

Co-op Visits Now Required for Qualifying for NICE – Local Co-ops Encouraged to Help Facilitate Meeting

In an effort to better connect those participating in the co-op testing program (which qualifies Kansas students to attend NICE) with their local cooperatives, the KCC board has endorsed adding a co-op visit requirement to the Kansas program. In order to be designated the top district winner, the student must have also had a visit with a local co-op representative, either individually or as an ag-ed class member.

We hope all of our local cooperatives will be willing and able to “answer the call” when their local students/ag-ed instructor asks for a meeting. It can be at the co-op or the cooperative representative may be asked to make a class visit at the school. Each school will work with a local co-op to find the best approach to meet their needs. The school/students may contact any one of our co-op member segments that have business entities serving their local communities: ag/farm supply, rural electric, rural telephone, credit unions or farm credit office.

We encourage all our KCC co-op members to help students better understand the co-op business model and the role of cooperatives in the local community, if called upon. If you have any questions about the new addition to the program, please feel free to contact Leslie Kaufman at leslie@kansasco-op.coop or by phone at 785-220-4068,