

Turner FFA

Student Handbook



2020-2021

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Dear Student and Parents:

We would like to say thank you for taking the time to read the revised FFA Student Handbook. This handbook will be in effect for the 2020-2021 school year.

Welcome to the 2020-2021 R.L Turner FFA and Agriculture Science Department. We are excited about all the upcoming activities and opportunities that this school year can provide for you.

The Agriculture Science Program consists of three elements; classroom instruction, Supervised Agricultural Experience, and FFA. There are many opportunities for you to develop leadership skills as well as experience personal growth and career success throughout your participation in the R.L Turner Agriculture Science Program and FFA.

We are looking forward to the upcoming year and your participation in the activities provided. It is a chance for you to make great friends, explore career opportunities and expand your knowledge on the industry that is the backbone of this great nation. If we can offer any help or answer any questions that you may have regarding any part of our program, please feel free to contact us.

You can learn about Texas FFA at www.texasffa.org and National FFA at www.ffa.org. Remember, as with any endeavors you pursue, you only get out of this organization what you put into it.

Sincerely,

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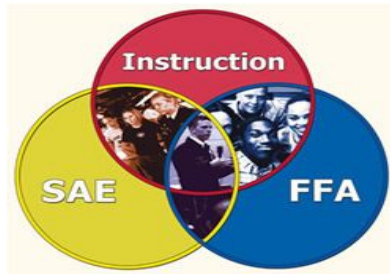
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Program Description

The Agricultural Education Program is much more than a class. Classroom instruction gives students the knowledge and skills they need for success in today's world, and students get a chance to practice and apply these knowledge and skills in their Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects (SAE) and through the National FFA Organization. When the three parts are properly integrated, student education is maximized. Students learn important academic, career, technical, and life skills when all types of instruction are used. To make the most of the Agricultural Education Program, all students should participate in FFA and are required to have an SAE project.



Supervised Agricultural Experience

A SAE program is the actual, hands-on application of agricultural skills outside the classroom. Students are supervised by agricultural education teachers, parents, employers and other adults who assist them in the development and achievement of their educational and career goals.

SAE is a time honored and tested form of work-based learning. An SAE program can be whatever the student wants it to be—an agricultural business of his/her own, a job shadowing experience, or placement in a paid or unpaid job using agriculturally-related skills and competencies. It is a program designed cooperatively by the student, advisor and parents.

Some examples of SAE Projects:

Veterinary Internship	Lawn Mowing Business	Raising a Garden
Working in a Greenhouse	Volunteering at an Animal Shelter	Grocery Store Produce Dept. Work
Floral Design Projects	Landscaping Projects at Home	Hunting & Trapping (wildlife mgt.)
Making Jalapeno Jelly	Job-Shadowing an ag-related career	Working for any ag related Industry
Turf Care at a Golf Course	Agriscience Fair Project	Raising Sheep, Cattle,
Restoring a Tractor		Hogs, Goats, Rabbits, etc

Agriculture Experience Tracker (AET)

Students will keep record of their SAE and FFA participation through their online record book found at www.theaet.com. Each student will create an account in class and is responsible for keeping their records up to date. This includes the journal (time) and financial (monetary) entries for their individual SAE, FFA participation, and in class hours. These records are used as a classroom grade, to apply for degrees through Texas FFA, to be recognized for proficiency awards, and will determine scholarship recipients at the local and state level.

FFA Code of Ethics

The following policies are guidelines applied to the Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD Agricultural Department and the R.L. Turner FFA Chapter. As a leadership organization members must be in good standing in and out of the school and are subject to dismissal from the organization for problems in any of the following areas: insubordination, truancy, cheating, drinking, alcohol, drugs, violations of the CFBISD student code of conduct and/or breaches of the FFA code of ethics.

The Agriculture Science Teacher reserves the right to add to or amend these guidelines and rules as deemed necessary. This document will be kept updated and located on the Carrollton Farmers Branch district website. *It is the responsibility of teachers, students and parents to utilize the district website to obtain and/or refer to the most current version of this document.*

All R.L. Turner FFA student activities are an extension of Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD; therefore, all rules and regulations found in the Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD Student Handbook, CFBISD Student Code of Conduct and CFBISD School Board Policy apply. In addition, students participating in FFA will be required to adhere to the CFBISD District-Wide Guidelines for Extracurricular Students, and content of this document.

R.L. Turner FFA Code of Conduct:

- Dress for the occasion. All clothes must meet the Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD Student code of Conduct. (Even during summer months. Students will be given the opportunity to correct the issue.)
- Respect others and be courteous at all times
- Be honest
- Respect property of others
- Swearing, Profanity, and unacceptable talk is unbecoming conduct
- Demonstrate Good sportsmanship
- Attend meetings on time

National FFA Code of Ethics:

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family. FFA members pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
4. Respect the rights of others and their property.

5. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
8. Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
9. Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience program.
10. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

Adopted by the Delegates at the 1952 National FFA Convention. Revised by the Delegates at the 1995 National FFA Convention.

FFA Membership

The R.L. Turner FFA adheres to guidelines and policies provided by the Texas FFA Association. Texas FFA allows local discretion of the school district to adopt more stringent membership guidelines.

Annual R.L Turner FFA Dues are \$15.00. This includes dues for local (Turner FFA), District III, Area V, Texas FFA Association, and the National FFA Association.

Benefits of FFA Membership includes:

- One year of membership
- FFA New Horizons Magazine subscription
- 15% Discount at La Quinta Inns & Suites
- The opportunity to develop premier leadership, personal growth & career success

Active Membership Eligibility

1.1 Operational Premises

(a) The FFA Organization is an integral part of agricultural education, a leadership development program for students of agriculture, food and natural resources programs. FFA programs are intended to be applied activities related to the classroom and laboratory instructional programs, individual supervised agricultural experience programs and the leadership, personal and career development component of the agricultural education delivery model. Thus, membership guidelines should reflect this

1.2 Constitutional Authority National FFA Constitution, Section C. To be eligible for active membership in a chartered FFA chapter, a student must be enrolled in a secondary Agricultural Science and Technology program. To retain membership, a student must:

1. Be enrolled in a least one Agricultural Science and Technology course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study; either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is to gain experience in agriculture related careers.
2. Show an interest in the affairs of the Association by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
3. Pay all current District, Area, State and National dues by the date determined by the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America.

1.3 Membership Eligibility (a) A student may establish initial membership by enrolling in an approved agriculture, food and natural resources course. An approved agriculture, food and natural resources course shall be any course in the agriculture food and natural resources cluster, approved innovative course taught by the agriculture, food and natural resources instructor or any career and technical education course approved by the State Board of Education to be taught by an agriculture, food and natural resources instructor. A course not considered part of the agriculture, food or natural resources cluster or one of the courses approved by the State Board of Education for delivery by agriculture, food and natural resources instructors, but part of a recognized agriculture, food and natural resources pathway shall be considered a qualified course for membership and participation provided that the pathway has been declared by the teacher upon the student's entry into the program and filed at that time via the state roster management system.

(b) After completing two consecutive semesters for high school credit , a student may maintain continuous membership for a maximum of one membership year while not enrolled in a course provided they maintain an approved supervised experience program which is documented in an approved agriculture, food and natural resources record book. Pursuant to state and national constitutions, the membership year shall begin September 1 and conclude the following August 31. For the purposes of this policy, two one-semester classes taken concurrently count as two consecutive classes semesters. After re-enrolling and completing one agriculture, food and natural resources course, a student will be eligible to maintain one more year of membership without re-enrollment provided an approved, documented SAE is in place.

