

Foundational SAE Activities in AET

Use: This guide shares everyday Foundational/Career Preparational activities that you likely already do and are listed in AET for students to choose, and automatically **creates or adds to their Foundational SAE**. Use all to cover all core aspects of a Foundational SAE.

Step #1 - Implement Foundational SAE Activities - THEN - Step #2 - Record in AET

#1 Use these activity Ideas for Class. Once done, students can quickly recorded in their “career preparation/foundational activities” journal.	#2 Choose the activity from the list - skills are automatic!
Scholarship Hunt Challenge: Students explore the internet to find 2-career related scholarships and save documentation to apply. As they enter their record, they can upload documentation as part of their record.	Apply for Financial Aid/Scholarship <i>FND.A3.06 - Personal Fin. Mgmt</i>
Career Fair Roleplay: Host a classroom “mini-career fair” with stations from different AFNR pathways, with upperclassmen serving as employers.	Attend a Career Fair <i>CRP.04.03 - Career Exploration</i>
Attend School Career Fair: Attend a school or local career fair, collect business cards or speaker handouts, and upload as part of their record.	Attend a Career Fair <i>CRP.04.03 - Career Exploration</i>
Use O*Net for Career Exploration - Find a Career: Assign students to use their AET Profile and “Explore More” to choose O*Net (US Department of Labor) and choose “Discover my Interest,” and choose one career area to report in AET.	Explore Career Areas <i>CS.05.01 & FND.A1.01 - Career Exploration</i>
Use O*Net for Career Exploration - Career Worksheet: Assign students to use their AET Profile and “Explore More” to choose O*Net (US Department of Labor) and find a career area and report results. Use AET’s Foundational Worksheet (Best SAE Practices) and upload as part of their record.	Explore Career Areas <i>CS.05.01 & FND.A1.01 - Career Exploration</i>
Employability Skills Stations: Practice introductions, teamwork, punctuality, and problem-solving in ag scenarios.	Explore Employment Skills <i>CRP.01.01, CRP.04.01, CRP.06.01, CRP.08.01, CRP.12.01 FND.A2.01 - Career Exploration</i>
Short Ag Advocacy Speeches: Deliver a 1-minute speech on why ag matters. Upload video/script in AET.	
Ag Innovation Brainstorm: Work in pairs to solve a real-world ag issue (e.g., conserve water). Record process and solution in AET.	
Perspective Mapping: Debate pros and cons of ag tech (e.g., drone use, antibiotic use, agricultural lands zoning, etc...). Summarize in AET Journal.	
Team Ag Challenge: Build a model farm layout as a team. Record teamwork skills in AET Journal.	
Career Salary Match: Guess and compare ag career salaries using O*Net. Record findings in AET > Career Plan and reflect on budget impact.	Explore Salaries in Career Areas <i>FND.A3.02</i>

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<p>Mock Interview Rotation: Take turns as interviewer/interviewee using ag-specific questions.</p>	<p>Go to an Interview <i>CRP.04.01</i></p>
<p>Career Fit Match: Use AET Profile to match interests with ag jobs. Record top career choices in Journal with reasoning.</p>	
<p>Career Speaker Series: Prepare 3 questions and take notes from a guest speaker.</p>	<p>Guest Speaker in Class <i>CRP.10.03, FND.A1.01</i></p>
<p>Ag Career Match: Explore careers based on personal interests (e.g., vet tech for animal lovers).</p>	
<p>CDE Preview: Pick a CDE, research how to participate, and create a preparation and develop and outline of your plan, then journal in AET.</p>	<p>Involvement in other Career Activities <i>CS.05.01, FND.A1.01</i></p>
<p>Ag Issues Roundtable: Research a current ag issue (e.g., drought effects) and lead class discussion. Record in AET Journal > Career Exploration.</p>	<p>Learn about Agriculture <i>CS.01.01</i></p>
<p>Career Budget Plan: Use a sample ag salary to create a monthly budget. Upload budget and reflection in AET Foundational Journal > Personal Finance.</p>	<p>Learn about Personal Financial Management <i>CRP.03.01</i></p>
<p>Safety Walkthrough: Inspect shop/greenhouse for hazards. Create and upload a safety poster or checklist in AET</p>	<p>Learn about Safety in the Workplace <i>CS.03.01, FND.A4.01</i></p>
<p>Safety Rule Builder: List top 5 shop or livestock safety rules. Record list in AET Journal > Ag Skills.</p>	
<p>Informational Interview: Contact an ag professional and learn about their job. Record insights and attach notes in AET Foundational Journal.</p>	<p>Meet with Others to Learn about a Career <i>CRP.10.03</i></p>
<p><i>(Similar to "Go to an Interview" above, but focused on formal practice.)</i> Interview Roundtable: Conduct peer interviews focusing on body language and answers. Log strengths and growth in AET Foundational Journal</p>	<p>Participate in a Mock Interview <i>CRP.04.01, CRP.10.01</i></p>
<p>Career Skills Match: Pick ag jobs based on your skills (e.g., scientist, researcher). Record choices and reflections in AET Journal.</p>	
<p>Ag Business Tour: Visit a local site (e.g., feed mill), observe workplace skills, and reflect in AET Foundational Journal.</p>	<p>Participate in a Workplace Tour <i>FND.A2.01, FND.A2.03</i></p>
<p>Career Mentor Visit: Meet with someone in ag and ask about their path.</p>	
<p>Resume Builder: Create your resume in AET. Log updates, feedback, or reflections.</p>	<p>Work on my Resume <i>FND.A2.02</i></p>