

Medford High School Agricultural Education Program

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Program Description

217 9-12 grade students enrolled in Agricultural Education courses during the 2014-2015 school year with **116** students unduplicated.

There are **two** agriculture teachers in the program and they teach a total of **10** classes a day.

56 of students are dues paying FFA Members.

Courses offered in the program include:

Ag 1

Ag Mechanics #

Animal Science #

Career Exploration

Carpentry & Structures

*Economics**

Exploring Ag 8

*Food Science**

Foods

Natural Resources #

Small Animal Care

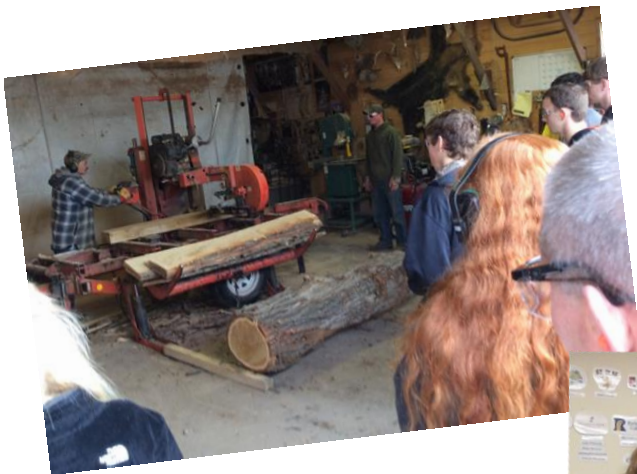
Small Gas Engines #

Summer Agriculture

Welding #

Wildlife #

* Meets Graduation Requirement Credit
College Credit or Articulated Course



Mission: Agricultural Education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resource systems.

Impact of Agriculture & Agricultural Education

Academic Impact

98.7% The 2014 graduation rate for students who take three or more agriculture courses (State average is 81.2%)

Agricultural Impact

- Minnesota leads the nation in producing sugarbeets, turkeys, oats and sweet corn and green peas for processing. The state is second only to California in wild rice production. The state is also a major producer of spring wheat, canola, hogs, dry beans and milk cows.
- The Agriculture and Food Industry is the 2nd largest employer in Minnesota.
- Two-thirds of all agricultural jobs are off-farm, in processing, distribution, supply and service sectors.

Community Impact

College Ready: Graduates of our Ag Ed program have gone on to college to major in a variety of majors; ranging from Pre-Veterinary Science to Agronomy, Agricultural Education, Food Science and Nutrition, Political Science and much more. These students are also enrolled in a variety of colleges across the region from the University of Minnesota, to Vermillion Community College, South Central College and South Dakota State University.

Career Ready: Students maintain records and learn career skills through their personal Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project. They must meet minimum requirements and gain skills in record keeping, goal setting, presenting their project to classmates and classroom discussions. Students work at community businesses, design and construct a variety of projects and learn more about their interests while exploring potential career options.

Service: Students organize an annual FFA Fun Night to promote community and collect non-perishable food for the local food shelf. Every spring during Baby Animal Day, pre K-6th grade students learn more about agriculture and have fun visiting with animals.

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Agricultural Education Model

