

Santa Paula High School
Agriculture Science Academy Agreement

The Agriculture Science Academy is a specialized academic program aimed at developing a smaller learning community, emphasizing in academic excellence, leadership development, and agricultural awareness. All students in the agriculture science academy have a choice of participating in this program as well as complete an application, meet program requirements, and parent, teacher, & counselor approval. All students enrolled in the Santa Paula High School Agriculture Science Academy Program shall adhere to the following requirements in order to participate:

1. Submit a completed & signed Agriculture Science Academy Application & Agreement.
2. Be enrolled in an Agriculture Science Academy Course – 50% of the student’s overall course grade. The grade will be based on the classroom instruction portion of the course – weekly packets, assignments, class projects, article reviews, etc.
3. Participate in the FFA Leadership Program - 25% of the student’s overall course grade. Students with high participation in the FFA will be given enrollment priority in any agriculture courses that are impacted with high enrollment
4. Participate in the SAE Program - 15% of the student’s overall course grade. The grade will be based upon participation in internship, SAE projects, work experience, and record book completion. Students with high participation in the FFA will be given enrollment priority in any agriculture courses that are impacted with high enrollment
5. Behavior & Participation will account for 10% of the student’s overall course grade – hats in class, cell phone, iPods, uncooperative, copying work, or any other behavior issue deemed inappropriate. Students not abiding by the agreement may be dropped from the program. Students with excessive discipline action, trancies, academic probation, or any violation of the student code of conduct will be dismissed from the program.
6. Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 with 2 probation semesters allowed.
7. Follow the four-year individual academic plan developed for the Agriculture Science Academy. The program receives funding based upon meeting State guidelines.
8. All students enrolled in the Agriculture Science Academy must abide the academy enrollment guidelines, grade policy, and participation in all areas of the program. Funding is based upon the many factors stated in the agreement.
9. Students must in the Agriculture Science Academy and designated courses must complete all courses throughout the duration of the program during a given school year. Students who choose to drop without completing the semester must have a parent conference and may receive a “D” or “F”.
10. The program is funded through State guidelines and receive funding based on the number of students enrolled in the program, grades, attendance, and participation in the other areas of the program. You may not drop the program until the end of the school year unless a parent conference is scheduled with the counselor. You may not drop the class in the middle of the semester or you may receive an F in the course.
11. Participate in an SAE Project, agricultural work experience program, job shadow or internship program for one semester during the junior year of high school.
12. Seniors must be enrolled in minimum of 5 periods which may include a college course or an ROP course. Students must have academic and career plans by their senior year to help guide through your personal action plan, college application process, financial aid, scholarships, and taking the SAT/ACT exams.

As a condition of participation in the Agriculture Science Academy Program, we the undersigned have read and understand the contents of this agreement. By NOT submitting the application & agreement, I may be dropped from the agriculture program.

Print Student Full Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Agriculture Teacher’s Signature

Date