(c) Local departments may establish more stringent membership requirements. Districts and areas may also adopt enrollment guidelines applying to officers of those associations.

(d) More rigorous enrollment standards which apply to competitive events supersede this policy and are enumerated in the respective handbooks. philosophy and support enrollment in agriculture, food and natural resources courses.

R.L Turner FFA students will be enrolled in an approved Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resource course to participate in FFA events.

Junior FFA Membership

2.1 Operational Premises

(a) The FFA Organization is an integral part of agricultural education, a leadership development program for students of agriculture, food and natural resources instructional programs. FFA programs are intended to be applied activities related to the classroom and laboratory instructional programs. Thus, membership guidelines should reflect this philosophy and support enrollment in agricultural science courses. The organization of a Junior FFA chapter is entirely optional, with the need of such an organization to be determined by the local FFA chapter.

2.2 Constitutional Authority Texas FFA Constitution, Article V. Section B.- Junior Membership --Active chapters of the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America may form Junior FFA Chapters for the purpose of enhancing and encouraging the education of younger students who are interested in the agricultural industry. Membership in the Texas Junior FFA organization shall consist of students enrolled in public schools or accredited private schools who are in the third grade and eight years old and may continue until they become eligible to enroll in the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources instructional program. Junior members must be affiliated with a chapter in the school district in which they are enrolled or with a duly chartered chapter in an accredited private school in which they are enrolled as a full-time student unless the school district approves a waiver for out of district students. School superintendents must approve and certify in writing out of district students to participate in the junior FFA program(s) of their district. Such waivers must be submitted annually. Each Junior FFA Chapter shall submit a roster to the State FFA Association that includes the name, date of birth, age, grade, and address. Each local chapter can set and collect dues. State dues in the same amount as active FFA membership dues shall be collected.

2.3 Membership Opportunities

(a) The membership year begins September 1 and ends August 31. Students initiate junior membership by participating in whatever location function is designated by the local advisor as a qualifying activity or event to initiate membership. (Examples: attend meetings, validate livestock under auspices of chapter) Local chapters may develop requirements in excess of state requirements for students to remain in good standing with the local chapter. Once a student is eligible to enroll in an agriculture, food and natural resources class of any kind, he or she is not eligible for junior membership. Middle school students enrolled in agriculture, food and natural resources classes must be submitted as active members (Discovery Degree members for local credit classes).

(b) Junior FFA is designed to encourage involvement in agricultural science education. To this end, chapters are encouraged to develop and participate in local activities that promote leadership development and agricultural education for its junior members.

(c) Junior FFA members are not eligible to participate in events in which the Texas FFA Association has direct oversight including but not limited to leadership development events, career development events, speaking development events, state FFA rodeo, talent and agriscience fair. Junior membership activities shall include exhibition of livestock and poultry projects. Local, county, regional and statewide shows and other agricultural

education partners may include junior members in other events such but not limited to agricultural mechanics shows and judging competitions.

(d) Junior members are not eligible to cast a vote or participate in the discussion related to the official business of the Texas FFA Association or of any district, area association, do not count toward membership totals for delegate allocation and should not be listed on active membership rosters.

Turner Junior FFA Membership

Junior FFA membership is open to Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD students in the grades 3-8 and 9 years of age. Dues for Junior. Members will be \$12.00. Joining the Jr. FFA allows the member to participate in local meetings as well as exhibiting at major stock shows under the supervision of the Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD Agriscience Teacher. Jr. FFA members may participate with the Turner FFA organization with the permission of the Jr. member's campus principal. Since they are not enrolled in a high school agriscience class they are not allowed to participate in LDE's or CDE's. They are encouraged to participate in FFA fundraisers, including fruit/meat sales and plant sale.

FFA Official Dress

All members are encouraged to purchase a FFA Jacket if they have plans of competing in LDE's/CDE's, attending banquets or official dress meetings, and conventions. They are required for officers. FFA jackets can be ordered until _____. See your advisor and they will place the order with the National FFA. You will also need a tie (men) and scarf (ladies). The total cost of both a jacket and scarf/ tie will be \$85.00. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

The FFA official dress is iconic and distinctive to the National FFA organization. Below is the approved official dress for both males and female members of the wonderful organization.

Males

Black pants or slacks

White collared shirt

Official FFA Tie

Black Socks

Black Shoes

Official FFA Jacket

Females

Black Skirt-hem should be below the knee

White collared blouse

Official FFA scarf

Black Nylon Hosiery

Black Dress Shoes-closed toe and closed heel

Official FFA Jacket

How to Wear Awards

Chapter degree, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right hand side of the jacket. State FFA Degree or American Degree keys should be worn above the name on the right side of the jacket or attached to a standard key chain. No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent the highest degree earned, highest office held and the highest award earned.

Proper Use of the FFA Jacket

1. The jacket is to be worn by members.
2. The jacket should be kept clean and neat.
3. The back of the jacket should have only a large official FFA emblem, the name of the state and the name of the local chapter, region, district, or area. The front of the jacket should have only a small official FFA emblem, the name of the individual, one office or honor and the year of the office or honor.
4. The jacket should be worn on official occasions with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and cuffs buttoned.
5. Members and officers should wear the jacket on all official FFA occasions, as well as other occasions where the chapter or state association is represented. It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.
6. The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.
7. School letters and insignia of other organizations should not be attached to or worn on the jacket
8. When the jacket becomes faded and worn, it should be discarded or the emblems and lettering removed.
9. The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a non-member.
10. A member should act professionally when wearing the FFA jacket
11. Members should refrain from use of tobacco and alcohol when underage at all times when representing the FFA. In addition, members should exhibit their leadership qualities when they encounter substances including tobacco and alcohol and serve to discourage others from inappropriate behavior.
12. All chapter degrees, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket, with the exception that a single state FFA degree charm or American FFA Degree Key should be worn above the name or attached to a standard keychain. No more than three medicals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent the highest degree earned, the highest office held and the highest award earned by the member. No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket.

Career Development Events

Button down collared shirt

Nice Jeans (no holes)

Closed toe Shoes

No Hats

STUDENTS WILL BE SENT HOME IF THEY HAVE FACIAL PIERCINGS.

HAIR MUST BE CLEAN, BRUSHED AND OF NATURAL STATE (NO EXTREME COLORING SUCH AS BLUE, PINK ETC., NO DREADLOCKS ETC). THIS IS PART OF THE FFA GUIDELINES AT ALL EVENTS.

Dressing for Showmanship in the Ring

- **Collared shirt:** The collared shirt is the backbone of your show attire. Make sure that your shirt has been ironed and is tucked in. Polo's are fine for jackpot shows due to the extreme heat in Texas. When showing at the major stock shows (State Fair, Waco, and Fort Worth) all students are expected to enter the show arena in a collared button up shirt.
- **Pants:** All students are expected to wear either blue jeans that are wrinkle free, pant legs goes over the boots, are free of holes; or nice khaki pants that go extend over your boots.
- **Boots:** Students are expected to enter the show arena wearing boots with their pant legs extending over the boots. **Students will not be allowed to show in any other type of shoe.**
- **Belt:** Students are required to wear a belt when they enter the show arena.

Things you should NEVER wear in the show arena:

- **Hat:** A hat should never be worn in the show ring.
- **Chewing Gum:** Gum looks unprofessional, plain and simple.
- **Cell Phone:** Cell Phones should be left with someone you trust outside the show arena. Definitely don't wear your phone on your belt, even if it's on silent.

