

To: Maryland Ag Teachers

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****** NOTE: The National FFA Vet Science Committee has updated the handbook for 2023. The ID lists have changed! Please make sure you are studying off of the new lists.******

Read the following information carefully and share with your students!

1. Read the CDE handbook for the event and pay close attention to the ID lists and practicums. 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 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 Procedure 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 CURRENT EVENTS ACTIVITY OR A TEAM ACTIVITY AS PART OF THIS EVENT THIS YEAR!!!

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 that 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!