

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Extra Duty Activity (EDA)

Name of EDA:	National FFA Organization
School Level:	Middle and High

Description of Activity: The National FFA Organization (formerly “Future Farmers of America”) is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The agricultural science education program is built on three core areas: classroom/laboratory instruction; supervised agricultural experience programs; and FFA student organization activities/opportunities. The FFA Organization represents a large diversity of over 300 careers in the food, fiber, and natural resources industry.

FFA’s motto is “Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.” In order to accomplish its mission, FFA: 1) develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership; 2) increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our wellbeing; 3) strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work; 4) promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career; 5) encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs; 6) encourages wise management of the economic, environmental, and human resources of a community; 7) develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations, and social interaction; 8) builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism; 9) promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people; 10) promotes healthy lifestyles; 11) and encourages excellence in scholarship.

Under the direction of the principal, the FFA advisor meets with students to: elect chapter officers; provide networking opportunities with local agricultural businesses and organizations; participate in regional, state, and national FFA career development events/conventions; conduct fund raisers; maintain a local activities account with the school; and participate in community service projects.

Link to the Blueprint for Progress: The National FFA Organization supports the school system’s mission to provide a quality education for all students. The National FFA assists in meeting the *Blueprint’s* Performance Goal 1 by making real life connections in English, math, science, and social studies for students through application of principles to agriculture. Performance Goal 5 is met through generating active student participation and interest in an intra-curricular activity. Additionally, Performance Goals 6 and 7 are met through the active solicitation of community/sponsorship of the advisor. Finally, Performance Goal 8 is met through the integration of FFA into the Agricultural Education curriculum.

Examples of Specific Duties of this EDA Sponsor

Estimated Hours

Planning and Preparation

30 – 55

- Develops program of activities
- Performs research for career development events
- Maintains records at all levels
- Arranges for travel to all events
- Coordinates fundraising activities
- Maintains contact with local, state, and national FFA officials and advisors

Typical Class Activities, Events, and Fundraisers

80 – 120

- Meets with administration to discuss program of activities
- Arranges student officer meetings
- Participates in regional, state, and national career development events, conventions, and leadership conferences

Other EDA Duties

40 – 60

- Coordinates monthly chapter meetings
- Coaches career development event teams
- Assists in student development of a Supervised Agricultural Experience program and reviews projects each semester

Estimated Annual Hours that a Teacher Might Spend to Sponsor this EDA: 150 – 235

Minimum Number of Students Required: 5

Annual Compensation

FFA is a Level IV activity.