Educators Conference.

K.Bomber-Edge/SR  
Site Principal/Supervisor Approval

Date

12/17/2025

Stay L. Lopen, EdD  
Deputy Superintendent Approval

Date

12/17/25