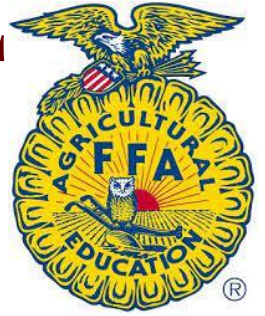


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# **SUFFIELD REGIONAL AGRISCIENCE**

**Program Guide 2024-2025**



**The plow is a symbol of labor and tillage of the soil. Without labor,  
neither knowledge nor wisdom can accomplish much.**

**The field is plowed, and we are ready to grow!**



# Suffield Regional Agriscience Center

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Welcome Back all Suffield Regional FFA Students, Friends, Family and Alumni!

I would like to start off by saying that I am honored to be serving as your 2024 - 2025 Suffield Regional FFA chapter president. Our theme the leadership team came up with this year is "Engage". The chapter leadership team is very excited to implement this theme into the chapter this year.

As chapter president I am very proud of our chapter and everything we have to offer throughout our three circle program. The part of the program I am most proud of however is our leadership opportunities. There are opportunities for everyone to get involved in leadership whether it's taking on a leadership role in the classroom, joining a committee, or even running for a leadership position. The FFA is a wonderful organization with countless opportunities and our chapter has many opportunities for students to gain leadership skills which are crucial for students' futures. The most important thing for students is encouragement to try new things which is why I am encouraging all students to try new things this school year. I am also encouraging you to encourage someone to try new things whether you are a parent encouraging your student or another student helping out a friend.

FFA and this chapter has taught me so much about life and myself but I would not be who I am today without facing my fears and getting involved and trying new things. Don't be afraid to try new things and I am looking forward to a great year with this chapter.

I am very pleased to be serving as this year's President and I can not wait to see what this year has in store for our chapter. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at [wyatt.nadeau@suffieldstudent.org](mailto:wyatt.nadeau@suffieldstudent.org)

Wyatt Nadeau

Suffield Regional FFA Chapter President

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# The Agriscience Staff



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**2024-2025**  
**Suffield Regional Agriscience Events**  
**All events and changes will be posted on the**  
**Suffield High school web page under Agriscience tab**

August 14, 2024	Chapter Officer Leadership Training COLT @ Rockville
August 22, 2024 11pm -1:00 pm	New Student Orientation
September 5, 2024 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Welcome Back Picnic All families and friends welcome!
September 7, 2024 10 am - 5 pm	Suffield on the Green
September 8, 2024 12pm - 4 pm	Suffield on the Green
September 10, 2024	Big E Landscape Construction Day: permission slip required
September 13, 2024 2:15 pm - 6 pm	New York Agriscience visits Suffield Agriculture and center tours. All students welcome !
September 18, 2024	FFA DUES and permission slip due to attend BIG E
September 19, 2024 8 am - 2pm	11th and 12th graders Suffield Regional Agriscience Day at the Big E
September 20, 2024	Wear Your FFA Shirt Day. Celebrate National TEACH AG DAY!
September 24, 2024 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	National Convention Parent and Family Information Night Meeting for students attending in 2024
September 24, 2024 6- 8 pm	Suffield High School Open House for current high school families
September 27, 2024 8am - 2 pm	Ninth and Tenth Graders Suffield Regional Chapter Big E Day And Floral Booth (Permission slip required)
October 7, 2024 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	FFA Leadership Team meeting
October 7, 2024 6:30 - 8 pm	Family, Friends and Alumni Meeting

October 9, 2024 6:30pm - 8 pm	Consulting Committee Meeting
October 23 - 27, 2024	Pumpkins for Purpose Fundraiser
October 17th, 22nd, 24th	Family Conferences
October 22 - October 27 2024	National Convention Students selected in Spring of 2024
October 28th 2:15 pm - 3: 45 pm	Leadership work after school meeting
October 30, 2024 2:15 - 5:30 pm	Fall CDE Cram Night
November 1, 2024	State CDE competition at UConn - permission slip required
November 1, 2024	End of 1st Quarter
November 4, 2024 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	FFA Leadership Team meeting
November 4, 2024 6:30 - 8 pm	Family, Friends and Alumni Meeting
November 6, 2024 6:30 - 8:00 pm	First Look Open House for interested 8th grade students Need Student and family support for this event
November 7, 2024	Equine Affaire - permission slip required
November 18, 2024	IMAGE : I am AG ED Leadership Conference for 10th, 11 th and 12th grade agriscience students
November 18th 2:15 pm - 3: 45 pm	Leadership work after school meeting
December 3 - December 6, 2024 8 am - 6 pm	FFA Annual Holiday Sale Students encouraged to stay after school to help with production
December 4, 2024 & December 5, 2024 6 pm- 8 pm	Holiday Make & Take Night Open to ALL Family, friends, Alumni and community!
December 7, 2024 10:00am - 1:00 pm	Winters Farmers market and Holiday sale

December 9, 2024 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	FFA Leadership Team meeting
December 9, 2024	Family, Friends and Alumni meeting
December 11, 2024 6:30pm - 8 pm	Consulting Committee Meeting
December 13, 2024	8th grade applications due for Agriscience class of 2029
December 16, 2024 2:15- 3:45 pm	Leadership work after school meeting
December 18, 2024	FFA Jacket day
December 18, 2024	Forever Blue Event: Celebration of American Degrees
December 19, 2024 2:15 - 4 pm	Holiday Sale Party
January 6, 2025 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	FFA Leadership Team meeting
January 6, 2025 6:30 pm - 8 pm	Family, Friends and Alumni Meeting
January 7, 2025 and January 8, 2025	8th Grade Interviews for Agriscience Class of 2029
January 13, 2025 2:15- 3:45 pm	Leadership work after school meeting
January 16th-19th, 2025	Midterm Exams
January 30, 2025 6:00 - 8:30 pm	Agriscience Capstone 6:00 - 8:30 pm Required participation by all 12th graders Strongly suggested for all current students, family and friends
February 3, 2025 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	FFA Leadership Team meeting
February 3, 2025 5:00 pm - 8 pm	Family, Friends and Alumni Red Robin Fundraiser
February 5, 2025 6:30 - 8 pm	Consulting Committee Meeting



February 10, 2025	Leadership Team practice for Greenhand Degree
February 13, 2025 6:30 - 8:00 pm	Greenhand and Chapter Degree Night 6:30 - 8:00 pm Required attendance by 9th and 10th graders. All Students, families and friends welcome
February 10 - 14, 2025	FFA Week
February 21, 2025	Ct Flower and Garden Show Permission slip required
March 3, 2025 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	FFA Leadership Team meeting
March 3, 2025 6:30 pm - 8 pm	Family, Friends and Alumni Meeting
March 10, 2025 2:15- 3:45 pm	Leadership work after school meeting
March 14, 2025	Accepted Student Day Event held during school
March 20, 2025 6:00 - 8:30 pm	Alumni - Bingo Night Fundraiser
March 26 & 27, 2025	ASTE five year program review Event held during school
April 7, 2025 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	FFA Leadership Team meeting
April 7, 2025 6:30 pm - 8 pm	Family, Friends and Alumni Meeting
April 8 - 16, 2025	FFA Ireland Trip
April 21, 2025 2:15- 3:45 pm	Leadership work after school meeting
May 5, 2025 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	FFA Leadership Team meeting
May 5, 2025 6:30 pm - 8 pm	Family, Friends and Alumni Meeting
May 6, 2025 6:30 - 8:00 pm	9th Grade Agriscience Fair 6- 6:30 pm 9th Grade SAE Night 6:30 - 8:00 pm

