SAE Requirements and Responsibilities for Freshman and Sophomore Students

Starting an SAE Project

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

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<td>Student &quot;tries out&quot; different projects, or job</td>
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<td>Student starts their own business venture</td>
<td>Student designs and carries out an experiment</td>
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- 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.**