

## Artist Statement

World market prices for major foods, such as corn and soybeans, have risen 60 percent above levels just 2 years ago. The Chicago High School for Agriculture Science is committed to finding a solution with the help of the FFA.

This school has stepped up to the plate, and has taught students the importance of agriculture in the United States. As other schools spend only three years on critical educational classes needed for the progress of this country, this school spends the whole four years of math, science, reading, and agriculture education. Between the years of 2002 and 2004, more than 90 percent of seniors took the ACT, and their average score was at or above the national ACT average. Students usually score at or above district and state average.

The school offers five different pathways that students can choose from in their junior year, and will follow in their senior year. They are: Ag Finance, Horticulture, Ag Mech Tech, Animal Science, and Food Science.

Ag Finance is working on the Farm Stand selling vegetables and fruits. Horticulture does beautiful floral designs, which are used for different occasions. Ag Mech Tech builds and remodels most of the farm. Animal Science takes care of the livestock to auction off. Food Science cooks most of the food that the school sells to make money for other things needed. All of these pathways are connected to each other and depend on each other.

This school, no doubt, is amazing, and by far an example to a lot of other high schools in the district and the nation.