	Required for all 9th graders and their families
May 16, 2025	Spring CDE's at UCONN Dairy Judging, Vet science, Natural Resources, Food Science
May 14, 2025 5:30 - 8:30 pm	FFA Awards Night
May 22, 2025 During School	Geranium Planting Day
May 28, 2025 During School	New Leadership Team Nominating Committee and Interview Day
May 29, 2025	Leadership Team election and Chapter Meeting
June 2nd 2025 2:15 - 3:30 pm	FFA Leadership Team meeting
June 2nd 2025 6:30 - 8 pm	Family, Friends and Alumni Meeting
ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND CHANGES IN DATES AND TIMES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE USING THE AGRISCIENCE TAB	



Link to Suffield High School Webpage

**Description of Agriscience Events:** *Please note not every event will be listed.*

*Updates will be made on the Agriscience section of the Suffield High School website*

### **Welcome Back Picnic: September 5th**



Welcome back picnic is an event where we welcome back all our Ag students and families!! Students and families can talk to the leadership team for more information on what is going on in the year and enjoy spending time together. It's a great time to get your shirt, order your FFA Jacket and there will be FFA gear available by the FFA Alumni

### **Suffield On the Green September 6th- 7th**

Suffield on the Green has been a tradition for Suffield for over 50 years. It is a two-day event where many non-profit organizations come and set up tents together to show off who they are and what they do such as scouts or churches.

Local artists and crafters sell things like paintings, honey, jewelry etc. There are things for younger kids to do as well like face painting and bouncy houses. There also are food vendors and bands! All parents and students are invited to help at this event. There will be a sign up to attend or just show up in your FFA Tee shirt to help. We will need parent volunteers to be chaperones

you can sign up at the  
Welcome back picnic!!





## Big E Landscape Construction September 10th

Big E landscaping and duck pond gives students the opportunity to design and build a duck pond and landscape at the Big E! The landscape is entered into a competition. Duck pond is showcased in the Big E's Farmarama Building. This opportunity can help students to get involved early on/help gain SAE experience. This event requires a permission slip. Up to 15 students will be able to participate after school from 2:15- 7 pm. Students taking the Landscape Design class and AG II Turfgrass Landscape project class have priority. Additional students will attend based on turned in permission slips and dues paid.



**September 20th:**

SUFFIELD Celebrates  
Teach AG DAY: Wear  
Your FFA Shirt





**September 18th:** FFA dues and permission slip due if you want to go to the BIG E!

## **What is the Big E?**

**11th and 12th grade students : September 19th 8 am - 1 pm**

**9th and 10th grade students : September 27th 9:30 am - 4 pm**



The Big E is abbreviated for “The Eastern States Exposition.” It is New England’s biggest fair. There are tons of food, vendors, concerts, and livestock. It starts the second Friday after Labor Day. The Big E is a huge event in the agriculture community. There are tons of Livestock displays there. There is a big horse show that they do every year. Small animals are also shown there too, such as dogs and bunnies. If you are in 4-H or are interested in it, this is a good place to be.

Our students attend to work at a floral booth, agriculture exhibits and walk in the parade. Students will need to turn in a permission slip that is signed by their academic Students will wear their 2024-2025 FFA Tee shirt.

**We will need parent volunteers to be chaperones!!**



### **October 29th - 31st Pumpkins for Purpose**

Each year the Floral Design class and the community service committee join to make floral pumpkin arrangements and sell them for a designated charity. The committee will decide the charity as part of the committee work. There will be an opportunity for students to stay after school to make the arrangements. Last year the cost was \$25.00. The order form will be available through the Suffield High School web page for a VERY limited time. Pumpkins will be available for pick up during parent conferences this year!

### **October 22nd - October 26th**

#### **National Convention**

The 97th National FFA Convention is scheduled for October 22nd -26th. More details will follow!

### **November 1st**

#### **UConn CDE Competition**

Four students will be selected for each of the FALL CDE's to compete at the State competition. Teams will practice with their CDE coach, and the team will be selected in October. Students will have to submit a permission slip signed by academic teachers to attend.

### **November 6th: First Look**

First look culminates our recruiting season for 8th grade students. We provide an open house experience for families who are interested in learning more about the agriscience program at Suffield High school. We ask that current students and families attend to offer information to inquiring families. Current agriscience students and families need to help with tours, facilitate room discussions and answer questions. We would love for you to plan to attend this event. Applications for 8th grade students will be December 13th followed by interviews January 7th and 8th.



# Holiday Sale



The Suffield FFA Holiday Sale provides agriscience students a chance to raise funds for various leadership conferences, chapter activities and events while also learning skills in operating a business and working with customers. Each student will help take part in making wreaths, kissing balls, swags, and birch reindeer, which are sold in the large animal facility to family members, teachers, and the community!

We have loved the community participation of our Make and Take it Nights! In 2024, we will expand

our community construction nights to two evenings, November 29th and November 30th.

We encourage families, friends, graduates and community members to pre-register so we can have your supplies ready for you! The pre registration form will be available on the school website.

Coffee, hot chocolate and light refreshments will be provided. There will be two design shifts available each night (6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm). First come first serve on availability of spots during the shifts. You are also welcome to attend and help with construction of holiday products for our sale. There will be a spot on the sign up to denote if you plan to attend but not purchase.





The Saturday market is a great opportunity for our students to sell their SAE products to the public.

**Our store hours are 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m on December 4th and 5th  
and on December 3rd and and December 6th till 6 pm**



**We will also be open on Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. as part of the Suffield Winter Farmers Market.**

**How else can Families help support the FFA Holiday? Donate materials**

Do you have a holly bush that needs pruning or some white pine or cedar that could use a few less branches? Don't throw away those white pine pinecones! We can use them to make wreaths, Holiday pots and swags! Starting November 20th drop off all gathered supplies in front of or behind the LAF. The agriscience staff and students will really appreciate it! We need supplies to decorate. Thank you for your help and support!



### **December 18th Forever Blue Celebration**

The American Degree is the highest degree a member can earn in the FFA. It requires 50 hours of community service, involvement in the FFA on the chapter, state, and national level and over 2,500 hours documented as part of their out of school agriculture projects. Only 1% of the FFA membership earn this degree. This celebration is scheduled so that we can locally recognize the accomplishments of our students who earned their American

Degree in 2024. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please park in the main school parking lot and check in through the main school office.



### **January 30, 2025, Agriscience Senior Capstone:**



As part of their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program, senior Agriscience students are required to make a "Capstone Achievement Presentation" of their SAE experience. All seniors create a 15-minute presentation explaining their growth and development through the four-year program. It is an excellent opportunity for families to celebrate our seniors as well as to learn more about possible SAE project opportunities. Families are encouraged to attend.

### February 13th Greenhand Degree Night



Each first-year high school student in FFA will receive the first five FFA Degrees, the Greenhand Degree. Students will take an introduction to the FFA unit as part of the freshman course work and will prepare for their Greenhand test. All students must

earn an 80 or higher on the test to earn their degree.

On February 15th there is a formal FFA ceremony for families and friends to attend to celebrate this achievement. It is often one of the first events where you wear your FFA jacket!



### February 13 th Chapter Degree Night

Each second-year high school student in FFA will receive the second five degrees, the Chapter Degree. Usually after the Greenhand Degree Ceremonies we will hold our Chapter Degree Ceremony where teachers hand them their certificate and Chapter Degree Pin for your FFA Jacket when you walk across the stage!

