



What are CDEs?

FFA.OH.4.8

Time Needed:

Activity 1 – 20 min

Activity 2 – 20 min

Materials:

The Official FFA Student Handbook – one copy per student

Public writing surface

FFA.OH.4.8.AS.A – one copy per student

FFA.OH.4.8.AS.B – one copy per student

Objectives:

1. Define Career Development Event (CDE).
2. Associate CDEs with career pathways (CDE).

Content Outline

1. Define Career Development Event (CDE).
 - a. It's an opportunity to develop skills today that can be used in future careers.
 - b. How are CDEs like the Olympic Games?
2. Associate CDEs with career pathways.
 - a. Align with the eight career pathways.

Activity 1 –

1. Ask the students to name their favorite Olympic events.
2. Write the list of events on the public writing surface .
3. Discuss the skills needed to participate in each of the events.
 - a. What skills are unique?
 - b. What skills are similar between events?
4. Explain that the same is true with Career Development Events. These events help FFA members build skills for future careers.
 - a. CDEs help students develop the ability to think critically, communicate clearly and perform effectively in a competitive job market.
5. Have students read pages 80-87 in *The Official FFA Student Handbook* and use FFA.OH.4.8.AS.A to list the events that are of most interest to them and why.

Activity 2 –

1. Allow students to access the *National FFA Career Development Events Handbook* to review how specific CDEs of interest are organized. Print out copies of the handbook from www.ffa.org.
2. Review pages 80-87 of *The Official FFA Student Handbook* with the students and discuss which CDEs would prepare them for specific career paths.
3. Pass out FFA.OH.4.8.AS.B.
4. Ask students to align the career pathways with the appropriate CDEs.
5. After everyone has completed the activity sheet, discuss the correct answers found on FFA.OH.4.8.AS.B.KEY.

Additional Resources:

FFA.OH.4.8.ASSESS – Ask students to complete the form and turn it in for a participation grade. This will help you gauge students' interests.

FFA.OH.4.8.AS.C – Word search

National FFA Career Development Events Handbook

National FFA Career Development Event Questions and

Answers – www.ffa.org/shop



CDE Exploration

Directions: As you read pages XX-XX in *The Official FFA Student Handbook*, complete the following.

1. Would you enjoy working individually or with a team? Why?

2. Of all the events you have learned about, what events seem like they would be the most challenging for you?

3. After reading the elements of several Career Development Events, what three events are of most interest to you? Why?

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CDE vs. Career Pathway

Write appropriate CDE(s) with the associated career pathways below.

Agribusiness Systems

Animal Systems

Environmental Service and Natural Resources Systems

Food Products and Processing Systems

Plant Systems

Power, Structural & Technical Systems

Cluster Skills Pathway

Career Development Events

1. Agronomy
2. Agricultural Sales
3. Poultry Evaluation
4. Prepared Public Speaking
5. Meats Evaluation and Technology
6. Parliamentary Procedure
7. Environmental Natural Resources
8. Food Science and Technology
9. Marketing Plan
10. Livestock Evaluation
11. Agricultural Mechanics



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Agricultural Sales, Marketing Plan

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Meats Evaluation and Technology, Poultry Evaluation

Environmental Service and Natural Resources Systems

Environmental Natural Resources

Food Products and Processing Systems

Food Science and Technology

Plant Systems

Agronomy

Power, Structural & Technical Systems

Agricultural Mechanics

Cluster Skills Pathway

Parliamentary Procedure, Prepared Public Speaking

Career Development Events

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2. Agricultural Sales
3. Poultry Evaluation
4. Prepared Public Speaking
5. Meats Evaluation and Technology
6. Parliamentary Procedure
7. Environmental Natural Resources
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CDE Word Search

*This word search's terms may not necessarily be found on a single row

I	N	T	E	R	V	I	E	W	A	Y	B	I	C	S	L	D
E	C	F	A	G	H	O	J	O	B	R	I	C	V	E	A	Q
T	R	O	A	G	R	I	C	U	L	T	U	R	A	L	R	W
X	E	I	M	G	T	S	A	I	S	S	U	E	S	A	U	A
R	E	T	A	M	R	G	G	S	J	E	O	N	M	S	T	U
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Y	S	L	K	I	S	N	U	E	S	O	N	A	R	A	U	F
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N	A	T	I	A	T	R	O	K	A	U	A	S	H	Y	R	G
O	K	U	N	S	A	L	E	X	A	T	R	N	D	F	G	E
R	I	R	G	W	U	T	H	R	I	C	I	A	F	O	A	R
G	N	E	D	E	N	B	U	R	G	B	L	O	L	O	A	N
A	G	R	I	C	U	L	T	U	R	A	L	K	N	D	E	N
S	H	I	P	D	E	M	E	C	H	A	N	I	C	S	C	K
A	R	D	W	H	I	E	L	T	T	A	C	Y	R	I	A	D
T	E	B	U	N	T	N	O	I	T	A	U	L	A	V	E	S

Agricultural Communications
Agricultural Issues
Agricultural Mechanics
Agricultural Sales
Agronomy
Creed Speaking
Dairy Cattle Evaluation
Dairy Foods
Forestry
Job Interview
Marketing Plan

What are the Career Development Events that are **not** included in the word search?



CDE Word Search

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Environmental and Natural Resources, Farm Business Management Food and Science Technology, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Meats Evaluation and Technology, Nursery and Landscape, Parliamentary Procedure, Poultry Evaluation, Prepared Public Speaking, Livestock Evaluation, Horse Evaluation, Dairy Handlers, Floriculture



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CDEs

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2. True or False – All Career Development Events are done as a team.

3. True or False – Rules and resources for every National FFA Career Development Event are posted on www.ffa.org.

4. What skills do you need to participate in any CDE?



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1. What is a Career Development Event?

Career Development Events are opportunities to develop skills today that you can use in a future career.

2. True or False – All Career Development Events are done as a team.

False

3. True or False – Rules and resources for every National FFA Career Development Event are posted on www.ffa.org.

True

4. What skills do you need to participate in any CDE?

Some possible answers include; leadership, time management, determination, communication skills, decision making, adaptability, continuous improvement, etc.