Remember, everyone in the show ring once had a "first show."

We remember what it was like and we're there to help you. Don't be afraid to ask another showman for advice. Your first show can be intimidating. No one likes feeling like the "new kid." If you follow these tips when dressing for a show, I promise you won't look like a beginner!

Leadership Activities & Member Participation

Listed below are the leadership activities that R.L Turner FFA members can participate in throughout the year both locally and beyond. The level of participation at each function will qualify members to be in the running for various star awards. Some of the activities may have requirements so please check with the Agriculture teacher. FFA activities and member's participation will be recorded in Mrs. Miller's classroom B111. The record will aid FFA members during their journey through their SAE record book.

Fall Semester

- District FFA Meetings - (Officers Attendance Required) September, December
- Area V FFA Greenhand Camp
- Ag Awareness Day at The State Fair of Texas
- Leadership Development Events
- State Fair of Texas - Dallas

Spring Semester

- Career Development Events
- Fort Worth Livestock Exposition
- District Meetings
- Turner FFA Chapter Banquet
- District III FFA Banquet
- Area V FFA Convention

Summer

- Area Leadership Camp
- State FFA Convention

Activities

- Chapter Meetings - Some will be required
- Open Barn Night (September)
- Barn Clean - Ups - Some will be required for those having animals at the barn.
- Fundraisers
- Leadership Development Events (District, Area & State)
- Chapter FFA Activities
- Career Development Events (District, Area & State)
- Speaking Development Events (District, Area & State)
- Exhibiting Animals and/or Ag Mechanics Projects at Major Stock Shows

R.L Turner FFA Fundraising Activities

The FFA is an organization that requires money for various activities in order to participate. These costs are incurred through activities such as:

1. Leadership Development Events
2. Career Development Events
3. Supplies for Banquet
4. Community Service projects
5. Animal Project assistance
6. State Convention

You are asked to participate in whatever fundraising activity we chose to have.

Fundraiser Opportunities

Seitz Meat sale

Start date: September

Make checks out to R.L Turner FFA

Orders will be delivered before the Thanksgiving Holiday

FFA Spring Plant Sale

Start Date: February

Orders will be available for pick up April

Other Opportunities

Bake Sale

Candy Sale

Lights in the Park (Farmers Branch Historical Park) - December

Pancake Breakfasts for the Staff

Scholarship Opportunities

Texas FFA awards \$2 million to graduating seniors each year!

Scholarships available through the Texas FFA Scholarship Program: Graduating seniors may apply during the spring semester for these scholarships by completing the Texas FFA Scholarship Application. The application is submitted and reviewed at a series of checks and must advance for consideration at the state level. The application includes an interview at the area and state level.

Scholarships are based on GPA, academic class rank, SAT/ACT scores, and financial need. Texas FFA Foundation Scholarship applicants should score at least a 1350 on the SAT and at least a 19 on the ACT. For additional requirements, please review the application at <http://www.texasffa.org/TexasFFA/Scholarships>.

Applications are heavily judged on the amount of activities the member has participated in. Applicants should be involved in FFA during all four years of high school and participate in a variety of activities. Applicants should compete in at least 1 event each semester, attend chapter and above chapter level functions, serve as a chapter officer and preferably run for district office as well. All applicants are required to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. Students are encouraged to take the SAT and ACT as soon as possible so they have plenty of opportunities to improve their score if necessary.

Some of the Texas FFA Scholarships:

San Antonio Livestock Show	\$20,000
Rodeo Austin	\$16,000
Houston Livestock show	\$18,000
Jim Bob Norman Memorial	\$10,000
C.J “Red” Davidson	\$5,000
Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo	\$4,000
Farm Credit Bank of Texas	\$2,000
Texas Agricultural Education Fund	\$2,000
Young Farmers	\$2,000
National Ford	\$1,000
Richard Wallwrath Foundation	\$10,000

National FFA Scholarships

Graduating seniors are able to apply for various scholarships by filling out a scholarship form from the National FFA Organization, www.ffa.org. Student eligibility requirements are also listed within the website.

Proficiency and Star Awards

Each student has completed a Supervised Agriculture Experience project. There are 47 different areas where a student can obtain a proficiency award. In order to obtain a proficiency or Star Award, each student must complete the application process and have completed their record books. These books and application will be submitted at the District III FFA Degree Check in the spring semester. If the student's application gains approval by those agriculture teachers conducting the degree checks then, they will be taken to the Area V FFA Degree check in May.

Speaking Events

- Extemporaneous Public Speaking
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking
- Junior Prepared Public Speaking
- Soil Stewardship Prepared Public Speaking

Leadership Development Events

Leadership Development Events focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. Team and individual events are used to reinforce what is taught in agricultural science classrooms.

- Agriculture Advocacy
- Agricultural Issues Forum
- Chapter Conducting: Jr. & Sr.
- Creed Speaking: Greenhand & Senior
- Greenhand FFA Quiz
- Chapter FFA Quiz
- FFA Broadcasting
- Job Interview
- Public Relations - **Target Audience:**
- Agriculture Skill Demonstration: Jr. & Sr.
- Spanish Creed

Career Development Events

Career Development Events build on what is learned in agricultural classes and encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. These events are designed to help a member prepare for a career in agriculture by testing and challenging the student's technical, leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills as well as their knowledge of the subject matter. CDEs answer the question, "**When will I use this knowledge in the real world?**"

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| 1. Ag Communications | 16. Cotton |
| 2. Ag Mechanics | 17. Farm Business Management |
| 3. Dairy Cattle | 18. Floriculture |
| 4. Horse | 19. Food Science |
| 5. Livestock | 20. Forage |
| 6. Meat | 21. Forestry |
| 7. Milk Quality | 22. Land |
| 8. Poultry | 23. Homesite Evaluation |
| 9. Veterinary Science | 24. Marketing Plan |
| 10. Wildlife | 25. Nursery/Landscape |
| 11. Wool | 26. Range |
| 12. Entomology | 27. Range Plant ID |
| 13. Agriculture Sales | 28. Tractor Tech |
| 14. Agronomy | |
| 15. Environmental & Natural Resources | |

Agriscience Fair

Students use the scientific process as they reinforce skills and principles they have learned in agriscience courses. They conduct research projects and prepare a scientific report and display for judging at the state level.

State winners in each category and division are awarded \$1,000 scholarship and advance to the National FFA Agriscience Fair held in conjunction with National FFA Convention. There are five categories you can choose to participate in:

- Animal Systems (AS)
- Environmental Services/ Natural Resources System
- Food Production and Processing System
- Plant System
- Power, Structural and Technical Systems
- Social Systems

Stock Show Opportunities

Please visit the stock show web page for more information on each particular show. The decision as to which shows Turner FFA will attend is at the discretion of the advisors and administrators. Those students and parents who desire to participate in the stock shows that the Turner FFA participates in must attend the stock show informational meeting before the stock show entries will be accepted. The fall semester stock show meeting will be held in May in B111 and the spring semester stock show meeting will be held in September in B111.

Fall Semester: State Fair of Texas - Dallas

Spring Semester: Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - Ft. Worth

Award Program

Each spring, R.L Turner FFA hosts the annual chapter banquet and awards recognition program. The FFA offers several awards at the end of the year banquet in May to those FFA members who complete a year of FFA activities, their SAE and their AET record book. These awards are to honor the hard work and dedication of our members.