### FFA Week February 10th - 14th

National FFA Week always runs Saturday to Saturday and encompasses Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday. This year, the Suffield Regional chapter will celebrate with a kickoff event on Feb 13th. And includes the Greenhand and Chapter degree ceremony. National FFA Week is a time for FFA members to share agriculture with their fellow students as well as their communities. Chapters also give back to their communities through service projects during FFA Week. Stay tuned to see how Suffield will celebrate the week!



## March 20th

## 6 pm - 8:30 pm

## BINGO AGStravaganza!!

## Family Friendly fundraiser for FFA

Gather your friends and join us for a fun evening playing Bingo in the High school Cafeteria for agriculturally themed prizes. Last year we had a Yeti cooler, tickets to Red socks and so much more! All profits benefit students attending FFA events.



### **March 14th Accepted Student Day**

The class of 2029 accepted students are encouraged to spend the day at Suffield High School on Friday March 14th to learn more about the agriscience program. Incoming students will take part in workshops, classes, and information sessions to best prepare for the transition into the high school and the agriscience program. This event is planned by the Ag Ambassadors as part of the Recruiting committee. Current freshmen are strongly encouraged to assist with this event!



### **May 6th SAE Night**

First years students and families should reserve this night to attend this evening program that is devoted to increasing family understanding of the Agriscience program requirements. The agriscience teachers and students will review SAE hours, AET documentation and community service requirements. Formal and informal SAE visits will be explained and there will be ample opportunity for questions.

Additional All 9th grade students will present their science fair project. Students will be available to discuss their SAE research project and answer any questions.



## May 14th Agriscience Awards Night

At the end of every school year, the Ag department hosts an Awards Night! This is a special night for all students in the ag program. Teachers announce awards for each of their classes or areas, with someone from each grade receiving each award. There are also senior specific awards, some of which come with scholarships! For freshmen, the Star Greenhand award is given to one dedicated freshman each year. At the awards ceremony, CDE and LDE pins (which you will read about later) are handed out to anyone who participated. The annual Awards Night allows the chapter to celebrate the achievements of our students and put a close on the school year. This year, the Awards Night is May 14th, and all families and friends will be invited to attend! Hope to see you there!

## May 22nd Geranium Planting Day

Students grow the geraniums in the greenhouse throughout the late winter and early spring. Students attending this field trip will gain community service hours by working with the Suffield VFW, and planting geraniums before the Memorial day weekend celebrations.





## The Suffield Regional FFA Leadership Team



Leadership Position	Student Name
President	Wyatt Nadeau
Vice President	Claire Halasi-Kun
Recruitment	Brianna Royce
Secretary	Sam Motta
Treasurer	Luca Ortiz
Economic Development	Lea Bohne
Reporter	Anna Griffin
Ag Advocacy	Simone Sheltra
Sentinel	Erika Lavery
Parliamentarian	Sacha Nelson
Historian	Rowena O'Sullivan
Supply Officer	Amanda Ahlquist

## Makes Agriscience Education Different

### The Three Circle Program

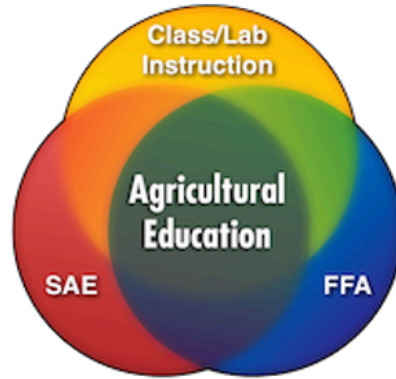
The Agriscience program is made up of the three-circle program. The three-circle program consists of FFA, SAE, and instruction. The main purpose of this is to learn skills that you can apply later in life. These skills can range anywhere from the history of agriculture to how to fix a tractor. The possibilities are endless, it all depends on what interests you.

Suffield Regional FFA is made up of many amazing people who have a strong passion for agriculture. But our school is just a small part of FFA. FFA is across the world. In FFA you learn the history behind it all.

You not only learn who founded the FFA and what the letters stand for, but you get to learn about how it has evolved over time. Through FFA you get to learn how to be a stronger leader and an all-around better person.

SAE stands for Supervised Agricultural Experience. I know it may sound scary at first, but it really isn't. It is all about taking what interests you and turning into a project that you can watch grow. These projects can range anywhere from researching plants to raising livestock. The best part is you don't have to live on a farm to have a strong SAE. You need to have 150 hours working on these projects. It could be research or hands on. It is all about trial and error and figuring out which path suits you the best. You may think you know exactly what you want to do but, I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone a little bit and try something new. You may find out another thing you are passionate about, or you may decide it wasn't a path for you. But you can at least say you tried.

Classroom instructions are the third circle. The best part about being in ag is that your classroom could be anywhere. One day you could be in the food science lab and the next you may be in the Large Animal Facility. Classroom instructions are not all about sitting in a classroom taking notes. If you are being taught something and you are taking it in, you are learning. Depending on which class you are in, taking notes may be the best way to present the information you're learning but in other classes hands on may be the best way. Classroom instructions can be presented in so many ways.

