

State Leader Designation Policy

What is a CASE State Leader?

State leadership is important in establishing a network for communication and support regarding CASE adoption. A State Leader is the initiation point of contact for CASE promotion within their state or region. They could be a teacher, state department staff member, or postsecondary staff member who serves in a leadership capacity in their state.

A State Leader should be a person in a position of influence within the state regarding agricultural education and CTE. This person should be well respected by their state's post-secondary and secondary agricultural educators. Good communication skills and effective channels for disseminating information is a requirement. In addition, as with all CASE leaders, a State Leader will have a passion for improving agricultural education.

Essentially, a State Leader is the liaison between the local state programs and the CASE team.

What are the responsibilities of a CASE State Leader?

- Serve on the CASE Advisory Committee, providing leadership for the initiative's direction.
- Attend all CASE Advisory meetings as the voting CASE Advisory Committee member.
- Communicate if they are not able to attend an advisory meeting and assign a voting member from their leadership team to act as their proxy in their absence.
- Disseminate announcements and schedules for CASE-related projects to their State Leadership team and relevant groups in their state.
 - Executive Committee members are Ex Officio non-voting members.
- Assist CASE in keeping the database of CASE teachers current.
- Update CASE on curricular and professional development activities and/or policies in their state that may impact the CASE Initiative.
- Identify two or more individuals within their state to serve on a CASE Leadership Team.
- Inform the CASE team of members of their CASE State Leadership Team and update the team on any changes.

Who should be represented on a CASE State Leadership Team?

One representative from each group of statewide agriculture education will serve on the State Leadership Team, and one of these three will be designated as the CASE State Leader.

1. State Department of Education Staff or State Department of Agriculture Staff: CTE Director or Agricultural Education Staff
2. Agriculture Specialist Post-secondary Education Faculty Member: May include university agricultural education teacher educator, regional, or community college faculty – CASE Affiliate Professor, or representative from STEM or CTE discipline
3. Secondary Agricultural Science Teacher: CASE certified, preferably CASE Lead or Master Teacher, or Regional CTE Coordinator – Agriculture or Natural Resources Specialist.

*The team is encouraged to seek CASE Affiliates, school administrators, industry representatives, and others interested in the CASE Initiative to assist in meeting the responsibilities of the CASE State Leadership Team.

What are the responsibilities of CASE State Leadership Team members?

- At the beginning of each year, designate a voting state leader to attend advisory meetings.
- Option to attend CASE advisory meetings as a non-voting member and provide input and direction.
- Promote CASE adoption and implementation throughout their agricultural education programs.
- Communicate ideas regarding the CASE Initiative's direction to their State Leader.
- Disseminate CASE-related announcements and schedules to their statewide group.
- Serve as a primary source of questions for local teachers and administrators.
- Recommend representatives to serve on course development teams and other special projects.
- Provide advice and assistance to CASE-certified teachers for setting up articulation agreements with regional post-secondary institutions.
- Assist local programs with grant funding and other resources to effectively implement CASE courses.
- Assist the coordination of in-state or regional CASE Institutes as appropriate.
- Identify gatekeepers and other statewide leaders to discuss the benefits of CASE programming in the state.

Time commitments will vary among the states. CASE Advisory Committee meets quarterly via conference call for a maximum meeting time of 90 minutes.