

|                                   | Indiana FFA Grade Level Eligibility |                                  |          |           |        |        |               |                  |
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|                                   | 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>    | 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> | Freshman | Sophomore | Junior | Senior | Mid-Term Grad | Post- Graduation |
| <b>Conferences</b>                |                                     |                                  |          |           |        |        |               |                  |
| BOLT <sup>1</sup>                 | X                                   | X                                |          |           |        |        |               |                  |
| SOAR <sup>1</sup>                 |                                     |                                  | X        | X         |        |        |               |                  |
| FIRE <sup>1</sup>                 |                                     |                                  |          |           | X      | X      |               |                  |
| LDW                               |                                     |                                  |          | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| PLT                               |                                     |                                  |          |           | X      | X      | X             | X                |
| WLC                               |                                     |                                  |          | X         | X      | X      |               |                  |
| Conference Counselors             |                                     |                                  |          | X         | X      | X      | X             | X                |
| <b>Degrees &amp; Applications</b> |                                     |                                  |          |           |        |        |               |                  |
| Discovery <sup>2</sup>            |                                     | X                                |          |           |        |        |               |                  |
| Greenhand <sup>3</sup>            |                                     |                                  | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Chapter <sup>3</sup>              |                                     |                                  |          | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| State <sup>3</sup>                |                                     |                                  |          |           | X      | X      | X             | X                |
| American <sup>3</sup>             |                                     |                                  |          |           |        |        | X             | X                |
| SAE Awards <sup>4</sup>           |                                     |                                  |          | X         | X      | X      | X             | X                |
| Star Award                        |                                     |                                  |          |           | X      | X      | X             | X                |
| <b>Programs</b>                   |                                     |                                  |          |           |        |        |               |                  |
| Talent                            |                                     | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Convention Crew                   |                                     |                                  |          |           | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Convention Press Team             |                                     |                                  | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Agriscience <sup>5</sup>          |                                     | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| District Kickoffs                 | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      |               |                  |
| Advocacy Day                      |                                     |                                  | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Country Market                    |                                     |                                  | X        | X         | X      | X      |               | X                |
| State Fair Workday                | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      |               |                  |
| State Fair Experience Day         | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      |               |                  |
| District Officers                 |                                     |                                  |          |           | X      | X      | X             | X                |
| State Officers Candidates         |                                     |                                  |          |           |        | X      | X             | X                |
| Executive Committee <sup>6</sup>  |                                     |                                  |          |           |        | X      | X             | X                |
| State Convention                  | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             | X                |
| <b>4-H FFA CDE's<sup>7</sup></b>  |                                     |                                  |          |           |        |        |               |                  |
| Agronomy                          | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Dairy                             | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Milk Quality & Products           | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Practical Forestry <sup>8</sup>   | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Horse & Pony                      | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Livestock                         | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Livestock Skill-a-thon            | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |
| Meats                             | X                                   | X                                | X        | X         | X      | X      | X             |                  |

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| Poultry & Eggs                               | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Soils                                        | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Wildlife Habitat                             | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| <b>FFA CDE's</b>                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Farm and Agricultural Business Management    | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Agricultural Communications                  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Agricultural Education                       | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Agricultural Sales*                          | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems |   |   | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Food Science*                                | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Floriculture <sup>8</sup>                    | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Marketing                                    | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Nursery & Landscaping*                       | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Small Engines                                |   |   | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Unified Animal, Dairy, and Meat Science      | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Unified Horticulture                         | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Veterinary Science*                          | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Welding                                      |   |   | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| <b>FFA LDE's<sup>9</sup></b>                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Agricultural Issues <sup>8</sup>             | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Agricultural Sales Presentation*             | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Chapter Meeting <sup>8</sup>                 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Creed Speaking <sup>8</sup>                  | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |  |
| El Credo De FFA                              | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |  |
| Employment Skills                            |   |   | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Exhibit                                      | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Extemporaneous Public Speaking <sup>8</sup>  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Premier Leadership                           |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |  |
| Persuasive Essay*                            | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Prepared Public Speaking <sup>8</sup>        | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Traditional Scrapbook                        | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Multimedia Scrapbook                         | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Quiz Bowl                                    | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |

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| Agricultural Business Management Demonstration                     |   | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Agriculture Power, Structure & Technology Demonstration            |   | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Animal Science Demonstration                                       |   | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Food Science Demonstration                                         |   | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Horticulture & Landscape Management Demonstration                  |   | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Natural Resources Demonstration                                    |   | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Plant & Soil Science Demonstration                                 |   | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| Discovery Animal Science Demonstration                             | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Discovery Food Science Demonstration                               | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Discovery Horticulture and Landscape Management Demonstration      | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Discovery Plant & Soil Science and Natural Resources Demonstration | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |  |

**Notes:**

- 1 – For State level conferences, we would allow for a 1 grade level flex down in grade if a student is interested in attending as long as the chapter advisor deems them mature enough for the curriculum.
- 2 – National FFA has told State Staff that they are not extending this degree to 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at this time.
- 3 – Exploration of if 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities counting for activities for these areas. National FFA Statement: “Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least 3 years (540 hours) of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural education program or have completed at least the equivalent of 360 hours of systematic secondary school instruction in agricultural education and one full year of enrollment in a postsecondary agricultural program or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the secondary school last attended. Must have graduated from high school at least 12 months prior to the national FFA convention at which the degree is to be granted. Members may retain active membership until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduation from high school or until their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday, whichever comes first.”

- 4 – Consideration if we want to consider middle school records for proficiencies. Continuation with the need for only 1 year worth records. From National FFA: “Applicants may apply through the calendar year immediately following high school graduation but not beyond. EXAMPLE: Tom graduated from high school in 2021, so he may apply for a proficiency award in 2022. Jane graduated in 2020, so she is no longer eligible to apply. National level applications must include SAE records from at least two calendar years for the specific SAE project(s) on which the application is based. NOTE: More years make the application more competitive.”
- 5 – It is currently unclear if National FFA will be extending eligibility to 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students or developing a new division for these students.
- 6 – Districts may choose to elect a District President that is younger, however only students with their state degree are eligible to vote on any official action.
- 7 - Students may begin competing in these events starting in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as long as they are 4-H members competing in the 4-H Division. The Ag Judging Committee has left the decision to the State FFA to determine if they would allow younger members into their Sr. Division contests. The Ag Judging Committee is continuing to evaluation the need for Jr. Divisions for all 4-H/FFA CDE’s.
- 8 – This event already has a Novice/Discovery/Jr. Division for the consideration of addition of 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- \* - The content in the event has the capacity for modifications for a Discovery/Novice/Jr. Division.
- 9 – For any events that allows for members participation at the members age level, a member may compete up a division. No members may complete in a division for students of a lesser age.