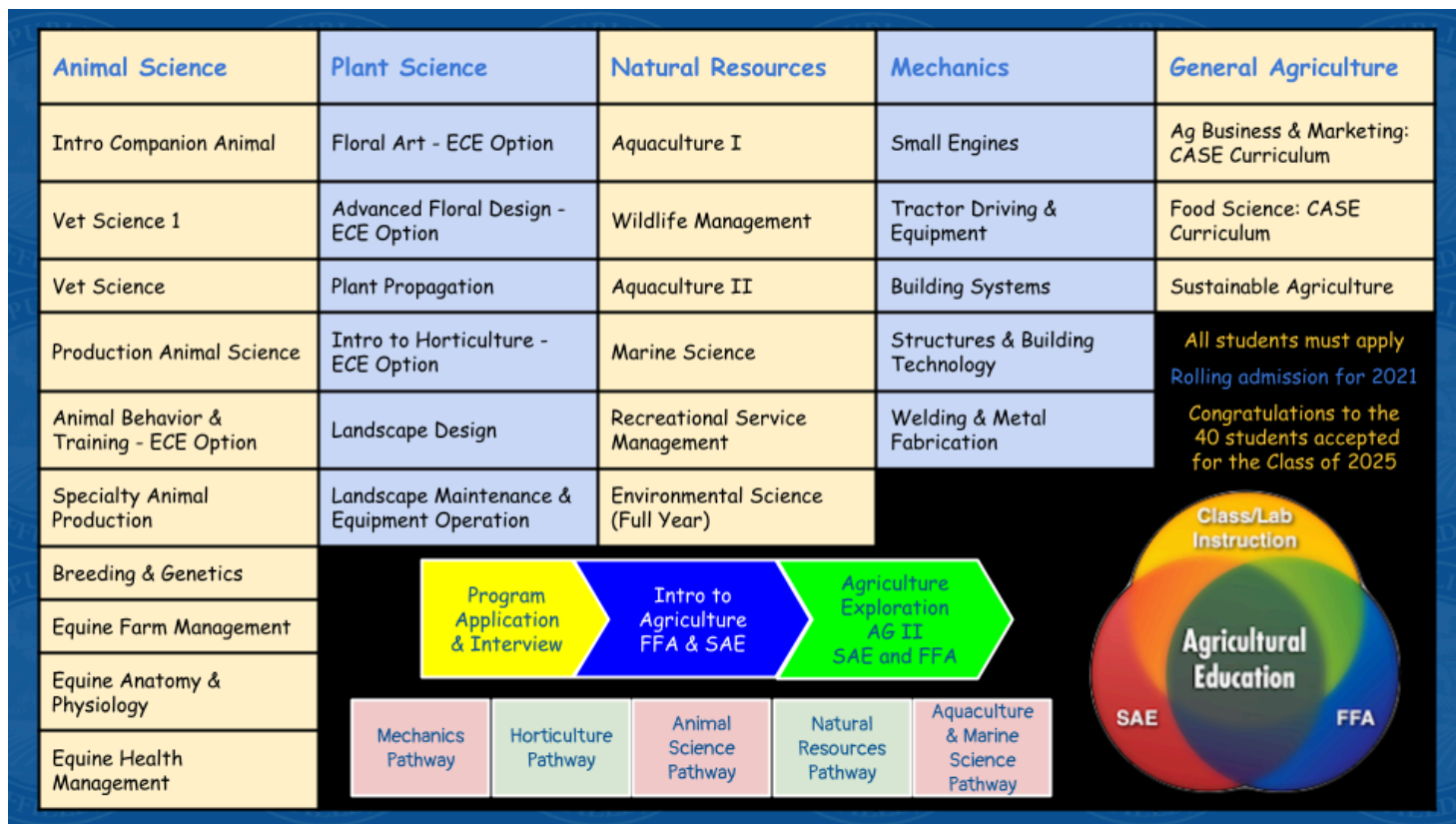


**FIGURE 1.** The National agriculture education comprehensive program model consists of class/lab instruction, FFA and SAE. The three-circle agriculture education model depicted by Nebraska Department of Agriculture (2020)

The three-circle program helps you extend your knowledge. Each part works hand in hand with each other. You may learn something in class that you then apply to your SAE and that is the whole goal. The ag program helps you grow and reach your goals in life.

### Agriscience Course Work

Ninth grade students will take a year-long introduction to agriculture education course and are required to complete OSHA 10-hour agriculture training. During the freshman year, they will rotate between four teachers to learn core principles in each of the agriculture pathways. As sophomores, they take Agriculture Biology and begin to select courses based on their interests from the five agriculture pathways available at Suffield. As a Junior and Senior, students specialize in advanced course work to establish their pathway in either plant science, animal science, ag business, natural resources, or power systems. Many students decide to follow a general agriculture education pathway as their agriculture interests include multiple areas. Course work balances classroom instruction with lab experiences. Students develop their knowledge and practice the attached skills that prepare students for careers in agriculture.





## General SAE

While you're in the agriscience program you will have to have something called a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). Your SAE project can range from gardening, to carving sculptures out of wood, to taking care of livestock. Basically, anything can be an SAE project if you find a way to work some agriscience creativity into what you want to do! And you can have more than one project if you have multiple areas of interest.

Every year (January 1st - December 31st.) you will have to gain 150 hours of experience from your SAE project(s). This might sound a little scary gaining 150 hours a year, but don't worry. If you are invested and passionate about your SAE project(s) you will have no problem gaining your 150 hours. And even if you do feel like you're struggling with gaining all your hours, you will have an SAE Advisor (one of the agriscience teachers) who is there to check in and help you with your project.

At the end of every SAE year, you will start to work on a Capstone project. This project involves talking about your SAE project(s) and what you learned, what you need to improve upon, and what your future goals are. At the end of your senior year, there is a capstone night where you will present your complete SAE journey to the chapter, and anyone else who comes to watch!



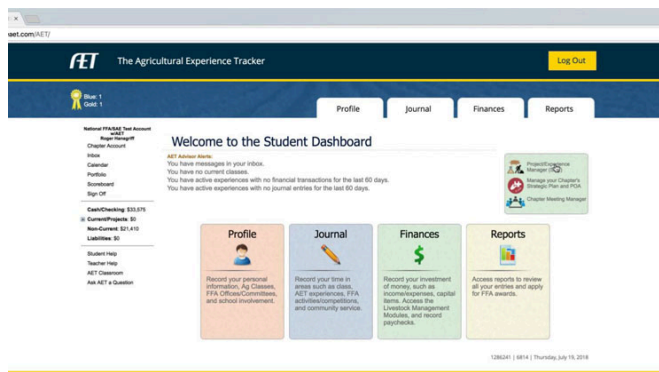
## Community Service:

In addition to your SAE hours, you are required to also gain 10 hours of community service every year as well. Community service is volunteering somewhere to help your community. However, your community service does have to be different from your SAE project. Some examples of community service are volunteering at a church or food bank, mowing/shoveling people's yards, and even picking up trash around your neighborhood.



## AET:

Now you may be wondering how you are going to keep track of all your SAE hours. Well, you'll be using something called The Agricultural Experience Tracker (AET). During your freshman year you'll get your login information and will learn how to update your profile, log your agriscience classes, and create journal entries for your SAE hours. AET is helpful and will eventually become your best friend in terms of keeping track of your hours. You can even earn different badges in AET for certain things you've logged!

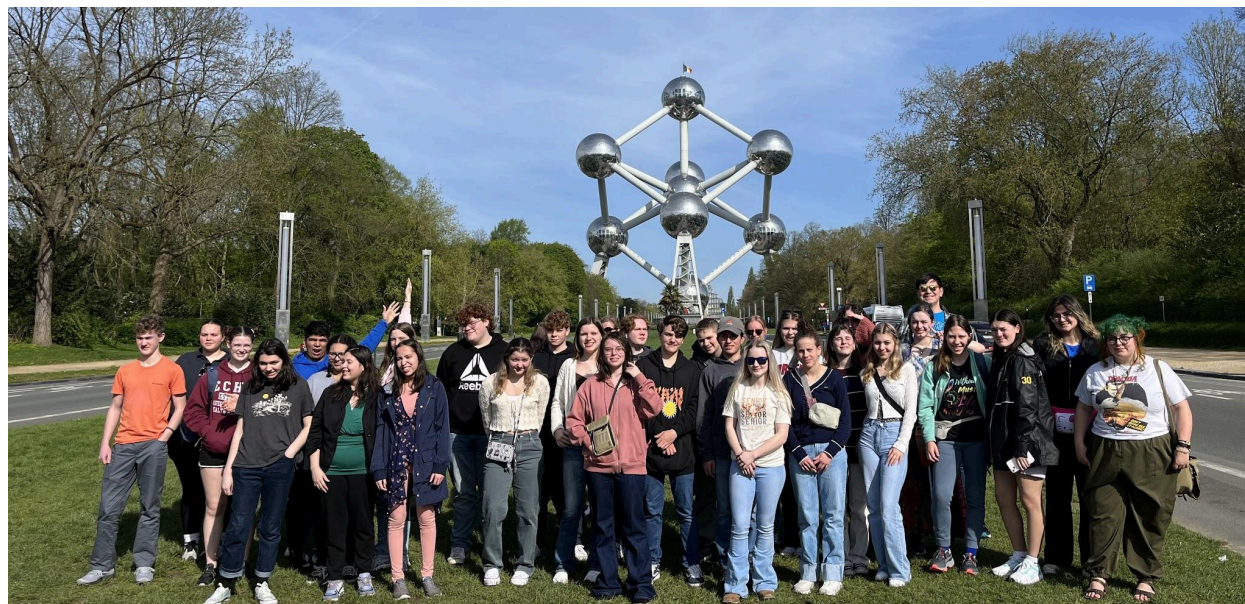


## Career Safe OSHA



All first-year students

participate in the **10-hour OSHA Agriculture Safety Training for Agriculture** course as part of the agriculture curriculum. The Career Safe program is an interactive online program that addresses safety concerns and training that is necessary in today's world. Students will learn about their rights and responsibilities in the school and workplace and gain valuable knowledge about how they can protect themselves and others. This certification will allow us to ensure a common set of knowledge about safety. Once your student completes the Online OSHA 10-hour Agriculture Industry training course they will receive an OSHA course completion card. This is an industry valuable certification that will be valid for four years.





