

Agriculture Science and Technology Program Narragansett High School

Ongoing research in agricultural biotechnology, agricultural engineering, and plant science technology as well as other emerging agricultural industries have revolutionized the field of agriculture. Regional agricultural science and technology centers in Rhode Island are meeting the challenge by providing educational programs in the field of agriculture and related occupations.

To provide adequate training for those students planning a career in agriculture and related fields, Rhode Island has designated regional agricultural science and technology centers in comprehensive high schools to serve students. The Agriculture Education Center at Narragansett High School is one such program. As an “elective program,” with a fixed number of seats available each year, students may apply for enrollment to our state supported regional program and be considered for admission on a competitive basis.

The program prepares students for entry-level employment or higher education in the fields of agriculture and other related fields, including animal management plant science and sustainable agriculture.

The integrated academic instruction and laboratory approach enables classroom instruction to be more effective in providing a rigorous program of instruction within the context of “real world learning” applications. The areas of study include: plant science systems, animal science systems, natural resources and environmental systems, and agricultural mechanics systems.

The program consists of the following required components:

Classroom instruction designed to prepare students for the emerging agricultural science and technology field. The broad-based curriculum incorporates cutting-edge technologies, rigorous academics, current labor market information and career decision-making skills.

Laboratory experiences provides hands-on activities relating to the mastery of skills in agriculture mechanic technology, animal and plant science technology (including microbiological, biochemical and genetic disciplines), natural resource technology (maple syrup production and field crop laboratories), and grounds maintenance/turf management and computer applications

Student leadership training through Future Farmers of America (“FFA”), a national student leadership organization for students studying agriculture. Skills include teamwork, organization, career decision-making, and oral and written communications.

The supervised agricultural experience program provides a planned and supervised work experience through which students receive systematic and organized on-the-job training related to their agricultural education instruction. The work experience program is initiated by a written cooperative arrangement between the student, the school and the employer.

Local, State and National Competition provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, public speaking ability and within a competitive forum that requires a wide range of academic skills and personal attributes.

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Admissions

A student applicant will be admitted on a competitive basis based on the following criteria:

1. Academic preparation as evidenced by marking period grades and standardized test scores at a level that will support the applicant's ability to be successful in all program components.
2. Demonstrated interest in a field of studies related to agriculture or the FFA as evidenced by past history of school activities, membership in related clubs, hobbies or projects.
3. Letters of recommendation
4. Personal letter of application (written by the applicant)
5. Interview (when required)

Admission Guidelines Based on a Scale of 100 points

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| 1. Academic Preparation & Department: | 0-45 points |
| 2. Demonstrated Interest in Field of Agriculture: | 0-25 points |
| 3. Letters of Recommendations: | 0-15 points |
| 4. Personal Interview | 0-15 points |

- A personal interview will not be conducted for applicants who are rated highly in categories' 1, 2, 3 (Total score of 70 points or higher).

Non-Discrimination

The board of education complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws prohibiting the exclusion of any person from any of its educational programs or activities, or the denial to any person of the benefits of any of its educational programs or activities because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability (including pregnancy), or gender identity or expression, subject to the conditions and limitations established by law.

For the purposes of this policy, "gender identity or expression" means a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose.

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Agriculture Science and Technology Education Center
Located at Narragansett High School
245 South Pier Road
Narragansett RI 02882
401-792-9400
gbreene@nssk12.org

Please be sure the following information is provided with this application:

- Transcript (see Part II), copies of your most recent report card, Test scores, attendance and discipline records.
- Copy of health immunization record and copy of most recent physical exam.
- Signatures
- May include pictures of your agricultural experiences, if any.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

PART I – To be completed by applicant

Applicant's Name:

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Street Address: _____ Town: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone: Daytime: _____ Parent/Guardian/Student: email
address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Agricultural Experience:

Agricultural Experience Program Plans and Career Goals _____

Present Guidance Counselor _____

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

(Legal Guardian's Signature)

Signature: I understand that if I am accepted, I will attend Narragansett High School to study Agricultural Science and Technology Education (AGED). I understand that while I am a student at Narragansett High School, I will obey all the rules and regulations and commitments in the Agriculture Education Department and Narragansett High School. If I do not follow the rules and regulations and commitments, I will no longer be allowed to continue as a student in the Agricultural Education program. If I do not reside in the school district, I must return to my own town to continue my secondary education.

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Town of Residence: _____

Student, please complete:

When I am 25 years old, I hope to work at occupations like:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

After high school I plan to: _____

I like people who _____

I work hard when _____

My biggest struggle in school is _____

People think that I _____

Sometimes I feel like _____

If I could change the world I would _____

Short Essay

Please attach to this application a short essay, in your own handwriting, explaining why you want to become a student at the Narragansett High School Agriculture Education Center and a Narragansett FFA member.

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PART II – TO BE COMPLETED BY SENDING SCHOOL

Please ensure that a complete transcript is attached to this application. The transcript should include the following: all courses taken and grades received, credits earned, attendance and discipline records, standardized test scores, mastery test scores, teacher comments, and counselor recommendations.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Will the applicant require any special services or modifications to meet the academic and technical standards required of this program? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Please list any environmental or other personal characteristics we should be aware of to help applicant make the best possible adjustment to Narragansett High School.

Helpful comments: _____

Agricultural careers discussed with you: _____

Applicant is:	Recommended Highly	Recommended with Qualification
_____	_____	_____
	Recommended	Not Recommended
_____	_____	_____

Comments: _____

Name of school: _____ Date: _____

Signature/Title of person completing the above information: _____

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**PART III – TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF APPLICANT
IS UNDER 18**

Father or Guardian: Relationship (father, stepfather, guardian, etc.)

Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Mother or Guardian: Relationship (mother, stepmother, guardian, etc.)

Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

I approve this application and agree to encourage punctuality and regular attendance. I understand that part of the Agriculture Education Program is a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program in agriculture and participation as an active member of the FFA, and I agree to support the student in this phase of work.

I further understand that because of the vocational nature of the program, field trips are taken and agricultural work is done to prepare the student for an occupation in agriculture and it is important that all students take part in and dress appropriately for these experiences.

Failure to complete satisfactory work in either the class work or Supervised Agriculture Experience Program will constitute a failure in the agriculture course. Class work, experience programs and FFA participation are all essential and integral for all students enrolled in Agricultural Education.

(Parent or Guardian's Signature)

(Date)

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**NARRAGANSETT HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE EDUCATION
CENTER REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

I hereby request the _____ School Guidance Department
(Student's Present School)

to release the records of _____ to Narragansett High School
(Student's Name)

Final approval of sending schools' superintendent

(Signature*)

(Date)

Agriculture Education Center and Guidance Department to accompany the application of my son/daughter for the Agriculture Education Program. (Records are to include transcripts of courses completed, grades received, credits earned, standardized test scores, attendance and discipline records, teacher comments, counselor recommendations.)

(Signature*)

(Date)

*This request must be signed by parent or guardian if student is under age 18.

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Guidance Department
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