

Establishing FFA Sub Chapters - The Beginning

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A part of the responsibility of being a teacher of vocational agriculture is participation in the Vo Ag Student Vocational Organization FFA. As a beginning, I have asked each of you to provide me the topic of your FFA subchapter and what day after school you will meet with students. I have developed sub chapter guide - but the topic is your choice,

Good - the FFA sub chapter topic is related to our curriculum and helps students explore careers in various fields.

Great - the FFA sub chapter topic responds to a demonstrated industry need, is directly related to our curriculum, students explore skills related to industry applications.

Outstanding - aligned with Perkins NOCTI concentration areas, has direct involvement with industry (field trips and quest lectures) students have projects and activities which can be upgraded to a Connecticut FFA Career Development Event that would involve other Vo Ag Chapters in our district.

Incredible - is aligned with Perkins NOCTI performance measures, and industry needs, and is one of the FFA national proficiency areas. Involvement focuses on Connecticut FFA Career Development Events, and National participation in a CDE. Members attend the National FFA Convention and a result of subchapter participation.

To assist you in the development of FFA sub chapters please see the attached section of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Manual. Up-to-date teacher manuals have been ordered and should arrive shortly.

Also attached is the FFA Subchapter Designation Request form. It should list all Vo Ag staff to be involved. Also a FFA Activity form should be stapled to these sub chapter forms if necessary. Copies of forms will on file and assists the documentation of insurance coverage for events beyond the regular school day. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS NEED BOARD APPROVAL. Please see

highlighted section of memo dated September 20th from Burt Glassman. Board approval is needed before the trip happens.

FFA Activities do require parental/guardian permission slips/authorization and for especially hazardous activities I would like to see a special parental/guardians statement and sign off.

I have also attached a June 4, 2002 memo about 2003 sponsored FFA Proficiency Areas for your review. John Roy is attending the National Convention in support of a national aquaculture proficiency area - yes, finally! If you have any questions please see me immediately. I would like to have all the subchapters up and running around the end of November.

Thanks for your support!