

ELEMENTARY AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM

AS ESTABLISHED IN ACT 243 OF 2023

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YEAR

Pilot Program

Act 243 of 2023 established a program for Arkansas public elementary schools to participate in an agriculture education program for students in grades K-6.



The Pilot Program

Available for up to 30 schools with a minimum requirement of 6 schools participating.



Curriculum

Lessons will be provided at no cost to the school or school district. The curriculum will be in line with state standards.



Community Partner Funding

Funding for specific activities within the curriculum can come from the community or ag industry organization partnerships. Working with partners is encouraged.



Commitment

The pilot program requires a **3-year** commitment and the sharing of enrollment data, demographics, and the program's academic impact.



Instructor

The school will have a dedicated instructor to carry out the pilot program. Schools will have discretion on who/how to select an instructor.



Professional development workshops will begin in the Summer of 2025.

APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 15

Accepted schools will be notified by March 1.

Rollout:
2025-26 school year



Working with your school district's junior high or senior high school ag education program is encouraged.