The following awards will be awarded at the CTE Banquet in May:

Proficiency Awards: Based upon their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program

Chapter Officer Awards: Officers will receive their officer pins.

Degree of Membership:

- Discovery
- Greenhand
- Chapter
- Lonestar (recognized at the state level)
- American (recognized at the national level)

Star Awards

- Star Greenhand
- Star Chapter
- Star Lonestar

Participation & Team Member Recognition

- Leadership Development Events
- Career Development Events
- Speaking Events
- Agriscience Fair Competitors

Students may apply for Proficiency awards, Star awards and the Lone Star degree above the chapter level based on their complete record books for their SAE. Requirements for these awards can be found in the National FFA manual and on the Texas FFA Association website at www.texasffa.org.

Code of Ethics required by all students exhibiting livestock.

2016-2017 TEXAS 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK PROGRAM ETHICS POLICY

(Updated April, 2016)

County Name: _____

This ethics policy applies to any 4-H/FFA member planning to exhibit animals at livestock shows in Texas. It includes junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. All classes of livestock offered at the livestock event are included: Cattle (Beef and Dairy), Goats (Angora, Boer, dairy, meat, Cashmere), Equine (Horses), Llamas and other specialty animals, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine, and any other livestock classes offered. This “Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy” will be enhanced with additional rules and guidelines which individual fairs and livestock shows adhere to on the local, county, state, regional, and national levels.

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable and are defined as being deceptive, fraudulent, unethical, and inhumane in the care, fitting, preparation and showing of all classes of livestock. The use of any illegal drug is prohibited. Any substance used to phenotypically alter the appearance of an animal entered in livestock events is prohibited. (See Guideline #9). Proof of any animal being subjected to illegal and/or unethical practice(s) and/or procedure(s) described herein subjects the animal to immediate disqualification. The animal is ineligible for exhibition at any livestock show on the local, county, state, regional and national levels. The exhibitor will forfeit any premium, awards, or auction proceeds, and may be prohibited from future competition at livestock shows in Texas, as well as being subject to potential criminal prosecution.

The following is a listing of guidelines all 4-H/FFA exhibitors must follow to enter livestock at organized competitive events.

1. Exhibitors must be bona fide members of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in the state of Texas and care for their animals under the direct supervision of a County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas. Exhibitors must be in grades 3rd – 12th for the exhibition year.

2. 4-H members that plan to show horses at any of the twelve district and/or the Texas State 4-H Horse Show should submit a signed copy of this Ethics Policy with their entry forms. While items 3-9, listed below, do not apply to the horse project, there are specifics on ethics in the publication Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations (AS 3- 2.043) that do apply. The Texas State 4-H Horse Show and all of the district horse shows are conducted under the rules and regulations contained in this publication and 4-H’ers are expected to comply with those rules regarding ownership, management and treatment of horses. Horse validation deadline is May 1.

3. All exhibitors must have viable proof (Junior division) of ownership available to prove length of time animals have been owned. Market animals (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats) must be owned and under exhibitor’s daily care by the following deadline dates: June 30 – All major Steers and State Fair Lambs, Goats, Swine;

October 31 – Lambs and Goats; November 30 – Swine; to be eligible to participate at any major livestock show within Texas. This also includes all small market animals (Rabbits and Poultry). The official ownership date is the date shown on the bill of sale or receipt of sale, unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor, in which calving or birth records will be utilized. (Individual show rules may determine ownership requirements for non-market animals.) Registered breeding livestock must show the exhibitor as the sole owner of the animal on the breed association papers or certificates. Breeding animals with additional registration papers within the breed association of validation record or in another breed association may be evaluated for multiple ownership. If additional registration papers are found active within an association indicating ownership information conflicting with the exhibitor's sole ownership designation, the breeding animal may be considered multiple-owned and subject to disqualification. Breeding animal validation deadlines dates: June 30 – Spring Heifer Validation; October 31 – Breeding Sheep and Goats and November 1 – Fall Heifer Validation.

4. Exhibitors must continuously own and personally feed and care for their animals) throughout the entire feeding period. The feeding period begins immediately following the county level state validation date (not the validation deadline date listed previously) through exhibition at all shows (exhibitors must provide continuous care for breeding heifers, sheep and goats throughout the animal's eligibility to show). Prior approval must be granted by the "Species Specific County Level State Validation Committee" in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor for more than 48 HOURS. Exceptions may be made with approval from the "Species Specific County Level State Validation Committee". By signing this document, the exhibitor and parent/guardian, recognize his/her responsibilities for the feeding and care of livestock projects throughout the feeding period and hereby authorizes the State Validation Coordinator, supervising Agricultural Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the "Species Specific County Level State Validation Committee" the right to inspect your livestock project(s) at any time during the feeding period with or without prior notice. Any exhibitor in violation of the feeding/care rule is subject to disqualification.

5. Animals validated for major shows may also be exhibited at other shows. Be advised, however, that if any validated animal is exhibited and SOLD at any other show, the animal will be ineligible to show at any subsequent major show. If ownership changes, regardless of method or length of time, that chain of animal ownership is considered broken. State validation deadline dates are as follows:

State Fair of Texas:

June 30 heifers, lambs, goats and swine

Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo:

October 31 for lambs and goats

October 31 breeding goats

November 1 breeding heifers

November 30 for swine

Market lambs and meat goats that sell at the State Fair of Texas Premium Sale are not eligible for further competition or validation in October.

6. Any method used to misrepresent the age of an animal for a class in which it is shown is deceptive and considered a violation of the rules and guidelines.

7. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class or event is prohibited. False ownership is a violation of the rules and guidelines.

8. Treating an animal internally or externally, with any irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance used to artificially change the conformation or appearance of an animal for show is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to the use of graphite, air, powders, hemp, artificial hair coloring, common products such as fly spray, ointment or liniment used to the point that is irritating, (unless required to reduce edema at time of calving) or similar type products. The use of dyes, spray paint or other artificial coloring which result in altering an animal's true and natural appearance and/or color is prohibited. Adding false hair or hair-like material, fleece, or skin at any point, spot or area of the animal's body is illegal and may result in immediate disqualification.

9. Surgery, injection or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of an animal's body is illegal. This includes vegetable oil, air, silicon or any other substance used to alter the shape of the animal. Acceptable practices of physical preparation which are allowed include, clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, dehorning, removal of ancillary tests, and docking of tails.

10. The use of inhumane fitting, showing and/or handling practices or devices shall not be tolerated.

11. The Administration of the Texas 4-H and/or FFA Programs reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these guidelines and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to "Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy".

Any violation of the "Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy" or specific rules as designated by individual fairs and livestock shows may result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification, and may

result in probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future participation in organized livestock competition. **Possible civil penalties may be imposed by the proper authorities based on evidence provided by the livestock show of exhibitors in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act/or the animal mistreatment, neglect, and abandonment laws that apply on the local, state, and/or national levels.** All rule violations will be dealt with on an individual basis by the “Specie Specific County State Validation Committee”, the State Validation Coordinators, and/or appropriate livestock show officials.

I, the parent/guardian and exhibitor, am verifying that I have read the “Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy” and understand the consequences of and penalties involved for illegal, unethical, inhumane, and unfair practices in livestock competition. I am also verifying knowledge that my family and I may be prohibited from future participation in organized validation programs in the State of Texas, and could face possible criminal prosecution and/or civil penalties if implicated in any of the aforementioned acts.

ATTENTION: If livestock project(s) will be raised at a location/facility different from address provided on carbon validation form, please complete the following information. The address where the animals will be located should be indicated below.