## Student Expectations and the FFA Code of Ethics

The Agriscience program is dedicated to growing young people to be knowledgeable, skilled and responsible agriculture advocates. Students and their families agree by signing the expectation agreement and the FFA Code of Ethics to be held accountable for their actions and decisions. It is hoped that these signed agreements can be utilized as a teaching tool to inspire and strengthen positive attributes of all agriscience students.

### Agriscience Student Expectations Agreement

#### Directions:

1. Please read and sign this form.
2. Retain the yellow copy for your records.



#### *Student Retention Policies*

It is the goal of the Suffield Regional Agriscience Program for all students to be successful at Suffield High School. The school offers numerous services to assist students in all aspects of school life. In order to maintain a desired level of student performance, routine reviews are conducted for all students enrolled in the Agriscience Program.

Six performance criteria have been established for continued participation in the Agriscience program. They are as follows:

1. The student must be present in school in all of his/her classes at least 80% of the time.
2. The student must exhibit satisfactory performance in all Agriscience courses.
3. The student must be on track for graduation with his/her class by receiving passing grades for all classes.
4. The student must exhibit satisfactory self-control in and out of the classroom setting.
5. The student must have an acceptable work experience (Supervised Agricultural Experience or SAE) project each year after freshman year.
6. Student must adhere to the FFA Code of Ethics.

A student's performance is reviewed at the end of every marking period by members of the Agriscience and Counseling departments and the Principal's office. Students not meeting one or more of the six performance criteria listed above are placed on a probationary status. Students who remain on a probationary status after the end-of-the-year review are subject to dismissal from the Agriscience program. Students dismissed from the program who are not residents of Suffield must return to their home high school. Also, students may be subject to removal from the program at any time during the school year.

#### *Supervised Agricultural Experience*

All 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must acquire a minimum of 150 hours of approved SAE work experience each year. Hours are counted from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### *FFA*

Since the FFA (for the Future of Agriculture) student leadership portion of the program is intra-curricular, all students enrolled in the Agriscience program are expected to become a dues-paid member of the FFA for each year they are enrolled. Attendance, adherence to the code of ethics and participation in a minimum of 5 FFA activities per calendar year is expected.

#### *Appeals*

Any student denied admission to a program of Agriscience & Technology or who is about to be dismissed from one, shall be given an opportunity to request an informal review of his/her case before a Review Committee. The committee will be comprised of representation from the sending district, the operating district, Agriscience & Technology staff and the Regional Advisory committee. Any such request must be made within 15 days of the notice of non-acceptance or dismissal. The committee shall meet within 20 days of such request and shall notify in writing, the student and the sending Board of Education, of its decision within 10 days of the review. This decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## FFA Code of Ethics

We will conduct ourselves at all times in order to be a credit to our organization, chapter, school, and community by:

- Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
- Showing respect for the rights of others and being courteous at all times.
- Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.
- Respecting the property of others.
- Refraining from loud, boisterous talk, swearing and other unbecoming conduct.
- Demonstrating sportsmanship in the showing, at career development events and meetings, and being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
- Attending meetings promptly and respecting the opinion of others in discussion.
- Taking pride in our organization, activities, supervised experience programs, exhibits and the occupation of agriculture.
- Sharing with others experiences and knowledge gained by attending national and state meetings.



In addition to these guidelines set out by our national organization, we will also meet and exceed the expectations of our local organization as outlined below.

1. Follow all school policies regardless of if we are at a local, regional, state or national event. This includes the drug and alcohol policy. **We understand that students who do not adhere to school policies are subject to being sent home at the expense of the parent.**
2. Students are expected to act appropriately and respectfully at all times.
3. We understand that we are **always** representing our chapter, school, and community to the best of our ability.
4. Students should plan to follow any given instructions from the staff or chaperone.
5. Official dress prevents students from using foul language, wearing hats, or any other offensive behavior as deemed by supervising staff.
6. **Any discretion from these guidelines may result in immediate dismissal from the FFA activity at the family's expense and probation period that may result in program dismissal.**

We have read and agree to these guidelines as explained above. We understand that a violation of this Code of Conduct may result in the student's dismissal at their own expense.

Student name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Career Development Events (CDE's)

Suffield Regional FFA offers a wide variety of Career Development Events (CDE's). Our program offers CDE's year-round! All these CDE's allow you to advance to district, state, and national levels of competition for which you can receive significant recognition and accomplishments! Not only this but these events allow you to advance in your area of interests and get experience for a specific career path. Upon completion of a CDE event you will receive a participation certificate and a pin for your jacket! You could receive more if you win any competitions!

**Teams are encouraged to attend the  
following full practices**

September 18th 2:15- 3:30

October 2nd 2:15- 3:30

October 16th 2:15 - 3:30

CRAM NIGHT October 30 th 2:15 - 5 pm

COMPETITION At Uconn November 1st

Additional practice may occur during Wildcat, as arranged by the coach and the team

CDE Pathway			
<b>Horticulture</b>	Nursery Landscape Fall	Floriculture Fall	
<b>Animal Science</b>	Horse Judging Fall	Livestock Judging Fall	Dairy Judging Spring
<b>Animal Science</b>	Poultry Fall	Vet science Spring	
<b>Mechanics</b>	Mechanics Spring	Tractor Driving Spring	
<b>Natural resources</b>	Forestry Fall	Natural Resources Spring	Aquaculture Spring
<b>Science</b>	Dairy foods Fall	Meats Fall	Food Science Spring

## Leadership Development Events

The whole purpose of LDE's is to give students the opportunity to grow as leaders. The first LDE you can take part in is creed speaking. You can participate in this as a freshman. Your job is to memorize the five paragraphs of the creed and present it to a panel of judges. Prepared public speaking is where you write an essay about a topic in agriculture and then memorize it. After you memorize it, you recite it to the judges. Finally, our school offers extemporaneous. You have a total of 12 topics of agriculture, and you need to pick the top three that interest you. You will then have thirty-five minutes to prepare using the five resources you brought with you. to write and then present a four to six minutes to present your speech to a panel of judges as well as answer their questions. LDEs are a great way to expand on so many life skills.

Team LDE Events	Individual LDE Events
Ag Issues	Prepared Public Speaking
Ag Marketing	Extemporaneous
Parliamentary Procedure	Creed (1st year only)
Quiz Bowl (1st year only)	Ag Science fair
Opening ceremonies (1st and 2nd year Only)	Job Interview

### Minorities in Agriculture and Natural Resources (MANRRS)

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a framework for the academic, professional and social development of minority students within the field of Agriculture and related areas.

**MANRRS** promotes interaction between and among its students, professional members, and other organizations and institutions. **MANRRS** prepares youth for leadership roles through mentoring, networking, and the free exchange of ideas among members. This newly formed Suffield high school based organization will meet both after school and during wildcat. All students are welcome to participate.

This year Mannrs hopes to

1. Create a list of Internships and cooperative training experiences that may be utilized for field trips and guest speaker events.
2. Promote networking and communication with other Mannrs Chapters, attend other events at local schools
3. Consider attendance to the Annual National Career Fair and Training Conference both regionally and nationally







## **Want to be more involved within the Suffield Regional FFA Chapter?**

Committees are a back-bone to our chapter and help plan many different events that we do throughout the year to either raise money for our chapter, benefit our students, recruit incoming students from other towns to our chapter and help our community discover the many different possibilities agriculture holds!

