

Work-Based Learning: Types of Work-Based Learning Models and Delivery Systems

Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE)

An SAE is a **practical application of classroom concepts designed to develop skills** in agricultural-related career areas and provide real-work experiences. An SAE program consists of planned activities conducted outside of class time and are designed to gain hands-on experience and develop skills in agricultural career areas that interest the student.

SAE rewards include

- Provides an opportunity to **explore careers**.
- May earn **money**.
- **Improves communication skills** in a variety of situations.
- Develops management skills.
- **Earns FFA Proficiency Awards** and advanced FFA degrees.

Types of SAEs

- **Exploratory.** Experiencing the big picture of agriculture and its many related careers. This type of program is great for beginning students and those who are uncertain about their interests.
- **Research/Experimentation.** An SAE where the student conducts research using the scientific process. Agriculture is a science-based industry and there are limitless opportunities for research-based SAEs.
- **Placement/Internship.** Work either for pay or for the experience. These SAEs may be in agribusinesses, school labs, farms and ranches, or in community facilities.
- **Ownership/Entrepreneurship.** This SAE makes the student a business owner. The student plans and operates an agriculturally related enterprise or business. Examples include producing and marketing livestock, crops, nursery plants or forest products, providing a service such as lawn care, processing agricultural products, repair, design, or fabricating agriculturally related equipment.

Some additional requirements to the SAE include

- **Supplementary Activities.** A specific skill learned outside of normal class time that contributes to the agriculture skills and knowledge obtained by the student.
- **Improvement Activities.** A series of learning activities that improve the efficiency, value, use, or appearance of the place of employment, home, school, or community.

Reference: National FFA Organization, Supervised Agricultural Experiences - <https://thecouncil.ffa.org/sae/>