Ross High School students prepare for their presentation

"It was especially satisfying to see my students transform before my very eyes. They grew in maturity and knowledge in the few days we spent competing in New York. I can say without question that being involved with SAGE has given me more of an educational tool than I had bargained for."

Tom O'Neill

IT Instructor, Ross High School / Butler Tech

Winners of Ohio SAGE 2007

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For more information on
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Inspire Your Students to Learn, Profit and Change Their World

Do you sense untapped potential in your students?

Are you looking for new ways to motivate your students and make learning fun and exciting?

Would your school benefit from closer contact with local colleges, businesses and community leaders?

THE BASICS:

Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE) is an international business plan competition that allows high school students to apply their learning outside of the classroom. The mission of SAGE is to encourage youth entrepreneurship and community service around the world, emphasizing:

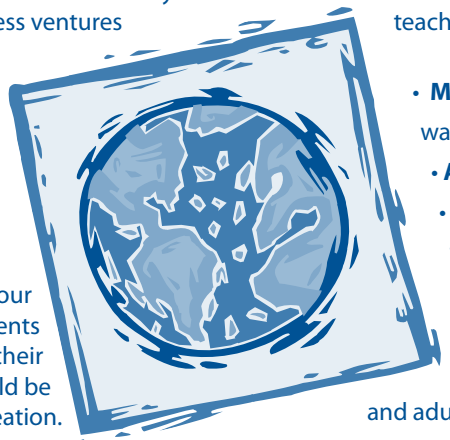
- Global Perspective & Thinking
- Ethical Business Practices
- Civic & Social Responsibility
- Environmental Awareness

The annual SAGE Business Plan Challenge can be a stand-alone activity for your students or can enhance other education programs your school may already have. By competing in this challenge, your students will discover the practical, real-world value of all the subjects they study.

Students will compete for thousands of dollars in prize money and get to travel to regional, national, and international conferences. Visit www. ohio**sage**.org to see how you can participate and earn great prizes for your students, school and yourself.

Hands-On Education, Life-Changing Benefits

SAGE gets your students engaged by creating a network of educational, business, and community leaders. Students begin to form business ventures under the direction and guidance of teacher advisors, SAGE Coordinators and the business community.



SAGE encourages students to **evaluate the skills/talents** they possess and to begin to apply knowledge learned in your classroom. Within SAGE, students **design a plan** outlining how their individual or team talents could be marketed through venture creation. During competition, students **present their activities to peers and a panel of judges.** The SAGE Coordinator provides support to teams throughout the process.

In the Spring, your SAGE team will **compete for the state title** at a competition hosted by a university. The winner of this competition receives an **all-expenses-paid trip to the SAGE USA Competition**, where teams compete against other state champions. The winner of the SAGE USA Competition advances to the Annual SAGE World Cup. SAGE is active in many countries around the world.

Teachers who participate in the SAGE program gain powerful tools to **motivate and inspire their students**. As a teacher advisor, you can:

- **Motivate** students to learn in a fun, competitive way
- **Apply classroom learning** in practical ways
- **Inspire** students to broaden their horizons through an innovative, global project
- Give students a chance to **apply their skills**
- Help students **improve their community** directly and by setting an example for peers and adults
- **Advance creativity** and entrepreneurial thinking
- Encourage students to **think with a global perspective**
- Directly **involve business and community leaders** in your classroom
- **Travel** to competitions
- **Showcase your school and highlight the importance of your teaching** in front of influential business and community leaders

Best of All, It Costs Nothing to Get Started!

There's no cost or obligation to compete once you join the SAGE network. Your SAGE coordinator will serve as a guide and resource as you assemble your team and plan for competitions. In addition, financial grants are periodically available to help SAGE teams with business startups.

Contact us directly for more details:

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