Physical Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Note: Only one exhibitor per form.

Exhibitor (Printed Name) _____

Exhibitor (Signature) _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Supervising CEA or AST _____ Date _____

Validation Chairman _____ Date _____

County _____

Supervised Agricultural Experience Program

The program allows students to gain hands-on experience by utilizing the information that they can in their Agriculture Classes. Students can raise and exhibit livestock animals, develop an agriculture crop, explore and research various fields within agriculture or intern within the agriculture industry. The Program teaches student responsibility, goal setting, time management, teamwork, and financial responsibility. **It is NOT required for a FFA member to have a project animal, but is required to have a current SAE project. All students that have an SAE are required to maintain the online Agriculture Experience Tracker (AET) throughout the duration of the project.**

Species	Time	Information Meeting	Est. Cost	Est. Feed/ supplies	Stock Show entries
Cattle	12 months		\$2,000 and up	\$2,000 Per Month	\$30. Per entry per show (Majors)
Sheep (market)	10 month		\$350 and up	\$300 Per month	\$20 Per entry per show (Majors)
Goats (Market, Breeding)	10 months		\$400 and up	\$300 Per Month	\$20 Per entry per show (Majors)
Swine	5 months		\$350 and up	\$450 Per Month	\$20 Per entry Per show (Majors)
Rabbits	12 months		\$80 and up	\$150	\$20
Agriculture Mechanics	Varies		Varies		\$25-\$30 Per entry per show

- Cost of an animal can vary in cost depending on breed and quality of animal.
- Animals are kept at the CFBISD Agriculture Project Center on Sandy Lake Rd. Each FFA member who houses their animal at these facilities will be charged a pen Fee of \$35 per head per year of the animal's residency. The fee helps to purchase supplies (wheelbarrows, brooms, shovels, rakes) for the barn at the beginning of each school year. **The above estimated cost does not include any charges that can occur due to veterinarian fees, medication, validation, etc.**

FFA Code of Conduct

For members attending FFA Sponsored Events

Attendance by any FFA sponsored conference or activity is a privilege. The following conduct policies will apply to all members: students, advisors, and any other authorized person attending the events.

This form must be signed by each student and kept on file at the local school district.

The Rules will be strictly enforced.

1. Members shall abide by rules, practices of FFA at all times, from the time they leave home until they return home. Members shall respect and abide with the authority vested in the FFA organization. Further clarification of code of conduct can be found in the FFA Handbook which is available from the FFA advisor. Should the code of conduct violation occur, regardless of when exposed, that student(s) may not be able to attend any other FFA activity/conference during that school year and may be subject to local school rules/regulations
2. Student members shall:
 - a. Keep their adult advisor informed of their activities and whereabouts at all times.
 - b. Not use their own car or ride in cars belonging to others during conference, unless accompanied by an authorized advisor
3. Social activities other than those with conference/contest/ or stock show participants are prohibited.
4. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs in any form shall be possessed or consumed by delegates at any time or under any circumstances on public or private property.
5. If you are in the willful companionship of someone who violates any portion of the code of conduct, or if you fail to report any direct knowledge (other than hearsay) of the code of conduct violations, you are also subject to disciplinary action.
6. Be a good citizen and association with other good citizens
7. Obey laws of the community and the school
8. Take pride in school work and do the very best that you can.
9. Be respectful to those in authority
10. Take pride in your dress and appearance
11. Treat equipment and property as if you paid for it
12. Always tell the truth
13. Take and keep only what belongs to you
14. Be at every team practice and various events on time.
15. Give your best effort at every practice and competition

Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to:

1. Maintain a minimum grade of 70 in all classes to be eligible to show/participate in all FFA co-curricular activities according to the U.I.L. Failing members must attend tutorials. If a student fails a grading period, the member is still expected to care for projects and attend practices. In addition, members who fail are ineligible for competition.
2. Be successful in the class under the authority of the teacher and to demonstrate a respectful and cooperative attitude

School Attendance

FFA members are expected to be in and on time to class every day. **FFA members with excessive academic absences or tardies may be removed from the FFA team or a SAE program/project.** Absences, excused or unexcused will be assessed by the advisors.

Missed Practices

You may have 3 unexcused tardies and/or absences before being dismissed from any FFA team. If you are going to be late or absent, you must notify your advisor(s) prior to practice.

FFA Events Fees

Participation in some events does sometimes have a fee included. You will be made aware of the fee in advance so that you have time to pay. Some events, the FFA does cover, but if you do not show up on the day of the scheduled contest or give a 24 hour notice of impending absence, you will be required to reimburse the FFA for your portion of the entry fee.

FFA Participation Conflicts

FFA members are encouraged to participate in as many activities as possible. FFA advisors and students will work together to develop an alternative schedule or solution when conflicts arise with other activities. District, Area, or State competition takes precedence over non-district competition.

Travel

Members are required to travel to FFA events with the team unless extenuating circumstances arise. All arrangements must be made prior to the trip. For stock shows, members and their parents **MUST** make arrangements with the appropriate FFA Advisor, if the parents/guardians will not be accompanying the student. R.L. Turner FFA will transport member's animals/projects to the respective stock show, but must have a signed permission form, if the student needs to ride with an advisor instead of with a parent/ guardian. **All Junior FFA members must have a parent and/or legal guardian accompany them to all trips.** Members may only be

released to their parents/guardians and if a district consent form has been signed and given to the FFA advisor. All Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD and R.L. Turner campus policies must be followed on FFA trips.

Student's Name: _____

Permission Form 2020-2021

The above named student has my permission to attend FFA/Ag Science field trips and/or class activities with the CFB ISD Agricultural Science Department during the 2020-2021 school year. I understand these events may take place during scheduled class time and outside of scheduled class times. We understand that all rules and regulations as stated in the CFBISD Student Code of Conduct and R.L. Turner Student Code of Conduct also apply at any school sponsored activity. In case of an accident, we will hold neither CFBISD nor the activity sponsors responsible. Specific times of departure and arrival will be provided to participating students prior to the various events. Additional Permissions slips will be given out for each specific trip.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent's Phone #: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date _____

Please send insurance information with the student if they will be traveling over-night with the FFA Advisors.

*If an overnight trip, the yearly over-night travel contract must be on file with the FFA Advisors.

Turner FFA Overnight Travel Contract

I understand that if I do not adhere to the following rules, I will be immediately sent home at my own or my family's expense. I also understand that I will be expelled from the activity for the rest of the season. I may receive additional consequences assigned by the school district. The FFA members are subject to state law, school district policies, school rules and regulations, the R. L. Turner FFA regulations, the R.L. Turner By-laws and University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules. Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD policy governs all trips taken by FFA members. Any student found in violation of these policies will be disciplined accordingly.

- No use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances.
- I will follow the curfew that is set by the FFA advisors.
- I will remain in my room after the designated curfew time. I will not leave or allow anyone else to enter the room.
- I will respect public and private property, including hotel/motel property. I and my roommates will be responsible for any damages incurred.
- As an FFA member representing my school and chapter, it is a priority to be alert and prepared for the next day's activity.

