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Agricultural Classes Benefit Students

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Many schools have started to try to take agriculture education and activities such as FFA out of the classroom. They do not believe that agriculture and education are able to go together. However, there are many things that both ag classes and FFA can bring to benefit children in both their core classes in school and later in life.

First of all, many real life skills are taught in agriculture classes such as ag mechanics, food tech and

small animal management, just to name a few. In the typical ag mechanic classes, skills such as how to work with wood, electricity and plumbing can all be applied and helpful later in life. For some kids, this may be the only chance they have to learn about simple ways to fix things around their homes in the future.

Participating in competition within the FFA can be a wonderful way for kids to build their confidence, learn communication skills and take part in events that can lead them to what they want to do later on in life. LDEs (Leadership Development

Events) and CDEs (Career Development Events) are both events sponsored by FFA that challenge kids to leave their comfort zones and spend time learning valuable skills. These skills are able to transfer to both their school education and then later in life. The study habits that the kids pick up from memorizing information and scripts for events can help them in both high school and college.

Agricultural classes and FFA can be very beneficial to students' education. They are able to learn skills that will ultimately help them later in life.

