

AGRICULTURE, FOOD & NATURAL RESOURCES

A GUIDE TO PURSUING YOUR CAREER PATH

FOREST MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

Those working in the forestry and natural resources field conserve and manage our forest and natural resources. Sample job opportunities in this field include wildlife manager, park manager, fish and game officer, forest worker, logger, forest manager and fisheries manager.

Those working in this field regularly work with landowners, loggers, forestry technicians and aides, farmers, ranchers, government officials, special interest groups and the general public. Anyone interested in this field should enjoy working outdoors.

An associate's or bachelor's degree in forestry is the minimum education recommended for a professional career in forestry. Forestry and natural resources technicians usually receive their training through a combination of community colleges and on-the-job training. Many states require licensure of professional foresters. The federal, state and local governments employ many forestry and natural resources workers.

HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY CLASSES



BASIC AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE introduces the major areas of scientific agricultural production and research; presents problem solving lessons and introductory skills and knowledge in agricultural science and agri-related technologies. Classroom and laboratory activities are supplemented through supervised agricultural experiences and leadership programs and activities.



AG MECHANICS TECHNOLOGY I is designed to provide students with introductory level experiences in selected major areas of agricultural mechanics technology which may include wood working, agricultural structures, electrical wiring, electric arc welding, oxy/fuel cutting and welding processes, and power equipment operation and maintenance. Learning activities include information, skill development and problem solving. Classroom and laboratory activities are supplemented through FFA supervised agricultural experiences, leadership programs and activities.



FOREST SCIENCE provides entry-level skills for employment in the forest industry and for further study. The course covers establishing forests by natural and artificial means, maintaining and surveying forests, identifying and protecting trees, practicing silviculture, measuring trees and land, mapping, preparing for timber sales and harvest, employing multiple-use resource management, keeping records, and figuring taxes. Classroom and laboratory activities are supplemented through supervised agricultural experiences and leadership programs and activities.



CAPSTONE: WBL INTERNSHIP

WBL (WORK-BASED LEARNING) connects skilled, knowledgeable and driven students to local businesses every year. Students who participate in the AG, Food and Natural Resources program and have been selected to participate in WBL will leave school early to work with our fantastic business partners. Benefits to students include a chance to put skills learned in the classroom to use in an authentic setting, getting a competitive advantage on their career and networking with industry leading professionals all while still in high school. www.hallcowbl.org



CAREER TECH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

FFA: Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. So today, we are still the Future Farmers of America. But, we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.



POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Mechanical Engineers
- Nursery and Greenhouse Manager
- Nursery Workers
- Power Plant Operators
- Control and Valve Installers & Repairers
- Landscaping and Grounds keeping
- Soil and Plant Scientists
- AG Science Teachers
- AG Equipment Operators
- Crop Farmworkers and Laborers
- Farm and Ranch Managers

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CAREER PATHWAY - PLAN OF STUDY

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

4 Units *Must Include:*

9th Grade Literature & American Literature

SOCIAL STUDIES

3 Units *Must Include:*

World History, US History, Government & Economics

MATHEMATICS

4 Units *Must Include:*

GSE Algebra I, GSE Geometry & GSE Algebra II

+

one additional GSE/AP/IB/DE Math course

OR

GSE Accelerated Algebra I/Analytic Geometry A,

GSE Accelerated Geometry B/Algebra II, GSE Precalculus

+

one additional GSE/AP/IB/DE Math course

SCIENCE

4 Units *Must Include:*

Physical Science or Physics; Biology;

Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or AP/IB course

+

one additional Science course

HEALTH & PERSONAL FITNESS

1 Unit *Must Include:*

1/2 unit of each

CAREER, TECHNICAL & AGRICULTURE EDUCATION (CTAE)

3 Units *Must include:*

Basic AG Science, Agricultural Mechanics Technology 1,
Agricultural Metals Fabrication

ELECTIVES

4 Units

*Students planning to attend most post-secondary institutions must take 2 units of the same modern language.

TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED

23 Units

PERSONAL APTITUDES

ACTIVITIES THAT DESCRIBE WHAT I LIKE TO DO:

- Learn how things grow and stay alive.
- Make the best use of the Earth's natural resources.
- Hunt and or fish.
- Protect the environment.
- Be outdoors in all weather.
- Operate & maintain equipment & machinery.



PERSONAL QUALITIES THAT DESCRIBE ME:

- Self-reliant
- Nature lover
- Physically active
- Planner
- Creative problem solver

WANT MORE INFORMATION ON YOU?

YouScience is the science of YOU – how your mind is wired, what makes you tick, the skills and knowledge that set you apart. You have talent and there's a path that's right for you – we can help you find it.



Login to Infinite Campus and locate the SLDS Portal link on the left. Once logged in, click on "My Career Plan" then choose "Go to YouScience".

WHAT YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL MATTERS

You're learning skills and knowledge that can make you a qualified candidate for in-demand careers. Industry-recognized certifications, available to all pathway students, are great signals to employers that you have the skills they're looking for. Certifications help validate what you know, so other people know, that you know it.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your CTAE teacher, WBL Coordinator or School Counselor

PATHWAY TO FUTURE CAREER OPTIONS

HIGH SCHOOL

Pathway Courses

Basic AG Science
Agricultural Mechanics Technology 1
Forest Science

Capstone

WBL Internship
Dual Enrollment

POST-SECONDARY

Technical College

Certificate
Diploma Program
Degree Program

4 Year College/University

Bachelor Degree
Masters Degree
Graduate Studies