- I will not leave the hotel/motel premises without direct permission from the R.L. Turner FFA advisors/chaperones.
- All FFA members are expected to listen and report to FFA advisors at all times.
- Students may have cell phones except during the FFA competition. The ag teachers/FFA advisors will be taking up phones during the contest. Phones are not allowed during any competition per FFA contest rules.
- FFA members will refrain from loud, boisterous talk or cursing. This is considered disruptive behavior.
- Students will follow the directions given by the FFA Advisor, as well as designated adult chaperones.
- Students will stay with a group at all times and not venture off on their own.
- If the cost of a hotel involves dividing the cost up among students, once the cost has been determined and everyone involved has been notified of the cost, all monies are due before leaving for the trip. If you change your mind or are unable to attend for any reason, you will still be responsible for your part of the hotel cost.
- Students will follow the National FFA guidelines in regards to official dress unless activity calls for something different. Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD dress code is in effect at all times.
- Students are required to be transported by the Advisor with the appropriate permission slip on file, unless the student's own legal guardian is present.
- All students must give a signed permission slip to the Advisor, even if parents are present.
- All Jr. FFA members must have a parent present at all overnight trips.
- I will conduct myself in a professional manner that will bring pride to my family, chapter, school and community. I understand that as a student of Turner High School and a member of FFA, I am representing my school and chapter. I will follow the rules and directions set by my FFA advisors at all times. I will help ensure my peers do the same.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent's Phone #: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date _____

Student/Parent Obligatory Notice 2020-2021

Please note that beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, when a student does not attend an FFA event that they have committed to attending, they will be required to refund all fees paid by the Chapter. Over the past few years, the Turner FFA has lost significant funds due to the cost of entry fees, room reservations and transportation that remained unused due the students' failure to attend events.

Exceptions will be made for students' attendance due to extenuating circumstances (ex. death or illness in a family), at which time the Ag. Teacher will determine if the circumstances warrant a refund.

If the student has obligated him/herself to attend an event, but is unable to attend due to a pre-planned event (ex. attending other camps, practice for another club or organization, etc.) a refund will be required. It is a student's responsibility to check dates for any potential conflicts before committing to an FFA event.

My signature below indicates that I understand that if I tell my Ag. Teacher I am going to attend an event for which they have to pay fees etc. in advance and then I do not attend, that I will reimburse the Turner FFA Chapter the monies that they have paid. Failure to pay back the chapter will result in the student being placed on the fees and fines list and forfeiture of any office, position etc. the student holds within the chapter.

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature

Date

Student/Parent Acknowledgment 2020-2021

This Turner FFA & Agricultural Science Department Handbook has been published to help your son/daughter gain the greatest possible benefit from his/her ag science/FFA experience. The FFA needs your cooperation, it is very important that each FFA member understands the opportunities and regulations outlined in this handbook. Please go over all agreements outlined in this handbook and return them to your Ag teacher. Your signature and that of your child acknowledge the receipt of this FFA Member Handbook and the agreement to take full advantage of all the opportunities that are available to members. All signature pages are required to be signed and returned before animals enter the property at the agriculture barn, participation is allowed for any event or attendance to any off campus activity.

_____ Printed Name of Student	_____ Date
_____ Student Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent Signature	_____ Date
_____ Received by	_____ Date

****The following forms must also be returned**

- FFA Activities Permission Form
- Student/Parent Obligatory Notice
- Handbook Acknowledgement

R.L. Turner FFA Agricultural Science Department Rules & Regulations for Project Center & Project Animals

Each FFA member must maintain a Supervised Agriculture Experience Project throughout the school year in order to be in good standing with the National FFA and the Texas FFA organization. These SAE's will be developed by the agriculture science teacher and FFA member. The SAE can vary according to the student's interest. As the student maintains their Supervised Agriculture Experience Project they must maintain a record book that documents their progress with their project throughout the school year. If the FFA students wish to utilize the Agriculture Science barn they must abide by the following Expectations:

1. No animal, including but not limited to personally owned animals, consigned or leased animals, will be housed at the Ag barn facility without a current signed receipt of this document on file with the species Ag science teacher.
2. All animals or project consigned or leased by Turner FFA students are under the Sole determination, approval, and supervision of the CFBISD Species Ag Science Teacher.
1. The project center will be open from 6:00 A.M to 10:00 P.M. daily. This includes weekends, all holidays and spring break unless authorization is given by the Agriculture Teacher.
2. Students and parents alike are to drive cautiously while entering and exiting the farm. Maximum speed limit is 10 mph. Please watch for students and animals on the road. Violation will come under R.L. Turner High School Campus Rules.
3. Absolutely **NO Fishing** is allowed while at the CFB Agricultural Science Project Center by anyone.
4. The facilities offered by the Carrollton Farmers Branch I.S.D are for students enrolled in the Agriculture Science courses in the Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD High Schools or our Jr. FFA members who are students enrolled in Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD schools. If a student changes programs, drops from school or graduates, or is assigned to a Disciplinary Alternative Education Campus, 10 days are allowed for the removal of the animal. **For students who have ownership of animals on or before May 31st of the previous school year and do not show in Fort Worth the animal has to be removed within 2 weeks of the date that the agricultural science teacher leaves for that specific show. Specific dates will be communicated to parents and students.** If this deadline is not met a \$10.00 per day rent will be enforced from day 11-30. If the animal is not removed by day 30, the animal will be removed at the owner's expense.
5. Selection and purchase of Ag projects are a cooperative effort involving the student, parents, and Ag teacher. The Ag teacher's role is an advisory only. Teachers will not dictate what to buy, how much to spend, or from whom to purchase.
6. All students enrolled in an agriculture science program must sign a teacher/student/parent contract.
7. Any problem that occurs with livestock projects should be handled during normal working hours when possible. The Ag teacher is not required by CFBISD to make emergency calls for the purpose of

treating sick or injured animals during evening hours. However, the Ag teacher may assist with such problems at his/her discretion.

8. The Ag teacher will not be liable for injury to livestock while assisting the student with their project.
9. At no time may project animals be given diuretics or other drugs, medication which isn't approved by major shows. This rule doesn't apply to those drugs or medication administered by or under the directive of a licensed veterinarian. Ag teachers need to be made aware of any medication given due to state validation rules.
10. Students are to do feeding, cleaning and grooming chores before and/or after school but within designated project center hours to insure individual safety and to insure that the person doing the work gets credit.
11. Stalls will be allotted on a basis of 1 animal/1 stall, 3 animals/2 stalls.
12. Students are allowed only 3 head of animals per species out at the barn.
13. All projects must be approved by the FFA advisor prior to being allowed on property. (Even if a student purchases livestock projects on their own). The only animals that will be allowed out at the Agriculture Science Center are those animals that are eligible to be shown at Jr. Stock Shows or those that gain approval that might meet the requirements for a category other than livestock. Approved Livestock animals are heifers, longhorns (no intact males), rabbits (Breeding), swine (Market), sheep (Market) and goats (Breeding & Market).
14. Projects purchased for the purpose of showing must meet the requirements of the show(s) intended (one head per species for market).
- 15. First time Jr. FFA members will only be allowed to exhibit a breeding rabbit before progressing to the larger livestock animals.**
16. All project animals must be in student's name by deadline designated by the stock shows, and all projects are required to be entered and kept updated in the student's AET for it to be eligible for show.
17. All project animals must be validated for show with exception of rabbits.
18. Should a student decide to show an approved breeding animal, the animal will be required to be bred by stock show standards by a certain age. The student and their family are responsible for getting that animal bred when the animal has reached the appropriate age. This includes transporting the animal.
19. Males purchased to become steer, barrow, or withers, must be castrated within 3 weeks of arrival at the CFB Agriculture Center. Parents are responsible for this.
20. The project center is designed for animal husbandry. However, animal birth of cattle, sheep, or swine is not recommended. If an animal gives birth to a male while housed at the project center, the male may stay no longer than needed to wean.
21. Students will pay a \$35.00 pen fee per animal per year before **each** animal that is allowed to enter the barn.
22. For proper health of the animals, project animals are to be fed and watered 2 times a day. **Abuse, mistreatment, or neglect of any animal will not be tolerated.** Any person caught abusing an animal in any way will be expected to remove their animal from the project center. Examples are: not feeding daily, not feeding the proper % of feed for the body weight of the animal, dirty pens.

