

# Middle School Contest Opportunities

Middle School students should only participate in FFA Contests and Career Development Events that are tied directly to instruction in the Agricultural Education Program.

Middle School students participating in FFA contests must be dues paying members of officially chartered chapters.

## Middle School Career Development Events

- Held on Monday of the State FFA Convention
- Limited to middle school students
- Include:
  - Agricultural Issues Discussion Meet
  - Essay Contest
  - Extemporaneous Speaking
  - Opening and Closing Ceremonies Contest
  - Prepared Speaking
  - Quiz Bowl

## Middle School Participation In Other Contests

- Middle School students may participate in other FFA contests at the regional and state level including:
  - Impromptu Speaking
  - Public and Extemporaneous Speaking
  - Agriscience Fair
- Middle School students are encouraged to compete in the Agriscience Fair
- Middle School participation in university field days will be at the discretion of the university holding the field day.
- Generally speaking, middle school students should not compete in more advanced Career Development Events such as Livestock Judging, Agriculture Sales, etc. since these require a deeper understanding of technical content than can be taught in most middle school programs.
- Middle School students who compete in Career Development Events that fall under the limited participation rule will be ineligible to compete in these events in the future. This includes all CDE's with the exception of Parliamentary Procedure and Speaking Contests.
- Middle Schools students may show livestock as FFA members IF they are dues paying FFA members and IF they are supervised by their Teacher of Agriculture. If the teacher is unable to provide supervision due to contract restrictions, the student should show as a 4-H member.