**There are Six FFA Leadership committees you can choose to be on.**

**Healthy Lifestyles, Chapter Recruitment, Agriculture Literacy, Agriculture Advocacy, Citizenship and Economic development.**

**Committee will meet during wildcat on Thursdays! Plan to schedule!**

**Here are descriptions of our amazing committees that YOU CAN JOIN!**

### **Healthy Lifestyles:**

The Healthy Lifestyles Committee is designed to help support the emotional and physical well-being of all students. We plan fun activities, including goat yoga, Fall Festival, and the Holiday Sale party. We also plan activities to advocate for the safety and wellness of our students. This also may include activities to include students that are not enrolled in the agriscience program so that ag students and non-ag students can blend and participate in events together.

### **Chapter Recruitment:**

The Chapter Recruitment Committee is designed to help students get more involved in the chapter, especially freshman. Our main goal is to recruit as many people as we can into the ag program and make sure they feel welcomed as well as plan for the incoming freshman the next year. To start the year off we have freshman orientation for the ag students. Throughout this event we play games, icebreakers, and answer questions so the students start to get to know one another. Within chapter recruitment is ag ambassadors. Ag ambassadors are a group of students who work together to welcome the incoming freshman. We write letters congratulating them as well as welcoming them. One event we plan is accepted students' day which is a day filled with games and activities to welcome them to the program as well as start to get to know each other. Our main goal is to make sure all the students feel welcome.

### **Citizenship:**

The Citizenship Committee caters community service opportunities to students. In the past, this committee has been responsible for the cleanliness of the Suffield parks as well as making sure that food banks are fully stocked to ensure the unfortunate can eat. More notable accolades include contributing to the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

Although the Citizenship Committee offers basic opportunities for students to participate, they are encouraged to find fun and creative ways to become more involved in their communities. Remember, there are endless ways that you as an individual can help do good in the world!



### **Ag Literacy:**

Each FFA Chapter has a scrapbook that they maintain every year. It reflects on the history of the chapter and is very significant. The Scrapbook includes The Leadership Team, SAE, Community Service, and FFA Activities.

That's where our Ag Literacy Committee comes in. It is our job to work with our current Historian to create pages for the scrapbook. We add photos, and design the edges with different types of paper, drawings etc. With that we add a brief description and date. FFA Scrapbooks can be entered at the Regional and State level.

Last year the committee worked as a team to create both a virtual scrapbook and a physical one. Due to Covid-19, we figured that would be the best way to handle our task. We would love to see more students involved in this committee; work will get done at a faster pace.

### **Ag Advocacy:**

The Ag Advocacy committee is designed to spread awareness of Agriculture. We do this through local newspapers, posters around school and around town, and our annual FFA week. FFA Week consists of themes for each of the 5 days and a chapter meeting where our members can compete in different fun activities.

Our goal this year is to host Ag Expo, which is our biannual event where our members can show their array of agriculture experience and knowledge. Students can run different rooms and can also prepare presentations to give as well. One other goal this year is to host an FFA Dance at the end of FFA week to celebrate all our chapter's members and the program itself.

## FFA Degrees!



Just like all other FFA programs at surrounding schools, Suffield Regional FFA provides you with the opportunity to earn four of the National FFA degrees. Three of which you can earn in high school. Here's a list of the four degrees Suffield Agriscience students can earn and a little bit more about them.

**Greenhand:** This is the first level of degrees in which it's awarded to freshmen who have learned and demonstrated the basics of FFA. Which includes a variety of things such as the memorization of the FFA Creed and plans for an SAE. Upon completion of this degree, you will receive a certificate and a bronze pin to put on your jacket!

**Chapter:** This is the second level of degrees that is awarded to sophomores and requires a higher dedication and commitment to the program. Meaning that as part of the requirements for this degree, you must have completed 180 hours of agricultural school instruction and have completed the 150-hour SAE requirements. After being awarded this degree, you will receive another certificate and a silver pin for your jacket!

**State:** This is the third highest degree overall and is awarded to juniors and seniors. This is the last one you can obtain while in high school. Unlike the Greenhand and Chapter Degrees, this one requires more than some of the basics of the program. For example, some of the requirements of this degree include: 300 hours total in SAE's, 25 hours of community service, 5 FFA activities above the chapter level, etc. Upon completion of this degree, you will receive another certificate and a gold chain with a pin to hang from your jacket.

**American:** This is the final and highest degree an FFA member can receive. Less than 1% of all FFA members earn this degree. It's also known as the "gold standard" This degree is awarded to graduated FFA members now in college or one year out of high school. After the completion of this degree, you will receive a certificate and a gold FFA degree pin for your jacket. This will be awarded at the annual FFA National Convention.





## **Suffield Regional FFA Friends, Family & Alumni**

# **OPEN to EVERYONE!!**

As the new school year begins, we would like to take this time to welcome you to the Suffield Regional FFA Friends, Family & Alumni. The Suffield FFA Alumni is much like a school PTO group. We are here to support our students in the Agriscience /FFA program. Our Alumni is made up of members past and present, as well as parents and friends of the Suffield Agriscience /FFA program. We would like to invite you to our monthly meeting and to join us on our group Facebook page. Not on Facebook, no worries, we also send information out by email. This will keep you included and informed as to what is happening throughout our Agriscience program & FFA Alumni year.



On Facebook? Ask to join our group Facebook page- Suffield Regional FFA Friends, Family & Alumni. We have made this group public so members can share events with family and friends however you do have to request to join. Please answer the questions we provided then submit your request to join. Hope you will check it out!

We hope you will consider participating in at least one of our fundraisers. All money that is raised by our members and families are directed back to the students in so many ways. Such as scholarships, awards, FFA jackets, food and drinks, National's trip and so much more. More information will be emailed and posted on our group Facebook page.

Alumni Meetings are scheduled for the 2024-2025 school year. Everyone can attend. All meetings start at 6:30 pm in Dr. LaFlamme's classroom, 508 A. A google meet option is available . [meet.google.com/gxx-mcut-anq](https://meet.google.com/gxx-mcut-anq) Phone Numbers (US)+1 302-307-4293 PIN: 969 418 194#

Link is also posted on the Suffield High School page on the Agriscience webpage tab.

Every meeting starts with an update by FFA officers about activities that have occurred and are planned followed by a program update by the agriscience director and there is always time to ask questions. The rest of the meeting time is devoted to planning upcoming events and may provide work time for specific upcoming events. Alumni meetings are adjourned no later than 8:00 pm.

