



New Mexico FFA Procedure for Career and Leadership Development Event Rules

These policies and procedures are intended to make uniform the way in which all career/leadership development events and FFA Award Programs are conducted. All State FFA Career Development Events (CDE) and Leadership Development Events (LDE) are educational activities organized by the New Mexico FFA Association under the advisement of the New Mexico Agriculture Education Teachers Association. They are designed to complement classroom instruction by giving students an opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in a competitive situation. Each CDE/LDE has been specifically developed to test skills and knowledge of students in a particular area of agriculture.

Purpose:

To advise FFA advisors on issues impacting both the State FFA CDE/LDE and awards to ensure:

- All activities are consistent with industry needs
- All activities are available to eligible members
- All activities are conducted openly, fairly and in a quality manner
- Cooperation among various activities occurs, to the degree possible, to promote the interconnectedness of agriculture and agricultural education.
- New and innovative ideas are being put forward for consideration.
- As many students as possible have the opportunity to participate.
- A constant process of local advisor in-service on proper use of these activities as tools for learning is being championed.
- Establish criteria for establishing new or eliminating existing CDE's.
- All activities are operated consistently with New Mexico FFA Constitution and Bylaws and CDE/LDE general rules.
- Activities are conducted within available budgets approved by the New Mexico FFA State Office.

Procedures:

- Teacher Liaisons shall conduct open meetings until May 31 following the State FFA Career Development Events to report on the completion of CDE/LDE activities and provide input for rule changes to be presented at the New Mexico Agriculture Education Teachers Association Summer Conference.
- CDE/LDE meeting dates must be advertised on the NM FFA listserve 14 calendar days in advance to give proper and official notice of called meeting. No two CDE/LDE meetings will be conducted at the same time to allow input from all interested Agriculture Teachers.
- Liaisons are encouraged to have event superintendents attend meetings.
- Teacher Liaisons will be appointed by the State FFA Advisor. Each CDE/LDE will have a maximum of two Teacher Liaisons. Liaisons will be active FFA advisors teaching in the state of New Mexico.



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- Recommendations will be discussed and approved by a majority agriculture teachers present at the CDE/LDE meetings. Meetings will operate under Robert's Rules of Order with each agriculture teacher present may casting one vote. Teacher Liaisons will serve as co-chairs of the respective CDE/LDE committees.
- All rules CDE/LDE meeting recommendations will be voted on and approved by a majority of Agriculture Teachers present at the New Mexico Agriculture Education Teachers Association Summer Conference.
- Teacher Liaisons will ensure that rule changes made by the NMAETA are submitted in writing to the state office by August 1.