

Agriculture Education Teacher and FFA Advisor

Shields Valley Schools is seeking a dynamic, student-centered educator to serve as our Agriculture Education Teacher and FFA Advisor. This position offers the opportunity to build strong relationships with students while leading a highly successful, comprehensive agricultural education program that integrates classroom instruction, hands-on learning, and leadership development through FFA.

Position Overview:

The successful candidate will teach agriculture-related courses at the junior high and high school levels while advising a top tier FFA chapter. This role is ideal for an individual who is passionate about agricultural education and wants to take over a successful program. As a part of the Shields Valley CTE teaching team, you work closely with staff members, employers, and community groups to promote and advance agriculture skills, while also creating a positive, inclusive, and stimulating classroom environment that encourages student participation, competition, and critical thinking. This position comes with a flexible summer contract and stipend for the FFA Advisor.

Key Responsibilities:

- Teach a variety of agriculture education courses aligned to student interests and community needs (e.g., animal science, agronomy, ag mechanics, natural resources, ag business, etc.)
- Develop and maintain a well-rounded, hands-on instructional program including supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs)
- Serve as the FFA Advisor, including organizing chapter activities, leadership events, competitions, and community service projects
- Travel with and supervise students at FFA events, contests, and conventions
- Maintain and manage agriculture facilities, equipment, and program resources
- Build partnerships with local experts, agricultural producers, businesses, and community organizations
- Support student growth through mentorship, career exploration, and post-secondary planning
- Collaborate with staff to support school-wide goals and student success

Qualifications:

- Valid Montana teaching license with appropriate endorsement (or ability to obtain)
- Degree in Agricultural Education or related field
- Strong organizational, communication, and leadership skills
- Ability to create engaging, hands-on learning experiences
- Commitment to fostering a positive, inclusive, and student-focused environment
- Experience with leading FFA programs is preferred

The Shields Valley community is a combination of 2 agriculture-based towns; Wilsall, where the K-6 building resides, and then Clyde Park, the location of grades 7-12. This Class-C community is about 20 miles north of Livingston, Montana, at the base of the Crazy Mountains with amazing outdoor recreation opportunities. Our 7-12 student population is 90 students, ensuring small class sizes and more personalized instruction. We operate on a four-day school week that works well for teachers and families. Affordable district housing may be available.

Applications can be found on the Shields Valley School website, svalleyk12.org or by calling the district office at 406-578-2535.

Application materials should include the following: Resume, Letter of Application, 3 Letters of Reference, District Application, Copy of College Transcripts, and Copy of Montana Educator License

Email all application materials to: djohnston@shieldsvalleyschools.org

Or Mail to:

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