

To: Maryland Ag Teachers

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**Note: In 2023 National FFA changed the format for the Vet Science CDE. However, the parts of the event and content did not significantly change. The 2024 Maryland CDE will be delivered in the same style as previous years and we will work to pattern future events after the national format. The knowledge and skills being evaluated is equivalent, just presented in a different manner.**

1. Read the CDE handbook for the event and pay close attention to the ID lists and practicums. [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) under the CDE/LDE tab, Veterinary Science.
2. This event has a four-member team and all four individual scores count.
3. Because of the number of students in this event, the event will be limited to team members only, no extra individuals.
4. Students must come to the event prepared with a clipboard, pencils, basic calculator.
5. **Attire for the event is FFA Official dress-No Scrubs are to be worn at the State event.**

***The 2024 Maryland FFA Veterinary Science CDE event will include the following:***

- Written Exam- 50 questions @ 2 points each=100 points
- Math Applications Exam- 100 points
- Identification of Equipment, Parasites & Animal Breeds @ 2 points each=100 points
- Practicums-160 points total
  - Clinical Procedures Practicum-2 practicums @ 50 points each=100 points
  - Handling and Restraining Practicum-2 practicums @ 30 points each=60 points

**DUE TO THE NUMBER OF TEAMS IN THIS EVENT, THERE WILL NOT BE A TEAM ACTIVITY AS PART OF THIS EVENT!**

**Special Note:** This event covers an enormous amount of material and skills. It is expected that students will develop this knowledge and build on the skills over several years of practice and learning to prepare them for a career in this field. We encourage teachers to reach out to local veterinarians to assist with learning the concepts for this event. As with most fields, there is usually more than one way to perform a task, however, the practicum rubrics were developed using the cited resources to standardize expectations and scoring. We would suggest taking them to the veterinarians assisting with training so that they understand what students are expected to do in the event.

We anticipate that the event will take 5-6 hours to complete. Plan your travel accordingly. We look forward to seeing you at the event!