

SAE Requirements and Responsibilities for Freshman and Sophomore Students

SAE project planning is worth 10% of the student's grade during the fourth quarter of freshman year.

Starting an SAE Project

SAE projects are worth 25% of the student's grade each quarter for sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

- All advancing Freshmen are to develop an SAE Plan which they will begin participating in by June

EXPLORATORY

Student "tries out" different projects, or job

PLACEMENT

Volunteer or paid position working for someone else

ENTREPRENEURIAL

Student starts their own business venture

RESEARCH

Student designs and carries out an experiment

- Exploratory is only available for underclassmen until the beginning of January, at which time only Placement, Entrepreneurship, and Research will be acceptable categories for continuing projects.
- Placement SAEs may be either at for-profit businesses in paying positions, or at non-profit organizations for volunteer hours.
- SAE record books are to be maintained beginning in June of freshman year, and are expected to be worked on outside of class time.

Students are to set their own goals for their projects and update them as they progress. Sophomore students are to design five (5) SMART Skills created for their project during the fall semester of sophomore year. Beginning in the Spring semester of Sophomore year all students are to craft and maintain ten (10) SMART Skills for their project.

Freshmen

Begin logging hours in June, through the summer

Sophomores

Should have recorded at least 100 hours by December. Minimum 10 hours per month.

Juniors & Seniors

Assessed each December, students should have a total of 200 hours for each calendar year invested in their projects. Minimum 10 hours per month.

Entrepreneurial students who manufacture products for their SAEs are *expected to sell their items* at the Ag Center's activity fairs in the Fall, Winter and Spring to earn full credit.

Students with exceptional SAE projects are eligible for monetary and travel awards from the FFA and are encouraged to apply!

Projects without sufficient photographic evidence of active progress towards goals will appropriately scrutinized.