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Career and Leadership Development Event Grade Level Eligibility Approved May 13, 2020

Background

In 2017, National FFA modified the requirements for Nationally sponsored Career and Leadership Development Events by opening eligibility to any FFA member grades 7-12 without grade limitations.

Indiana FFA did not immediately implement these modifications for those events with National representation, nor state specific events.

Indiana 4-H/FFA Judging Committee did update the rules related to combined events allowing junior division members to participate on senior division teams. Those events that had specific junior divisions maintained those events as well.

Final Draft

In order to better align all Career and Leadership Development Events in Indiana, it is proposed to expand grade level eligibility by allowing members to participate in higher level events in all Career Development Events and most Leadership Development Events.

With this proposal – members would be able to participate in higher levels, but older members would not be allowed to move down to lower levels. (Example a 9th grader cannot participate in a discovery event)

The following list is comprised of state sponsored and/or hosted events. If a district or section has events in addition to these, eligibility decisions would be determined at that level.

Reminder – once a student participates in a National event, they are no longer eligible within that CDE or LDE. Additionally, individuals are no longer eligible to participate after placing 1st in a state LDE (with the following exceptions: Chapter Meeting, Agricultural Issues, Scrapbooks, and Exhibit). See website for more details.

See table below for complete listing of events and proposed grade levels eligible to participate. Yellow highlight denotes an update to eligibility, while a green highlight denotes no change.

Career Development Event	Current Eligibility	Proposed Eligibility
Agricultural Business Management	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Agricultural Communications	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Agricultural Mechanics	Grades 9-12	Grades 9-12 *no change due to safety concerns
Agricultural Sales	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Floriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior • Junior (currently no awards) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-12 • Grades 7-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 7-12 • Grades 7-8
Food Science Technology	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Marketing	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Nursery Landscape	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Practical Forestry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior • Junior (currently no awards) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-12 • Grades 7-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 7-12 • Grades 7-8

Small Engines	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Veterinary Science	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Welding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginner • Advanced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-10 • Grades 11-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-10 • Grades 11-12 *no change due to safety concerns

<u>Leadership Development Event</u>	<u>Current Eligibility</u>	<u>Proposed Eligibility</u>
Agricultural Education	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Agricultural Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular • Discovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-12 • Grades 7-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 7-12 • Grades 7-8
Agricultural Sales Presentation	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Chapter Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular • Novice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-12 • Grades 7-9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 7-12 • Grades 7-9
Creed Speaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshman • Discovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9 • Grades 7-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7-9 • Grades 7-8
Demonstrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular • Discovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-12 • Grades 7-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 7-12 • Grades 7-8
Employment Skills (formerly Job Interview)	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Essay	Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Exhibit	All Grades	All Grades
Extemporaneous Public Speaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular • Freshman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-12 • Grade 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-12 • Grade 9
Leadership Ambassador	Grade 12	Grade 12 *no change due to Hoosier Degree requirement
Prepared Public Speaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular • Freshman • Discovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-12 • Grade 9 • Grades 7-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 7-12 • Grade 7-9 • Grades 7-8
Quiz Bowl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular • Discovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-10 • Grades 7-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9-10 • Grades 7-8
Scrapbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional • Multimedia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Grades • All Grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Grades • All Grades