



AGRICULTURE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Common Pathway Questions

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Disclaimer - These statements are made knowing that TEA can change these when they see fit.

1. What are the names of the new Programs of Study?

- a. Two major name change
 - i. Agribusiness Management and Marketing will change to Agriculture Business, Leadership and Communications
 - ii. Applied Agricultural Engineering to Agriculture Technology and Mechanical Systems

2. What are new courses that are common to most programs of Study that Teachers need to be aware of :

Several courses were renamed and will be in most of the pathways

- a. Career Preparations for Program of Study - ag bus,
- b. Career Preparation for Program of Study + Extended practicum in AFNR
- c. Entrepreneurship 1
- d. Practicum in Entrepreneurship
- e. Career and Technical Education Project Based Capstone -
 - i. this is a name change from Project Based Research
 - ii. Currently posted as only in Environmental but will be added back to those ones that previously had it.

3. New courses in the programs of study

- a. Agriculture Business, Leadership, and Communications
 1. First is the addition of Mathematical Applications in AFNR that will now be included in this program of study where it had not been in a program of study. This gets it more funding with this move.
 2. Professional Standards in AFNR will move to 1 credit when the new TEKS are adopted(for 25-26 school year)
- B. Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems
 1. Added Advanced Agriculture Power Systems
- C. Animal Science
 - No major changes
- D. Environmental and Natural Resources
 1. Beekeeping and Honey processing moving from Innovative to TEKS Based - The teks will be developed when this cluster has a revision committee



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2. Conservation and Natural Resources Management - added to create a second step for Wildlife Fisheries and Ecology Management

E. Food Science

1. Adding Food Science for Family and Consumer Science Program of Study
2. Adding a Meat Processing TEKS based class

F. Plant Science

1. Adding Advanced Floral Design as a TEKS based instead of a innovative course (teks will come out 25-26)

4. Do we have to name courses like they are named in the official documents?

Simple answer is no. All that really matters is what PEIMS code. You could call ag mechanics and metal fabrication - welding. You could also name your practicum for the ATMS pathway - Welding

5. What courses do we teach if we want a middle school program

- a. If you want high school credit and funding, it must be Principles of AFNR. If you offer this at 7th or 8th then they can no longer be in junior FFA and must start their FFA membership
- b. You can do any other courses you like and give local middle school credit but you need to use one of the following classes for a peims code.
 - i. College and Career Exploration - It has a code for year one and year two
 - ii. You can also name them whatever you want
 - iii. If your district wants they can also do another local credit but not sure what to call it
 - iv. Remember if you start principles at 6th or 7th they then have to have other courses at middle school to take the other years

Course prerequisites

- A. State has some notes prerequisites within the teks. However your district can implement a local prerequisite suggestion

Course TEKS in AFNR will receive final approval at April Board Meeting

Program of studies documents:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/approved-statewide-cte-programs-of-study>

Piems Code can be found: <https://www.texasagteachers.org/page.aspx?ID=3335> On the course information page