### 2024-2025 Family Friends and Alumni meetings

Suffield on The Green Family and student event	September 6th and 7th	Come stop by the booth on the Suffield Green and help out for an hour shift!
Suffield BIG E Day 11th and 12th grade	September 19th 8 am - 1 pm	We will need parent chaperones!! Spend the day at the Big E with students!!
Suffield BIG E Day 9th and 10th grade	September 27th 9:30 - 4:00	We will need parent chaperones!! Spend the day at the Big E with students!!
Family Friends and Alumni Meeting	October 7th 6:30 -8 pm <a href="https://meet.google.com/gxx-mcut-ang">meet.google.com/gxx-mcut-ang</a> Phone Numbers (US)+1 302-307-4293 PIN: 969 418 194#	Meeting focus: Planning for the new year
Family Friends and Alumni Meeting	November 4th 6:30 -8 pm	Meeting focus: Holiday sale and winter fundraisers
First Look	November 6th 6 - 8 pm	Families need to help inform prospective parents and students about the program.
Make and Take it Night	December 4th & 5th 6 pm & 7pm-8 pm	Make a wreath and take it home to support the Holiday Sale fundraiser
Holiday Sale Saturday Market	December 7th 10 - 2 pm	We need families to help sell coffee, donuts and help out with sales.
Family Friends and Alumni Red Robin Fundraiser	December 9th 5:00 -8 pm	Come have dinner and make money for the FFA Alumni
Family Friends and Alumni Meeting	January 6th 6:30 -8 pm	Meeting focus: Spring event planning
Family Friends and Alumni Meeting	February 3rd 6:30 -8 pm	Meeting focus: Degree night and Bingo planning
Family Friends and Alumni Meeting	March 3rd 6:30 -8 pm	Meeting Focus: Spring planning
BINGO Agstravaganza	March 20th	Fundraiser for FFA, come play!!
ASTE 5 year review	March 26th & 27th	Need parents to attend for interviews

Family Friends and Alumni Meeting	April 7th 6:30 -8 pm	Meeting Focus: Reunion
Family Friends and Alumni Meeting	May 5th 6:30 -8 pm	Meeting focus: Award ceremony and end of year preparation
Agriscience Award ceremony	May 1th 6:30 -8 pm	Save the date! Families encouraged to attend. More information on how to help with Silent auction to follow!

## Supporting FFA Jacket

**Each year Family Friends and Alumni has supported students paying for their FFA jackets. This year jackets will be ordered in the FALL. The jacket and tie/scarf is ordered through the National FFA Supply store. If you buy directly from the FFA.Org site, it will cost \$60.00 for the jacket and \$16.00 for tie/scarf plus shipping and handling. The FFA Alumni offers support and decreases the cost of the jacket and tie to \$50.00 for families.**



## Suffield Regional FFA Family Friends and Alumni Supervised Agricultural Experience Loan Program



The Suffield Regional FFA Family Friends and Alumni Association is excited to offer a student loan program to the Suffield Regional Agriscience FFA Members.

Students may borrow money only for their Supervised Agricultural education project and must submit a business plan along with the following application.

Payment plans will be submitted by the student and their parent/guardian., and will be reviewed and approved by the loan Committee during the loan approval process. Repayment will be based on their enterprise.

All loans will have a 1% interest rate attached to the loan.



## WHAT IS A REGIONAL AGRICULTURE CONSULTING COMMITTEE?

A Regional Agriculture Consulting Committee is a formally organized group to advise the operating Board of Education on matters pertaining to the program of agriculture education. The members selected to serve on the committee are recognized for their knowledge of agriculture, related occupations, and education. Though the body possesses no legal authority, their task is to advise the operating Board of Education regarding policy, programs, services, and procedures related to the regional agriculture program. The Suffield Regional Committee meets a minimum of two times each year with additional special assignments. We strive to have two members per town. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Laura LaFlamme.

### The 2024-25 Suffield Regional Agriscience Consulting Committee

<b>Sending District</b>	<b>Committee Representative</b>	<b>Committee Representative</b>
<b>Avon</b>		
<b>Canton</b>	<b>Cheryl Cleaves</b>	
<b>East Granby</b>	<b>Lisa Griffin</b>	
<b>East Windsor</b>	<b>Michaela Mullarkey</b>	<b>Frank Lutwinas</b>
<b>Enfield</b>	<b>Sam Smyth</b>	<b>Bill Guzie</b>
<b>Hartland</b>	<b>Ken Manzer</b>	<b>Rachel Manzer</b>
<b>Granby</b>	<b>Eric Ducharme</b>	<b>Aimee Gilbert</b>
<b>Simsbury</b>		
<b>Somers</b>	<b>Crisitna Reardon</b>	
<b>Suffield</b>	<b>Ang Minnocci Lefcheck</b>	<b>Matthew Lefcheck : Chairperson</b>
<b>West Suffield</b>	<b>Kathy Dunai-Thibedeau</b>	
<b>West Hartford</b>	<b>Jenn Cushman</b>	
<b>Windsor Locks</b>	<b>Christine Lesnieski</b>	<b>Lexi Ratti : Secretary</b>

#### Meeting Dates:

October 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00 pm : ASTE Program review update, Officer elections

December 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8 pm, ASTE Program review

February 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8 pm ASTE Program

## Additional General Information

**Bus:** For all the schools that send buses to pick up students, they will be in the furthest line from the school at the end of the day. Each of the buses is labeled for the town that it is driving for to make it easy for students to get on. If your town sends a van instead of a bus, they will be parked facing the buses on the far right. The vans are also labeled.



### Computers:

All students

receive their own school issued Chromebook if they choose to use it. Along with the Chromebook the school gives each student a charger and protective carrying case. Each student has the option to pay for insurance to cover most damages that may happen to the Chromebook over the school year. All broken school issued Chromebook are eligible to be brought down to SWAT which is our student run tech department located in the library. There students work to fix your Chromebook during their wildcat and free periods. School issued Chromebook are monitored meaning that the school does have access to your search history and downloads even when off school Wi-Fi. School issued Chromebook also block certain websites and apps such as cool math games, Grammarly, and twitch. This is again to ensure that Chromebook are only used for school purposes, please be respectful to the property. Please only use school issued devices for school activities and appropriate searches to avoid being flagged.

## Lockers

Each student is given a personal locker which they will be able to use during all four years of their time at Suffield High School, because lockers don't change there is no guarantee that your locker will be by your classes every year. Students are not required to use their lockers but are welcome to do so as they please. Typically, students will stop at their lockers during passing time and lunch periods.



## Breakfast and Lunch

Parents are strongly encouraged to set up a FREE account with [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) even if you do not use it to pay for meals, you can track your child's account purchases and balance. There are three lunch waves that will run during one specified period every day. The cafeteria offers many different options for lunch including a "hot" lunch which changes daily, burgers, pizza, chicken tenders, and salads. There are many different sides available to students ranging from tater tots to a variety of fruit depending on the season. Please know that many students choose to bring their own lunch!

## Clubs, Sports and Drama

When enrolled in the Suffield Agriscience program, you are also a member of the Suffield High School. This means that all High School opportunities including clubs, sports, and drama are available for you to participate in. On this page, we have included sports, details regarding the drama productions, and various clubs that you can join through the year.

Fall Sports	Drama	Clubs
Cross Country	The Drama Department	Academic Quiz Team
Girls Field Hockey	hosts a Fall play	Art Club
Boys Football	production to kick off	Best Buddies
Soccer	the school year, which	Cheerleading
Girls Swimming and	is followed by the	
Diving	spring musical. Drama	Chick-fil-a Leadership
Girls Volleyball	gives students the	Academy
	opportunity to connect	Class Advisory
	with others and	Debate Team
	express themselves on	Earth and Outing Club
	stage. In addition, it	FBLA
	requires a huge time	Gaming Club
	commitment especially	Gay/Straight Alliance
	during the final week	Interact
	leading up to the	Jazz Ensemble
	performance. The	Math Team
	performances are	Morning Updates
	under the direction of	Robotics
	Mrs. DiRoberts.	Science Fair Club
		Ski Club
		Suffield Spirit Squad
		Unified Theater
		Wildcat Advisory
		Group
		Yearbook



## Schedule

<b>Mon A</b>			<b>Tues B</b>	<b>Wed C</b>	<b>Thurs D</b>	<b>Fri E</b>
7:30-8:18	<b>1</b>	7:30-8:37	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
8:21-9:04	<b>2</b>	8:40-9:42	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
9:07-9:50	<b>3</b>	9:45-10:47	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
9:53-10:36	<b>4</b>	10:50-12:22	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
10:39-11:01	Wildcat Advisory	10:47-11:17	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
11:04-12:39 11:01-11:31 11:33-12:03 12:09-12:39	<b>5 Lunch</b>	11:20-11:50 11:52-12:22	<b>5</b>	Wildcat Flex	Wildcat Flex	Wildcat Flex
12:42-1:25	<b>6</b>	1:08-2:10	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
1:28-2:10	<b>7</b>					

## Wildcat

On MONDAY, you will go to your homeroom/Wildcat teacher and schedule where you want to be for Wildcat the following Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Monday you can choose any teacher (as long as there are seats open) to see during this free period. Many students use Wildcat to catch up on homework, remake tests, and collaborate with other students on projects.

