

House Bill 1423

C. For each agricultural education program which is funded by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, the local school district shall provide transportation services for all agricultural-education-program-and FFA-program-related duties and to and from all activities.

The underlined portion of the bill was the wording that was deleted from the original. The intent of the bill was to protect Schools and Ag instructors on being forced to provide transportation services not approved by the school district.

However, this does not excuse schools from providing transportation for the Agricultural Education program.

Senate Bill 50-is amended to read

- A. Agricultural education programs shall be limited to students in *are designed for junior high and high school* grades eight through twelve, and shall be provided by comprehensive school districts. Technology center school districts shall be prohibited from operating agricultural education programs or FFA chapters in any location.

The underlined portion was removed and the large italicized bold section was added. This is exactly how our rule read two years ago. This does not give a school automatic right to offer a 7<sup>th</sup> grade program. A 7<sup>th</sup> grade program must be approved by the Agricultural Education division of CareerTech. Agricultural Education instructors must only teach approved Agricultural Education courses, therefore, because the 7<sup>th</sup> grade is not listed as one of our approved courses it can only be offered by special approval.

