



# Bridges Career Academy

# Agriculture Leadership

*Upsala High School*

Learn about leadership styles and the qualities good leaders demonstrate. Practice effective communication skills, demonstrate a working knowledge of parliamentary skills and facilitate teamwork activities.

## Academic Courses

- Agriculture Leadership
- Agriculture Business and Management

## Career Experiences

- Attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day or other regional career fairs
- Participate with professionals

## Completion Standards

COMPLETE

**ALL courses**

GRADES **B** ↑

Earn a **certificate** and **green cord** at graduation



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## Job Skills

In addition to having technical skills, employers expect workers in this industry to have these skills:

- Active listening and speaking skill
- Ability to work with other professionals
- Judgment and decision-making skills
- Time management
- Understand equipment and tools
- Presentation skills



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The Agriculture Leadership Academy offers student a unique opportunity to learn about various leadership styles and the qualities good leaders demonstrate. Students will practice effective communication skills, demonstrate a working knowledge of parliamentary skills and facilitate teamwork activities. For those who are interested in any type of management position in their future, this academy will provide you the necessary skills to succeed.

### ACADEMY COURSES

#### **Agriculture Leadership** — .5 High School and/or 3 College Credits

This class will prepare you for the world of work. In addition to learning various types of leadership styles and management strategies, students will conduct a process of self-discovery of their personal management assets. Students will learn strategies for managing stress, effective communication, teamwork, and listening skills. Students will develop a personal leadership plan that impacts the school, community and family. Upon completion of the class, student will have developed a resume, a letter of application and experience preparing a job application. Interviewing skills will be used in an actual interview with a community member.

#### **Agriculture Business and Management** — .5 High School Credits

This course teaches students to apply, in real life situations, the concepts of business management, record keeping of investments of time, money and energy. An on-line record keeping and accounting program will be utilized to help students gain an understanding of finances, goal setting, self-improvement, budgeting and decision making. Students will prepare and use a personal budget determining their personal self-worth. Students will complete a 'Supervised Agricultural Experience' of eighty hours. Students will be expected to cite new skills learned, problem solving skills practiced and an improvement project at the work site.

### COMPLETION STANDARD

Students wishing to receive a certification for this academy must earn a "B" or better in each course and must complete all courses. Students should maintain records of a Supervised Agricultural Experience and complete a proficiency or degree application with the assistance of the local supervisor. Students must also be an active member, committee chair, or serve as an officer of Upsala's FFA Chapter.

### CAREER EXPERIENCES

Students will attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day, review videos of various leaders and develop personal management strategies. A Supervised Agricultural Experience will be conducted in the local community businesses and industries.

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