



Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster

The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster focuses on the essential elements of life, food, water, land, and air. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from farmer, rancher, and veterinarian to geologist, land conservationist, and florist.

Big Spring High School Program of Study: Plant Science

The Plant Science program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with the science, research, and business of plants and other living organisms. This program of study includes the application of biology and life science to real-world life processes of plants and vegetation, either in laboratories or in the field.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

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| Level 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (BSJH) |
| Level 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscape Design and Management Turf Grass Management Greenhouse Operation and Production Entrepreneurship I (2025-26) |
| Level 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floral Design Floral Design + Agricultural Laboratory and Field Experience |
| Level 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Floral Design Career and Technical Education Project-Based Capstone Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Practicum in Entrepreneurship (2025-26) Career Preparation for Programs of Study |

Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

AP or IB	AP Biology AP Environmental Science IB Biology SL IB Biology HL	AP Chemistry IB Chemistry SL IB Chemistry HL
Dual Credit	Dual credit offerings will vary by local education agency.	

Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP or IB courses not listed under the Secondary Courses for High School Credit section of this framework document do not count towards concentrator/completer status for this program of study.

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in a part-time job at a landscaping company to learn about production and management of plants. Intern at an agricultural research company, working alongside a biological technician to learn about application of biology to plant production
Expanded Learning Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in an FFA career, leadership, and speaking contest like an agriscience fair Participate in an industry-related competition like an agriscience fair

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Landscape Irrigator (TBD 2025-26)
- Texas State Florists' Association Knowledge Based Floral Certification
- Texas State Florists' Association Level I Floral Certification
- Texas State Florists' Association Level II Floral Certification



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Horticulturist

Associate Degrees

- Biology/Biological Sciences
- Biological and Physical Sciences

Bachelor's Degrees

- Horticulture
- Plant Pathology/Phytopathology

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Plant Breeding
- Botany/Plant Biology

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- Nursery Floral License
- Horticulturist Certification



Example Aligned Occupations

Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers, and Applicators, Vegetation

Median Wage: \$46,153
 Annual Openings: 205
 10-Year Growth: 17%

Biological Technicians

Median Wage: \$45,787
 Annual Openings: 879
 10-Year Growth: 14%

Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers

Median Wage: \$65,490
 Annual Openings: 28,020
 10-Year Growth: 4%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



For more information visit:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/programs-of-study-additional-resources>



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Statewide Program of Study: *Plant Science*

Course Information

Level 1

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources* 13000200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

Level 2

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Landscape Design and Management 13001900 (0.5 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Turf Grass Management 13001950 (0.5 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Greenhouse Operation and Production 13002050 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Entrepreneurship I* 13011101 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Business, Marketing and Finance Recommended Corequisites: None	

Level 3

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Floral Design 13001800 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

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* Indicates course is included in more than one program of study.

For additional information on the **Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources** career cluster, contact cte@tea.texas.gov or visit <https://tea.texas.gov/cte>



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Level 4

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Advanced Floral Design N1300270 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: Floral Design Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Career and Technical Education Project-Based Capstone* First Time Taken: 12701101 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Career Preparation for Programs of Study* First Time Taken: 12701121 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Practicum in Entrepreneurship* First Time Taken: 13011111 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Entrepreneurship I and Entrepreneurship II or successful completion of at least two courses in a CTE program of study Recommended Corequisites: None	

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