



# Using **MONOPOLY**™ to Teach SAE Record-keeping Skills in a School-based Agricultural Education Program



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## INTRODUCTION

- SAE is designed to provide experiential, work-based learning opportunities for students enrolled in SBAE programs (National FFA Organization, 2015b)
- A practical record-keeping system is typically used to keep track of student earnings, hours worked, investments, expenses, etc. for these projects
- Student and teacher lack of familiarity with aspects related to SAE including record keeping hinder successful implementation of SAE projects (Foster, 1986)
- Although a variety of SAE practice problems exist, they are often confusing to students
- A Monopoly™-based SAE practice problem could work well to fill the record-keeping knowledge gap



## HOW IT WORKS

- A minimum of 4 consecutive days should be utilized for completion of the practice problem
- 3-4 pairs of students playing each board game
- One student would play the game while the other would record information on AET; Students would switch half way through
- A complete record book report would be submitted as a summative assessment

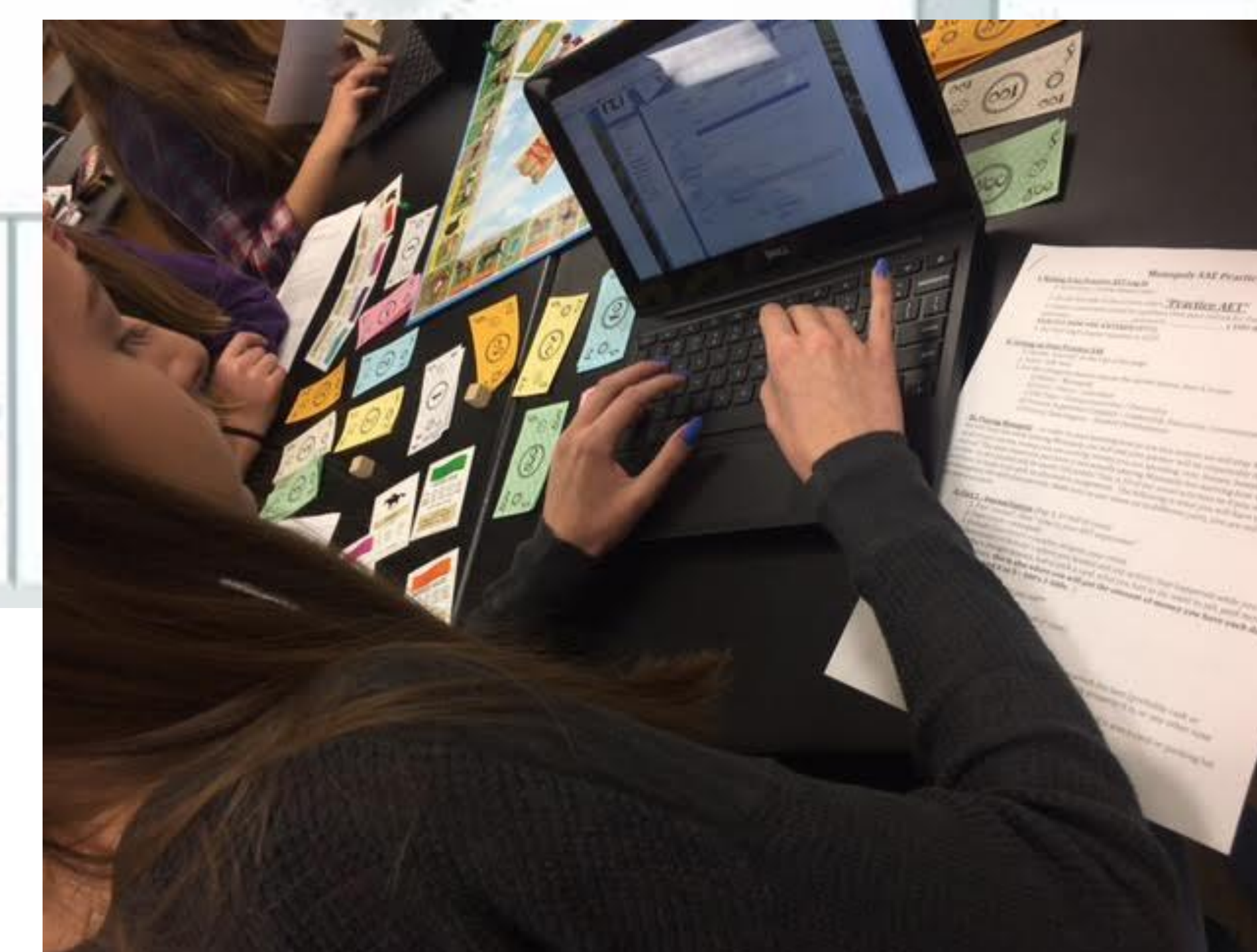
## RESULTS

- Students have a firmer grasp of record keeping concepts
- Students seem more excited to enter records due to increased familiarity with the system
- Instructor is more comfortable and competent teaching record keeping



## FUTURE PLANS & ADVICE TO OTHERS

- Monitor changes to the record keeping system regularly
- Students should record log in credentials for practice accounts



## COSTS

- Students would need access to whatever record keeping system the school utilizes
- Cost of the record keeping system typically depends on SBAE enrollment
- Approximate cost of a Monopoly™ board game is \$25

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