



Agriscience Teacher / FFA Advisor

Reports to: High School Principal

FLSA Status: Exempt, Full-Time

Position Type: Full-Time with Extended Employment Agreement

Position Summary

The Agriscience Teacher at Ripon Christian Schools provides engaging, Christ-centered instruction in agricultural education courses while helping students develop academic knowledge, practical skills, leadership abilities, and a biblical understanding of stewardship and service. Courses may include Ag Biology, Ag Systems Management, Animal Science, Plant Science, Ag Business, and other agriculture-related electives.

Ripon Christian is currently seeking a highly motivated teacher to fill a replacement position as part of a strong, established, and collaborative three-person agriculture department. The RCS agriculture program serves approximately 150 students within a high school population of approximately 300 students in grades 9–12 and is supported by a highly engaged and supportive community.

This position also includes leadership and oversight responsibilities related to the school's FFA program, including student leadership development, competition preparation, and supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs). The Agriscience Teacher plays an important role in cultivating student growth through classroom instruction, hands-on learning, and agricultural leadership opportunities.

Qualifications

Required

- Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education, Agriscience, Animal Science, Plant Science, or related field.
- Valid teaching credential or ability to obtain appropriate certification.
- Personal faith in Jesus Christ and commitment to the mission of Ripon Christian Schools.

Preferred

- Experience teaching secondary agricultural education courses.
- Experience advising or participating in FFA programs.
- Knowledge of agricultural systems, animal science, plant science, and agricultural business practices.

Skills

- Strong classroom management and instructional skills.
- Effective communication and relationship-building abilities.
- Organizational and event coordination skills.
- Ability to collaborate with students, staff, and parents.
- Ability to integrate faith and learning within agricultural education.

Primary Responsibilities

Instructional Leadership

- Teach agriscience and agriculture-related courses using engaging, hands-on instructional practices.
- Develop lesson plans and learning experiences aligned with state standards, graduation requirements, and CTE expectations.
- Integrate a Reformed Christian worldview into instruction, emphasizing stewardship, responsibility, ethics, and service.
- Utilize a variety of instructional strategies to support diverse learners and promote student engagement.
- Maintain an organized, safe, and effective classroom and laboratory/shop environment.

Program Development and Management

- Support the development and growth of the school's agricultural education program.
- Maintain instructional materials, laboratory equipment, shop tools, greenhouse areas, or agricultural facilities as applicable.
- Assist with budgeting, inventory, purchasing, and organization of program resources and supplies.
- Collaborate with administration regarding course offerings, curriculum development, and program improvement.

FFA Leadership and Advising

- Serve as an FFA Advisor, helping students develop leadership, teamwork, communication, and career skills.

- Coordinate and supervise FFA activities, meetings, competitions, conferences, and leadership events.
- Support students in Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects and recordkeeping.
- Assist students in preparing for judging teams, proficiency awards, fairs, speaking contests, and other FFA opportunities.
- Encourage student growth academically, spiritually, socially, and professionally.
- Communicate regularly with parents regarding student progress, classroom expectations, and program activities.

Community Engagement

- Build partnerships with local agricultural businesses, organizations, and community members to support student learning and program development.
- Participate in school events, fairs, community activities, and outreach opportunities connected to the agriculture program.
- Promote the agricultural education program within the school and broader community.

Professional Growth

- Stay informed regarding current trends, technologies, and best practices in agricultural education and CTE instruction.
- Participate in professional development opportunities related to agriculture, instruction, and FFA leadership.
- Maintain all required credentials, certifications, and training related to the position.

Work Environment

The Agriscience Teacher works in a variety of educational settings, including classrooms, shop environments, greenhouses, outdoor agricultural spaces, and off-campus events. The position will require occasional evening, weekend, and summer responsibilities related to FFA activities, competitions, fairs, conferences, and supervised student projects.

An extended employment agreement and additional compensation will be provided to reflect responsibilities associated with the FFA program and related student activities.