Agriscience students will be scheduled with their SAE Advisor a minimum of once each quarter on a Wednesday Wildcat to review SAE and update AET.

Thursday Wildcats are often developed to FFA committee work and FFA event planning

Friday Wildcats can be a great time to develop a school based sae or work in one of the agriculture lab spaces.

Early Release Days (F Days)		2 Hour Delay - A		
1	7:30 - 7:52	1	9:30 – 10:03	28 + 5
2	7:55 - 8:17	2	10:06 - 10:34	28
3	8:20 - 8:42	3	10:37 - 11:05	28
4	8:45 - 9:07	4	11:08 - 11:36	28
5	9:10 - 9:32	5	11:39 - 1:09	60 + 30 lunch
6	9:35 - 9:57		L1: 11:36 - 12:07 L2: 12:08 - 12:38 L3: 12:39 - 1:09	
7 Lunch	10:00 - 10:45 L1: 10:00 - 10:22 L2: 10:23 - 10:45			
		6	1:12 - 1:40	28
		7	1:43- 2:10	27

If your SENDING town has an early release or late opening due to a weather-related reason, you will follow their protocols. The sending town will provide transportation according to THEIR determination. Students from a sending town who drive are required to follow the sending town determination. Therefore, students who drive should NOT come to school if the sending town cancels school for weather related reasons. If Suffield declares a weather/incident related early release or delayed opening, this will be communicated to the sending town so that transportation will be provided as determined by Suffield

Situation	Suffield	Sending Town
Snow day in sending town (out of District)		Sending town student stays home
Snow day in Suffield	Stay Home	Stay home
Early release in Suffield ONLY	Early release	Sending town will provide transportation for Suffield determined ½ day
Early Release Sending town only	Stay in school	Sending town will provide transportation for ½ day determined by sending town
Late Opening Suffield only	Delayed schedule	Sending town will provide transportation for the delayed determined by Suffield

Late Opening Sending town only	Normal Suffield time	Sending town will provide transportation for late opening as determined by sending town
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### Quick Guide to AG SCIENCE ABC's

<b>AET:</b>	Agriculture Experience Tracker: Digital record book used by all students
<b>Alumni</b>	Parent and graduate support organization, open to all, also called Suffield FFA Family, Friends and Alumni
<b>Ag Ed Agriscience</b>	The program name was changed to Agriculture Education or Agriscience from Vocational agriculture in 1989 to be more reflective of student population and career pathways.
<b>AG STEM Extension</b>	Students can work with AG STEM extension coordinator, Mrs. Zidack. Projects will vary and hours can count as SAE or community service. STEM stands for Science Technology Math and Science.
<b>ASTE</b>	Agriculture Science and Technology Education
<b>Capstone</b>	All agriscience students have SAE for their capstone. Each student develops their project over four years and presents the project in their senior year. SAE Capstone fulfills all school capstone requirements
<b>CDE</b>	Career Development Events, Agriculture content related competitions
<b>Career Safe OSHA</b>	All students complete Career Safe OSHA training during their first year in the program. This 10 hour training program encourages safe practices in school, home and the workplace.
<b>Checks</b>	Checks should be written out to <b>Suffield FFA</b>
<b>Committees</b>	Six major committees that are open to all students to participate in. There are 6 elected chairs that serve on the Leadership Team. Recruitment 2. Healthy Lifestyles 3. Economic development 4. Ag Literacy 5. Ag Advocacy 6. Citizenship
<b>FFA Degrees</b>	FFA degrees are earned to acknowledge growth in the agriscience program. Students earn their Greenhand degree in 9th, Chapter degree in 10th grade. Most students are eligible for their State degree by their Senior year. Some students earn their American FFA degree post high school graduation.
<b>FFA Dues</b>	Dues are paid on an annual basis to cover State and national fees of enrollment.



<b>FFA</b>	Future Farmers of America, referred to as the National FFA organization
<b>LAF</b>	Large Animal facility
<b>LDE</b>	Leadership Development Events
<b>Leadership Team</b>	Students elected to a position of leadership that develop the chapter activities and oversee their execution. The leadership team includes nine officers and six committee chairs that are elected each spring.
<b>MANNRS</b>	Minorities in Agriculture and Natural resources. This organization supports academic, professional and social development of minority students within the field of Agriculture and related areas.
<b>Official Dress And the FFA Jacket</b>	Worn only at official FFA events. Jackets are available to borrow if a student does not have one. Jackets can be ordered through the National FFA Supply service. Official dress is a black pants/skirt, white collared shirt, FFA tie/ scarf, black socks/stockings with black dress shoes.
<b>SAE</b>	Supervised Agricultural Experience Project. Required by all students to complete 150 hours by December of their Sophomore, Junior and Senior year.

**The SHS Activities Calendar 2024-2025 will identify the type of bell schedule. The link is available on the High school Webpage. This is an example of September 2024. It lists all activities and the day for bell schedule and classes.**

SEPTEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day  No School	3 <b>B</b>  Faculty Meeting  6:30 BOE Meeting	4 <b>C</b>	5 <b>D</b> FFA Welcome Back Picnic 5:30-7:30 pm  Student Senate Meeting during Wildcat	6 <b>E</b>	7 Suffield on the Green
8 Suffield on the Green	9 <b>A</b> 9th gr ID photo day  FFA Leadership 2:15-3:30 pm  Alumni Mtg 6:30 - 8:00 pm	10 <b>B</b> FFA Duck Pond Floral & Landscape @ Big E  Faculty Meeting  School Counselor Senior Week 3-5pm	11 <b>C</b> Grade 9 class officer candidate videos due  School Counselor Senior Week 5-7pm  6:00 Principal's Advisory Group	12 <b>D</b>  Student Senate  School Counselor Senior Week 3-5pm	13 <b>E</b>	14
15	16 <b>B</b>  FFA Leadership 2:15-3:30 pm  ECE Registration - LMC  6:30 BOE Meeting	17 <b>C</b> Advisory Day - Grade 9 elections  K-12 Team Meeting  NHS Informational Meeting 6- 7pm	18 <b>D</b>  Auditions for Fall Production 2:15-4PM	19 <b>E</b> FFA @Big E Gr 11 & Gr 12 8:00 - 1:00 pm  Auditions for Fall Production 2:15-4pm	20 <b>F</b> 10:45 Early Dismissal PD Day	21
22	23  No School PD Day	24 <b>B</b>  National Convention Parent Mtg 6:30-8:00pm	25 <b>C</b>	26 <b>D</b>  SHS Open House, 6-8pm	27 <b>E</b>  FFA @Big E Gr 9 & Gr 10 9:30 - 4:00 pm	28