23. Students are expected to use stalls that are assigned to them and **will not** be allowed to move animals to another stall without permission of the agricultural science teachers(s). Refusal to comply with can lead to the removal of the animal from the project center.
24. To decrease disease, flies, smell and to have a pleasing atmosphere, project animal's pens must be kept clean at all times of fecal matter, straw (not used in bedding) and trash. Stalls must be cleaned daily and all feces and straw/Hay must be disposed of in the dumpster each day. **DO NOT** place feces in a wheelbarrow and leave it.
25. The student is responsible for furnishing feed, hay, and equipment necessary to properly care for his/her project. (Ex.: brushes, buckets, show sticks, brooms, hay forks, etc.) This includes purchasing their own feed barrels. This barrel must include a lock.
26. Food will be stored in sealed containers at all times. If food is left out it will be disposed of due to pest issues.
27. Responsibility and liability of animal and/or equipment (brushes, halters, etc.) are the owner's property. The Carrollton Farmers Branch I.S.D is not liable for the theft of loss of any animal and/or equipment or the death of any animal.
28. The students assume complete responsibility for tools, equipment, and supplies they use at the farm. Any defective or damaged equipment must be reported immediately to the ag teacher to ensure that it is fixed or replaced in a timely manner.
29. Students and parents are responsible for preparing their animals for the show. This includes but is not limited to grooming, clipping, hoof trimming etc. The Ag teacher will be available for supervision and advice, but will not completely fit the animal for the student. Below is the contact information if you wish to have your animal professionally fitted before leaving for the designated stock shows:
 - a. Eric Debord 214-537-9963
30. Students and parents are not to alter or change or repair the facilities without approval from the agricultural teacher(s) and /or Administrator. This includes but is not limited to moving panels, adding tarps to stalls or adding anything to the coops.
31. Animals may be turned out of their assigned pen for exercise provided that the student is present at the facility to monitor the animal's behavior. Students are not allowed to have their animals roam the compound; small animals are permitted in the grassy area between the two barns and cattle are permitted in the pasture. Animals are not to be left out in the pasture overnight for any reason without prior approval from the Agriculture Science teacher.
32. All cattle have the right to be in all parts of the large pasture unless the ag teachers state otherwise. Different breeds of cattle will commingle in the pasture. Any limitation to the commingling of animals within pastures is at the discretion of the Ag Science teacher.
33. Cattle are not permitted in the small animal barn for any reason and Sheep, Goats, and pigs are not permitted in the large animal barn for any reason without approval from the Agriculture Science teacher.
34. Students will also clean and sweep in front of their pens and remove all debris from pens to the large dumpster.
35. Project animals must be exercised a minimum of 5 days a week.
36. Project animals must be groomed on a regular basis (bathing and/or brushing)

37. All gates are to be closed after entering the barns, even if you are staying at the barn for a period of time.
38. Students will lock all gates when leaving property if they are the last individual at the project barn.
39. Students will not disrupt, move, take or utilize another FFA member's property without their permission. (Ex: feed, hay, grooming equipment, feed pans, water buckets, barrels, etc.)
40. Students will not handle any other FFA member's project animal without the permission of the owner of the project animal.
41. All students must give the ag teachers the combinations or an extra key to their locks. This is in case of emergencies.
42. Insurance for animals kept at the facility is not maintained by the school district, Agriscience Department, or FFA chapter. The loss of animals will not be the responsibility of the school district, Agriscience Department, or FFA Chapters.
43. Students that own a project animal that is being housed at the Agriculture Barn is **required** to attend and participate in the barn clean ups. **All students with project animals are expected to clean both barns and surrounding property regardless if your animal is only housed in one barn.**
44. Students are to treat each other with the respect and courtesy they themselves wish to be shown.
45. Students that show the project are to be the primary caretaker of the animal.
46. Stalls must be cleaned within 10 days after the animal has been removed in order to receive credit from the course work.
47. All seniors must have all animals removed from the project center no later than May 30th. If this deadline is not met, a \$10.00 per day rent will be enforced. If this deadline is not met a \$10.00 per day rent will be enforced from day 11-30. If the animal is not removed by day 30, the animal will be removed at the owner's expense.
48. **In case of extreme flooding, the removal of the student's project animals is the responsibility of the student and parents. Students need to ensure that they have a place to take their animal in case we have to call for an evacuation of the barn due to flooding. The Agriculture Science teacher will be responsible for determining when the animals may return to the project center after the flooding has subsided.**
49. Any social media posting that violates the CFBISD Student Code of Conduct (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) may result in removal from the barn and /or program pending any possible disruption to school settings. The decision shall be made by the Ag teachers and campus administration.
50. Personality conflicts and personal disagreements will arise, but we encourage adults to resolve their issues between themselves in a mature manner. Public arguments at a Turner FFA Function and facilities (meetings, stock shows, Ag barn, etc.) will not be tolerated. Such situations may result in one or both parties being ejected from the area and the future participation of that person and/or the student may be in jeopardy.
51. The speed limit at the Ag barn is 10 mph. All parties must drive and park in the designated areas only. Vehicles are only permitted to enter the compound area if the student is needing to unload feed, hay, or heavy tack.
52. Absolutely no chemical pesticides, sprays, etc. or other forms of pest removal products are allowed at the Ag barn facility. If there is a need to remove pests, Ag Science teachers need to place a work order.

53. No locks are permitted on any animal pen that currently has an animal residing within due to an emergency or in case of a fire. Failure to comply will result in the lock being cut off and removed.
54. The following reflects Carrollton-Farmers Branch School District Policy. These rules will be in effect at the project center.
 - a. Identification and Right to Eject-School personnel may require identification of any person on school district property. Also, the principal or his/her designee may refuse to allow person with no legitimate business to enter school grounds and/or may eject any undesirable person from the school grounds, if the person refuses to leave peacefully upon request.

Educational Code 211489

1. Violation of State Law-Persons, who violate state law provisions regarding trespassing on school district grounds or damage to school property, or loitering, shall be subject to the full range of criminal law of the state.

Educational Code 4.23 and 4.33

1. Students to Cooperate-Students are expected to cooperate in the care of the building and equipment. Teachers and principal shall be alert to see the buildings and furniture are not marked and abused. Pupils who abuse the building or equipment will be disciplined and may be required to pay for the damage incurred.
2. The Carrollton-Farmers Branch FFA Project Center is an extension of the R.L Turner High School Campus. The location of the farm does not negate school rules. Because of this, campus and district regulations apply to any and all situations, which occur at the project center. This includes students, parents, sponsors and all other visitors.
 - A. Cursing will not be tolerated
 - B. No Alcohol or Drugs allowed on the premises
 - C. Dipping, Chewing, smoking or vapors will not be tolerated
 - D. Dress Code at the barn will be enforced.

