Agricultural Science and Business Teacher

Touching lives, teaching about life.

USDA
Agricultural science and business teachers prepare middle and high school students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resources systems. They develop and deliver curricula across a wide range of agricultural subjects.

Agricultural science and business teachers work in rural, suburban, and urban public schools. They serve as advisors of local FFA student organizations, emphasizing leadership, personal growth, and career success. They coordinate and supervise student agricultural experiences throughout the entire year. Some teachers work with adults in the community to teach them agricultural production, business, or mechanical subjects.

To be an agricultural science and business teacher, you should be interested in agricultural science and business, and in working with people. In college, you need a strong foundation in communication and science. An undergraduate major in agricultural education is excellent preparation for technical content and for getting your state teaching license.

In high school, you might participate in FFA and take agricultural education courses in addition to courses in science, math, and English. Take part in your school’s cadet teaching program, if they have one. Volunteer work with youth, jobs in production agriculture or with agriculturally related companies, and extracurricular activities such as 4-H help prepare you for college and a career as an agricultural science and business teacher.