



Legislative

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Policy

Purpose: To provide guidance for the Association for legislative matters.

1. A list of priorities will be developed for each legislative session.
2. Provide support to those in favor of agricultural education with PAC money collected at teachers conference.
3. Monitor elections to provide knowledge about which candidates are supportive of agricultural education, career and technology education and public education. Maintain a working list of teachers and retired teachers in each Congressional district with personal contact with a Representative or Senator.
4. Actively promote agricultural education prior to and during the legislative session.
5. Maintain talking points that would help members write a letter using correct terminology.
6. The VATAT will cooperate with the Foundation with the Legislative Lead. The Association will all members to take a proactive approach to legislation which has an effect on our programs and the students that we teach.

Operational Protocols

1. Monitor legislation that affects agricultural education and other education issues and concerns and provide outlines of critical education issues.
2. The Directors meet with teachers and stress the importance of contact with legislative members about our program. Stress importance of Board of Directors to visit their Legislators.
3. Encourage districts and areas to invite state representatives and senators to their FFA meetings to develop relationships with these individuals.
4. Provide a link on the VATAT website to contact and address Legislators. Develop and maintain a list of all State Representatives by district.
5. Provide list of proper terminology to use when addressing legislators to support or lack of support for a bill.
6. Encourage teacher participation in the Legislative Lead.

7. The Association sponsors a legislative-type meeting at the VATAT Professional Development Conference that includes a speaker who can address the prevailing moods of the legislature regarding legislation affecting the Association. Any other legislative resource persons that would help to inform the Directors should also be included.
8. Encourage Board of Directors to come to meet with Legislators during the session.