

What is a CASE State Leader?

State leadership is important to establish a network for communication and support regarding CASE adoption. Three representatives from each state will ensure that CASE certified teachers have a primary source for answers related to implementation of CASE courses and other related processes, such as articulation. A State Leader will also be the initiation point for promotion of CASE within their local state or region.

Who serves in the role of a CASE State Leader?

One representative from each area of statewide agriculture education will serve on the State Leader Team:

1. State Department of Education Staff or State Department of Agriculture Staff: CTE Director or Agriculture Specialist
2. Post-secondary Education Faculty Member: May include university agricultural education teacher educator, regional, or community college faculty – CASE Affiliate Professor, or representative from STEM or CTE discipline
3. Secondary Agricultural Science Teacher: CASE certified, preferably CASE Lead or Master Teacher, or Regional CTE Coordinator – Agriculture or Natural Resources Specialist

*One state representative will serve as the delegate for voting and polling related to advisory committee action. This designee will also be entitled to copies of the curriculum and other protected resources.

Specific Expectations of CASE State Leaders

A State Leader will:

- Promote CASE adoption and implementation throughout their secondary agriculture programs
- Disseminate announcements and schedules for CASE related projects
- Serve as a primary source of questions for local teachers and administrators implementing CASE
- Select representatives to serve on CASE course development teams and other special projects
- Provide advice and assistance to CASE certified teachers for setting up articulation agreements with regional post-secondary institutions
- Serve on the CASE Advisory Committee providing leadership for the direction of the project
- Assist local programs with grant funding and other resources to effectively implement CASE courses
- Assist the coordination of in-state or regional CASE Institutes as appropriate
- Identify gatekeepers and other statewide leaders to discuss benefits of CASE programming in the state

Essentially, a State Leader is the liaison between the local state programs and CASE administration.

Commitment of Time by State Leaders

At this stage of CASE development, time commitments will vary among the states. CASE Advisory Committee meets quarterly via conference call for a maximum meeting time of 90 minutes.

Personal Attributes of a CASE State Leader

A State Leader should be a person in a position of influence within the state regarding agricultural education and CTE. This person should be well respected by post-secondary and secondary agricultural educators in their state. Good communication skills and effective channels for disseminating information is a requirement. In addition, as with all CASE leaders, a State Leader will have passion for improving agricultural education.