This addendum is subject to change. Effective July 20, 2020 through the school resuming in the fall of 2020:

1. Pen access will be limited to goats, rabbits, and heifers only until class resumes in the fall.
2. Pens will be assigned by a family with at least two pens skipped between each family. Space is limited and assigned on a first come, first serve basis documented by submitting pen rent payment and required forms with signatures.
3. Projects can only be accessed between the hours of 7am-8pm daily. Emergencies need to be communicated to the supervising FFA advisor immediately (Shannon Miller)
4. Each student must complete a temperature check and record on the Ag barn log in sheet
5. Each student and family member caring for the project is required to sanitize their hands using soap and water at the wash rack area each time they arrive at the barn.
6. In the event that multiple families are granted access to the barn, congregation of any manner is not allowed and the hours of access will be assigned and limited by family in two-hour increments.

7. No more than 10 people(including FFA advisor and students) are to be at the CFBISD AGRiculture Project center at one time.
8. Equipment, such as scales, treadmills and stands will have disinfectant spray placed on them for cleaning of equipment before and after use.
9. Hand sanitizing stations will be located at each entrance, exit, and common work area.
10. 6-Foot Social distancing rules-6 feet of space should be maintained between exhibitors and staff at all times while monitoring facilities.
11. Staff will sanitize their hands before, during and after working at the Project Center.
12. Staff will wear masks.
13. All students and family members must sign in to the barn upon entering
14. Students will be given designated areas to keep tack. Student tack should only be touched by that student and students will keep their tack in that area.
15. Students should NOT enter or touch other students': tack, animals, feed containers and gates.
16. Students should only enter barns in which their animals are located and not travel between barns.
17. Students will wear masks while at the project center.

Plan of Action for Violation of the Turner FFA Rules and Regulations:

- First warning-conference with students and parents. A copy will be placed in file and forwarded to principal.
- Second warning-conference with student and parents and detention
- Third warning-conference with student and parents and 1 day DMC
- Fourth warning-Removal of animal from property

R.L Turner High School
Agricultural Science Department
Project Center Rules

Please read this packet thoroughly, discuss it with your son/daughter, sign this page and have your son/daughter sign it and return it with your stall number.

I have read the agriculture science department rules dealing with the agriculture project center and agree that my son/daughter will abide by them. I understand that he/she will have to remove their animals from the project center if he/she violates this agreement.

Student _____

Date _____

Parent _____

Date _____

Date received by advisor _____

Parent Responsibility and Expectations

Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD and Campus Administration reserve the right for discretionary interpretation of contents in this guide. Any disciplinary action or violation of this document will be at the sole discretion of CFBISD and campus administration.

Please help us with:

1. Review team guidelines, show rules, and content of the R.L. Turner FFA handbook with your child frequently.
2. Ensure your child accurately completes and turns in all registration paperwork and other required forms on time.
3. Refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and profanity at all FFA Livestock events
4. Support the decisions and instructions given by the FFA Advisors, show judges, and other officials at all FFA and livestock events.
5. Provide positive support of your child and the entire FFA livestock team.
6. Ensure that your student is on time to all required meetings and that they follow all show team contract guidelines.
7. Transport and accommodations of students at all stock shows.
8. All animals must be validated and all validation rules must be followed. It is the responsibility of the parents to check the accuracy of the validation.
9. Use of alcohol beverages is forbidden on school property, including the CFBISD Project Center. In addition, please remember that stock shows and other FFA events are family experiences and also an extension of school grounds when attending under Turner FFA. Adults are not allowed to consume or have in their possession alcoholic beverages in or around the primary/general areas of the livestock show team, including animal pens.
10. Parents/students may be asked to leave any Turner FFA sponsored event for inappropriate misconduct, aggressive or disrespectful behavior towards advisors, other parents, students, or any behavior that brings discredit to our organization.
11. Any decisions or instructions made by the species Ag Science teacher at a school-sponsored show are final. Any concerns should be addressed through the chain of command prior to leaving for an event or upon immediate return following an event.

Resources

FFA

- Ø National FFA Association www.ffa.org
- Ø Texas FFA Association www.texasffa.org

Stock Show Information

- Ø State Fair of Texas www.bigtex.com
- Ø Fort Worth Livestock show and Rodeo www.fwssr.com

Veterinarian

- Ø West Gate Animal Hospital 940-387-9522
 - o Dr. Mark Moynagh

Feed Stores

- Ø Master Made Feed Store 817-481-2321
- Ø Johnson Feed Lewisville 972-221-7646

Livestock supplies

- Ø Sullivan's Show supply Hillsboro, Texas www.sullivanssupply.com

2020-2021 Student and Parent Agreement

The R.L Turner FFA and Agriculture Science Department manual has been given to your son or daughter to help them gain a greater understanding of the FFA organization and various areas of agriculture education that we participate in as an organization. It is important that those students wishing to become an FFA member understand the rules or regulations that are set forth in this manual. Please review this manual with your child and return this signed acknowledgment form to the Agriculture teacher. Your signature and that of your child acknowledge that you have fully read the manual and understand and agree to the terms of this manual.

Student name (print)

Date

Student signature

Date

Parent signature

Date

Date received _____

Received by _____

R.L. Turner FFA

Project Center

Please provide the following information regarding individuals and vehicles that will be involved with your Supervised Agricultural Experience Project. This allows for Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD employees to easily identify those individuals that have a vested interest in the agricultural education of our FFA members.

Name _____

Student I.D # _____

S.A.E. project Name and description:

List of individuals, who are not FFA members that are allowed to have access to your animal.
(This excludes sponsors per sponsorship agreement forms).

Vehicle description (year, make, model, color, License Plate #)

Turner FFA LDE/ CDE Contest Agreement

GENERAL RULES

1. Students will attend 90% of practices held by the instructor. This expectation may be higher for each instructor. Students must be willing and able to travel to practice locations.
2. Students must participate in the fundraiser.
3. Students must be eligible, according to the standard UIL rules, “No Pass No Play”, to participate in any contests.
4. Students must be enrolled in an Agriculture Science class in at least one of the current year’s semesters.
5. State Law and school policy prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotic drugs or controlled substances on any school property and during school trips. All school policies and student code of conduct rules will be in effect.

CONTESTS

1. The ag teacher coaching each team will make the ultimate decision regarding whether a team or individual competes in a contest. This decision is final.
2. A list of invitational and qualifying contests will be provided to each team.
3. The cost of contest entries will be covered by the Ag Department.
4. In the event a student backs out of the contest with less than 24 hour notice, the student is responsible for refunding the chapter the cost of the student’s entry fee. These could range from \$10.00-\$30.00. If the student’s failure to attend causes forfeiture of the team, the student will be held responsible for the cost of the team entry. These could range from \$40.00 - \$80.00. These fees will be added to the students’ obligation record if not paid before the last day of school.
5. Fees may be waived based upon extenuating circumstances as deemed appropriate by the ag teacher coaching the team.

A contest agreement must be on file from each student participating in any LDE, CDE, Speaking Event or Agriscience Fair event. Completion of the agreement DOES NOT guarantee a position on any team, or competition in any event.

Turner FFA LDE/ CDE Contest Agreement

This page must be signed, returned and on file before training on a team.

I understand all rules and procedures listed in page 1 of the Turner FFA LDE/ CDE Contest Agreement and hereby agree to abide by them at all times. **Completion of the agreement DOES NOT guarantee a position on any team, or competition in any event.**

Student's Signature: _____

Student's Home Campus: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please complete the table below, indicating what teams you wish to participate on and who the coach is.

Team Name	Coach
EX: Senior Quiz	Mrs. Miller

For Ag Teacher Use Only

Date returned to ag teacher: _____

Ag Teacher Signature of Receipt: _____