

# Agriscience Student Expectations Agreement



## Directions:

Please read and sign this form.  
Retain a 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 five 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: \_\_\_\_\_