



Getting Started with AEST

It's simple! Go to **CERTIFY.AG** to learn about the certifications we offer. There you will find exam specific information including study guides and references.

Preparing for Testing

Teachers must create a teacher account, which provides access to track student certifications, schedule exams, add testing credits, and manage student profiles.

All exams are proctored. Proctors must request a proctor account that provides access to schedule exams, add testing credits and administer exams. Agriculture teachers CANNOT serve as proctors for AEST exams.

Students must create a student/candidate account prior to testing. The agriculture teacher can work with students to create accounts.

AEST CAPE Industry Certifications 2018-2019

Associate Certifications (50 Questions/\$50 each)	FL DOE Course Alignment	CAPE Funding Weight
Agriculture Associate (FLFBR007)	Agriscience Foundations (8106810)	0.2
*Agriculture Systems Associate (FLFBR009)	**Fundamentals of Ag, Food, and Natural Resources Systems (8021300)	0.1
Specialist Certifications (100 Questions/\$85/\$50)	FL DOE Course Alignment	CAPE Funding Weight
Agritechnology Specialist (FLFBR001)	Agritechnology (8106800)	0.2
Ag Biotechnology Specialist (FLFBR002)	Agriculture Biotechnology (8003100)	0.1
Ag Communications Specialist (FLFBR003)	Agricultural Communications (8117000)	0.1
Ag Mechanics Specialist (FLFBR004)	Technical Ag Operations (8005100)	0.1
Animal Science Specialist (FLFBR005)	Animal Science and Services (8106200)	0.2
Ag UAS Specialist (FLFBR006)	Ag Use of UAS Technology (8005200)	0.1
Forestry Specialist (FLFBR008)	Forestry (8118300)	0.1
*Natural Resources Specialist (FLFBR1010)	Natural Resources (8006200)	0.1

*NEW this year **Middle School course

Common Questions?

Q: *Do I have to take the exam?*

A: Yes, Florida statute says that teachers must hold the certifications they offer. AEST provides free certification renewals for all teachers.

Q: *What is the average score on the **Agriculture Associate** exam during the 2017-18 school year?*

A: The average score was 68.9% and over 4,500 students earned this certification. **Schools** will earn one acceleration point toward the school grade for each certification; **Teachers** will be awarded \$50 per student that passed; **Programs** will be awarded an average of \$600 per student that passed; **Students** will earn 3 college credits towards an AS degree for earning this certification; and **Students** will earn 3 credits toward the Florida Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) Scholarship.

Q: *What is the average score on the **AgriTechnology Specialist** exam during the 2017-18 school year?*

A: The average score was 63.1% and over 1,050 students earned this certification. **Schools** will earn one acceleration point toward the school grade for each certification; **Teachers** will be awarded \$50 per student that passed; **Programs** will be awarded an average of \$600 per student that passed; **Students** will earn 2 college credits towards an AS degree for earning this certification; and **Students** will earn 2 credits toward the Florida Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) Scholarship.

Q: *Do other AEST exams earn program and teacher bonus funding?*

A: Yes! The teacher bonus levels are \$25/student for 0.1 exams and \$50/student for 0.2 exams. There is no cap on teacher bonuses. Program funding is also weighted based on exam.

Q: *How many Florida counties are using AEST certifications?*

A: 53 counties are using AEST certifications in their agriculture programs. Additionally, 40 parishes in Louisiana have adopted AEST certifications.

Q: *Does AEST provide testing accommodations?*

A: Yes! We offer extended time, verbal exams, paper exams and translation dictionaries. To request an accommodation, simply complete the request form on the CERTIFY.AG website.

Q: *Who can I contact if I have a question?*

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