

# Agricultural Education/FFA

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Dear Student,

Do you know that Connecticut ranks second in the nation in the production of oysters? Do you know that the nursery and greenhouse industry in Connecticut is worth hundreds of millions of dollars? Do you know how many people in Connecticut are involved in a career connected to agriculture?

As you complete the first quarter of your eighth-grade year, I am sure that you are looking forward to attending high school. You should be exploring the many different opportunities available to you. One of the areas with the most opportunities is the Agricultural Education Program at Northwestern Regional High School.

You will be amazed to learn about the many benefits that involvement with agricultural education and the FFA can provide. The freshman Exploring Agriculture class is designed specifically for students like you. It is a class that emphasizes hands-on experiences related to the science and technology of agriculture. You can learn about the food industry, pets and other animals, basic mechanics, plants, floral design, landscaping, and share in exploring our natural resources while gaining skills and knowledge needed for a successful life.

In addition, by enrolling in Agricultural Education, you have the opportunity to join the National FFA Organization. FFA affords you the chance to make new friends, travel, build your leadership skills, and take part in activities that may improve your chances for college scholarships. It is a great way to become involved in the school and community, and provides many fun activities.

I hope that you will consider how Agricultural Education at Northwestern Regional can help you succeed in high school and in life. An informational video about our program is available on our website <https://www.nwr7.com/district/agricultural-education> - click on NWR7 Recruitment Video. You and your family might want to consider attending our "Come See What We're About" night on November 18<sup>th</sup> (an invitation should have been shared with you through your school counselor, or refer to our website for a link – [www.nwr7.com](http://www.nwr7.com)). This is a special evening of tours and question and answer time, including an overview of the program and how to apply. You can also check out the National FFA Organization at [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) to see all of the amazing opportunities available to FFA members! We look forward to talking with you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew O'Brien', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Andrew O'Brien  
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