

## **State Officer Candidates' School**

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**In Cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Education**

### **Purpose of Event**

The State Office Candidates' School is a one-day training conference designed for FFA members interested in running for state office. It focuses on the election process, the roles and responsibilities of state officers, as well as important information state officers should know about agricultural education.

### **State Core Curriculum Content Standards**

FFA, through Agricultural Education, helps students to meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards. The State Officer Candidates' School teaches students Cross-Content Work-Place Readiness, Visual and Performing Arts and Comprehensive Health and Physical Education standards. Some examples of how the State Officer Candidates' School meets these standards are:

#### **All students will use critical thinking, decision-making, and problem-solving skills.**

- The event is designed to allow students to look within themselves and discover their thoughts and ideas about school, family, friends and life skills. The students will work on the development of their goals and priorities as well. [**Standard 3 – Cross-Content Work-Place Standards**]

#### **All students will demonstrate self-management skills.**

- Students will gain valuable skills in goal setting and self esteem through participation in the State Officer Candidates' School. [**Standard 4 – Cross-Content Work-Place Standards**]

#### **All students will learn health-enhancing personal, interpersonal and life skills.**

- Workshops at the State Officer Candidates' School will emphasize personal growth in many areas including conflict resolution. [**Standard 2.2 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education**]

#### **All students will demonstrate knowledge of the process of critique.**

- Students will demonstrate critiquing skills through participation in mock state officer election interviews. [**Standard 1.4 Visual and Performing Arts**]