



Manheim Central School District

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Program Overview

The Manheim Central Agricultural Education Program is a comprehensive, hands-on learning experience integrating:

- Classroom & Laboratory Instruction
- Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)
- FFA Leadership & Career Development Activities

Program Requirements:

- Enroll in agricultural coursework each school year.
- Maintain an active Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program.
- Participate fully in FFA activities, meetings, and community projects.

Important: Failure to participate in all program components or maintain satisfactory academic and behavioral standing may result in removal from the program.

Application Timeline

Applications must be received by the **Manheim Central High School Principal** by the **first Friday in February** of the year prior to enrollment. Late applications will be reviewed **on a space-available basis**.

Application Process for Non-Resident Students

1. **Contact your home district office to express interest in attending Manheim Central's Agricultural Education Program.**
2. **The home district must submit a formal statement to Manheim Central confirming responsibility for student transportation and tuition payments. Include this letter with your application.**

3. Complete and submit the Agricultural Education Program Application to the Manheim Central High School Principal.
4. Applications are reviewed by the Agricultural Education Admissions Committee and presented for school board approval prior to acceptance.
5. Once approved, enroll in Manheim Central High School through the District portal.
6. Enrollment should occur before April of the preceding school year to allow participation in course selection with the incoming freshman class.

Applicant Information

Full Name	
Home Address	
City/Zip	
Home Phone	
Student Email	
Date of Birth	
Current Grade	☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12
Gender	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to say
Current School	
Guidance Counselor	
Parent/Guardian Name(s)	
Parent/Guardian Phone/Email	

Acknowledgment

I understand that acceptance to the Manheim Central Agricultural Education Program requires a full commitment to all phases of the program — Agricultural coursework, FFA, and SAE — each year of participation.

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Student Essay

Prompt: “Why I Want to Be Part of the Agricultural Education Program”

Please explain:

- Why you are interested in studying agriculture.
- What agricultural areas or careers you wish to explore.
- How you plan to participate in FFA and your SAE project.

Essay:

Type your essay here (minimum 150 words - *attach a separate sheet if needed.*)

Counselor and Teacher Recommendations

Guidance Counselor

- Highest Grade Completed: ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11
- Has the student received Special Education or 504 services? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - If yes, please describe:
- Recommendation for program: ☐ Highly Recommend ☐ Recommend
☐ Recommend with Reservation ☐ Do Not Recommend

Counselor Name:

Date:

School:

Science or Technology Education Teacher

Please describe any interest, aptitude, or experience the student has demonstrated in science, technology, agriculture-related learning, projects, or community service.

Enter Here

Teacher Name: **Date:**

School:

Application Checklist

Student Responsibilities

- ☐ Contact home district to express interest
- ☐ Confirm home district agrees to transportation and tuition responsibilities
- ☐ Complete all sections of the application
- ☐ Write student essay
- ☐ Sign and date application and acknowledgment pages
- ☐ Submit completed application to school counselor before first Friday in February

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- ☐ Review program overview and expectations
- ☐ Sign and date parent acknowledgment section
- ☐ Confirm support for SAE project and FFA participation
- ☐ Ensure home district confirmation of transportation/tuition (non-resident applicants)

Counselor Responsibilities

- ☐ Complete Guidance Counselor section
- ☐ Attach required documents (transcripts, attendance, IEP/504 if applicable)
- ☐ Forward complete application to:
Manheim Central High School Principal
400 Adele Ave, Manheim, PA 17545

Timeline

Step	Deadline
Application Due	First Friday in February
Application Review	February–March
Manheim Central Board Approval	By early April
Enrollment & Course Selection	Before April of the preceding school year

Final Acknowledgment

I understand that:

- Admission is competitive and based on established criteria.
- Active participation in coursework, FFA, and SAE is required.
- Withdrawal or failure to maintain participation will result in dismissal and return to the home district (for non-resident students).

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Non-Discrimination Statement

Manheim Central School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or any other legally protected status.