

Field Test Site Application

Introduction to Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

The introduction of a new course into the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education™ curricula requires several steps. After the course is developed, it is field-tested to check for appropriateness, accuracy, and time allocation to determine if enough time has been established for the information in the course to be adequately covered.

In addition, field-testing a course provides an opportunity to validate the course and to inform the designers of the curriculum about potential areas of concern that may not have been recognized during development stages.

This field test is best completed by involving practicing teachers who actually teach the course following the draft curriculum and who provide feedback. Teachers and schools that agree to field test a course are acknowledging their awareness of the following aspects of a course being field-tested:

1. The course is in draft format and will be revised during the time of the field test based on feedback received from the field test sites. NOTE: A draft curriculum means it may not necessarily include everything expected from a fully developed CASE™ course.
2. All field test sites are expected to provide feedback in order to support the final revision process.
3. All teachers who will teach the new course must complete a CASE Institute for the new course prior to conducting the field test.
4. Equipment and materials required to implement the course will be identified in a specialized purchase manual*. Purchase of equipment and materials will be the responsibility of the field test school. The specialized manual will be updated and refined based on feedback from the field test.

***AFNR Field Test Purchase Manual**

All CASE courses have specific equipment needs and supplies requirements to adequately provide instruction. A Purchase Manual will be provided to field test sites to prepare for implementation of AFNR. This manual will be made available by April of the year prior to the field test. When the AFNR course is officially published, a final purchase manual will include the new course equipment and materials requirements reflecting the changes from the field test. The most current purchase manuals are available on the CASE website at www.case4learning.org.

AFNR Field Test Institutes Schedule for 2010:

Carthage Technical Center

Dates: June 20-July 1, 2010

Location: Carthage, MO

South Central College

Dates: July 11-23, 2010

Location: North Mankato, MN

Application Process

Because new courses have limited availability for field test participation, field-testing of CASE courses is a competitive application process. The completion of the application process does not automatically imply a school or teacher is chosen as a field test site.

Applications will be reviewed at the beginning of each month for acceptance. Priority for acceptance is as follows.

- Current CASE teachers and Missouri teachers
- Teachers from original funding states
- Date of application.

Registrants will be accepted in that order on the first of each month until all seats are full. There will be a wait list in case of cancellations.

Application Procedure

1. A teacher and administration officials completes the field test application which also serves as the school district agreement.
2. After completing the application, the school submits the application to the CASE Project Manager.
3. The teacher completes an online registration for the field test CASE Institute he or she plans to attend.
4. CASE staff will notify the school acknowledging status of a complete application. An application is not considered complete until both items have been received.

Return application form via US Mail to:

Dan Jansen, CASE Project Director
17946 SW Inkster Drive
Sherwood, OR 97140

Or, scan and email to: dan.jansen@case4learning.org

CASE AFNR Field Test Site Application

The following application is to be completed by the teacher and school administration that are responsible for providing necessary support for the site to be successful in the CASE AFNR field test. **Both the teacher and administration MUST agree to all of the terms of field-testing in order to be considered as a field test site.**

**Please complete all shaded sections before printing off the application. Once all shaded information is added, print off the application and obtain signatures. This application will serve as a contract between CASE and the teacher and their respective school administration.

Name of School:

Teacher Section

First Name:		Last Name:			
Mailing Address:					
Mailing Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Phone:		Email:			

Please provide information about the teacher below:

Area(s) of teacher certification:

Content area knowledge:

Other relevant expertise that may be important for CASE staff to consider:

Explain why you would like to field test the AFNR course:

By signing this application, I accept the responsibility and I agree to perform the following requirements:

- Successfully complete the AFNR Field Test Institute professional development
- Teach the AFNR course materials as recommended by CASE
- Complete regular evaluations of AFNR lessons and provide feedback for revisions to CASE staff as requested

*Teacher Signature: _____

Date of Signature:

Building Principal Section

First Name:		Last Name:			
Mailing Address:					
Mailing Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Phone:		Email:			

By signing this application, I understand the requirements that my teacher must complete during the AFNR field test. I agree to support the teacher and the AFNR field test by providing the following requirements:

- Resources for my teacher's participation in the AFNR Field Test Institute professional development
- Equipment and supplies for instruction related to AFNR as recommended by CASE
- Ensure my teacher has other necessary support for a successful field test, such as adequate student enrollment

*Principal Signature: _____

Date of Signature:

District Superintendent Section

First Name:		Last Name:			
Mailing Address:					
Mailing Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Phone:		Email:			

I agree to support my teacher and building principal in their efforts to complete a successful field test for the CASE Introduction to AFNR course.

*Superintendent Signature: _____

Date of Signature: