Agricultural Education Career Development Event

Purpose:
To encourage FFA members to explore agricultural education as a potential career field and introduce members to the basic skills needed to facilitate learning experiences.

NOTE: This event moved to an individual event to match the National Ag Ed CDE Invitational.

Objectives:
1. Explore the agricultural education profession.
2. Develop and apply instructional planning strategies.
3. Practice facilitating engaging learning experiences.

Event Format:
- Part 1: Develop and submit a lesson plan for a 50-minute class period.
- Part 2: Teach a 12-15 minute portion of the lesson of their choice to a panel of judges (aka "students").
- Part 3: Respond to questions related to the lesson content and/or presentation.

Rules and Regulations:
1. All Career Development Event (CDE) general rules apply except as indicated in the specific rules of this event.

2. This event is an individual event. Participants must be in grades 9- 12.

3. Each year, a new content area will be chosen from a rotating list (see below). Judges shall disqualify a contestant if he or she teaches a topic outside of the content area selected for that particular year.

   2027: Biotechnology Systems
   2028: Education, Communication and Leadership
   2029: Environmental Service Systems
   2030: Food Products and Processing Systems
   2031: Natural Resource Systems
   2032: Plant Systems
   2033: Power, Structural and Technical Systems
   2034: Animal Systems

4. All contestants must develop a lesson plan including the following components:
   a. Interest approach (including link, motivation and overview)
   b. At least one objective
   c. Outline of teaching presentation
   d. Checking for comprehension (questions used to provoke thought immediately after the objective is taught)
   e. Closure (recap of lesson)
   f. An assessment tool (written quiz questions) should be attached to the lesson plan but should NOT be a part of the teaching presentation.
   g. A list of information sources (i.e., textbooks, websites, magazines) MUST be included as part of the contestant's lesson plan.

5. You may use any lesson planning template; however, include all required components. A template is provided for reference.

6. The 12-15 minute teaching presentation should model ideal teaching behaviors *(clarity, variability, enthusiasm, task oriented/business-like behavior, opportunity to learn)* and should display the following:
    a. Interest approach - i.e., link, motivation, and overview of the lesson
    b. Segment of content related to the lesson objective(s)

7. Participants will have ten (5) minutes to set up and five (5) minutes to tear down their demonstration. The contestant may bring an additional person to assist with setup. Tables and chairs may be rearranged within the ten (5) minute time limit.

8. Each participant should bring two FFA members to serve as participants in their demonstration as "students". Three additional students will also be in the room as "students," so the "teacher" will have 5 "students in the "classroom".

9. Participants are encouraged to use any combination of teaching strategies that promote learning, such as *(but not limited to)* discussion, demonstration, guided practice, and/or group work.

10. A list of information sources (i.e., textbooks, websites, magazines) MUST be included as part of the contestant's lesson plan.

11. Contestants must bring their instructional tools and materials (i.e., handouts, posters, flipchart, visual aids, etc.). The presentation room will provide only a laptop, a digital projector, and a demonstration table. The Internet is not guaranteed to be available.

12. Members must wear official dress at all levels of competition.

13. Time Limit: Each lesson shall be a minimum of twelve (12) minutes in length and a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes. Contestants will be allowed an additional three (3) minutes to be asked questions by judges relating to his or her lesson. Contestants are to be penalized one (1) point per second on each judge's score sheet for being under twelve (12) minutes or over fifteen (15) minutes, not including time for judges' questions.

14. One timekeeper shall be designated who will record each contestant's time, noting any time penalties (i.e., under twelve (12) minutes or over fifteen (15) minutes.

Scoring:

1. A total of 200 gross points will be multiplied by 5, resulting in a total possible of 1,000 points.
2. The time deduction will be subtracted from the total gross points score of 1,000.
3. The contestant's Net Score will be the Total Gross Points minus Time Deductions.

- Four competent and impartial persons will be selected to play the role of participating students for the duration of all contestants' teaching performances.

- Three competent, impartial people with agriculture teaching backgrounds will be selected to judge the LDE.

- FFA members will submit their lesson plans in PDF format by the due date on the Ag Education CDE page at mnffa.org. The judges will read and grade the lesson plans on content and procedures, recording their judgments on the provided score sheet.

- Each judge shall formulate and ask questions after the contestant's teaching performance.

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JUDGES' SCORE SHEET

Criteria	Points Allowed	CONTESTANT									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lesson Plan:											
Interest Approach/ Anticipatory Set	12	10	9	12	10	12	8	12			
AFNR Standard	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8			
Lesson Objectives	12	10	12	12	11	12	11	12			
Content	12	7	6	12	12	12	8	11			
Teaching Strategies	12	9	10	11	11	12	9	11			
Closure	12	10	10	10	10	12	9	12			
Assessment/Evaluation	12	9	9	12	12	12	10	11			
References/Resources	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			
Total for Lesson Plan	**/84**										
Teaching Performance:											
Interest Approach	16										
Lesson Objectives	12										
Content Delivery	20										
Checked for Comprehension	12										
Characteristics of Effective Teaching	16										
Total for Performance	**/76**										
Questions:											
Response to Judges' Questions*	40										
Total Points (Gross)	200 x 5										
Less Time Deductions**	1 pt/sec										
Total Points (Net)	**/1000**										
Rank of Contestant											