

Krum ISD



Agricultural Science & FFA

Student Handbook 2022-2023

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Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year of the Krum FFA and Krum Agricultural Science Department. It is so great to see the new and returning students in our program! This year's program of activities has a wide array of events and activities for your participation. We are excited to get you involved!

The Agricultural Science Program consists of three elements, Classroom Instruction, Supervised Agricultural Experience and the FFA. This is a unique program and we believe it will be an amazing experience for you. There are many opportunities for you to develop leadership skills, experience personal growth, and build tools for career success throughout your participation.

We look forward to each of you attending the many meetings and activities we have going on this year. It is a great way to make new friends which will last a lifetime. Remember, as with any endeavor you pursue, you only get out of this organization what you put into it. As advisors, we are here to offer guidance and support for each of you. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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Agricultural Science & Technology Course Offerings

Krum Middle School

- 6th Grade Introduction to Agriculture
- 8th Grade Principles of Agriculture (*High School credit*)

Krum High School

- Ag Mechanics & Metal*
- Ag Structure and Design*
- Ag Equipment & Lab*
- Ag Structure & Lab*
- Landscape Design (Fall) / Turf Grass Management (Spring)
- Greenhouse Operations & Production
- Floral Design
- Horticulture Science
- Small Animal Management (Fall) / Equine Science (Spring)
- Livestock Production
- Advanced Animal Science
- Veterinary Medical Applications
- Practicum

* All Agricultural Mechanics students will be required to purchase gloves and protective eye glasses according to instructor's directives. Students must provide materials for personal projects.

Agricultural Science and Technology Classes

***Each student enrolled in agricultural Science class will be required to maintain a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program and document related information into their Agricultural Experience Tracker.**

Participation:

Class Participation is essential to the success of Agricultural Science Classes. You are expected to be in class each session. Because of the importance of attendance and participation, poor attendance and/or lack of participation impacts your final grade. Many of the concepts you will be tested on relate to application activities.

The make-up policy follows Krum Independent School District regulations. You are allowed one day to make up an assignment for each day missed. It is your responsibility to check for missed assignments

FFA

Structure of FFA

The FFA operates on local, state and national levels. Student members belong to chapters organized at the local school level. Agricultural education instructors serve as chapter advisors. Chapters are organized under state associations headed by an advisor and executive secretary, often employees of the state department of education. States conduct programs and host annual conventions.

The National FFA Organization, governed by a Board of Directors and a Board of Student Officers, charters state associations; provides direction, programmatic materials and support; and hosts the National FFA Convention, which draws more than 45,000 attendees each November. The National FFA Alumni Association's more than 40,000 members in 1,200 affiliates assist in the continued growth and development of active FFA programs.

Applied Learning

The agricultural education program provides a well-rounded, practical approach to learning through three components: Classroom education in agricultural topics such as plant and animal sciences, horticulture, forestry, agri-marketing, etc.; hands-on supervised agricultural career experience such as starting a business or working for an established company; and FFA, which provides leadership opportunities and tests students' agricultural skills.

Nondiscrimination Statement

In its efforts to promote nondiscrimination and as required by law, Krum Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sex, disability, age, or any other basis prohibited by law, in providing education services, activities, and programs, including CTE programs.

FFA Dues

Krum FFA is currently in the National FFA Affiliation Program. Affiliation allows students who are enrolled in a secondary agriculture education program to be eligible for the benefits and opportunities of the FFA as part of the total program delivery. This includes dues for Local, District V, Area V, Texas FFA Association, and the National FFA Association. According to Texas FFA guidelines, members must be enrolled in an Agricultural Science Class to be a member of FFA and participate in activities. Each student enrolled in an Agricultural Science Class is added to Krum FFA's Member Roster.

FFA Jackets

FFA Jackets can be purchased for \$75.00. This will include your jacket and a tie or scarf. Orders will be taken each Friday throughout the year and the orders will then be placed with the National FFA Supply Service. All members are encouraged to purchase a FFA Jacket if they have plans of competing on LDE's or CDE's. All jacket orders will be placed by the Agriscience Teachers.

Krum Junior FFA

Jr. FFA membership is open to Krum ISD students in grades 3-7. Dues for Junior Members will be \$25.00. Joining the Jr. FFA allows the member to participate in local meetings as well as showing at major stock shows under the supervision of the Krum ISD Agriscience Teachers. Since they are not enrolled in a high school Agriscience class they are not allowed to participate in LDE's or CDE's.

An Active Member

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay away, and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part, to help the work along?

Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?

Do you ever go to visit, or call a member who is sick?

Or leave the work to just a few, who call themselves, "the clique?"

There's quite a program scheduled that we're sure you've heard about.

And we'll appreciate it very much if you will help us out.

So come to meetings often, and help us with hand and heart,

Don't just be a member, but take an active part.

Think this over friends, you know what's right from wrong,

Why not be an ACTIVE MEMBER, and do not, "just belong".

~ Author Unknown

FFA Member Participation

Every FFA member should take advantage of the variety of activities that the FFA has to offer. We will recognize those members of the FFA who have actively participated in the many activities offered. Sign in sheets will be at each activity held, please make sure you sign your name on the sheet to verify attendance at each event. A photo release form must be on file with Krum ISD for advisors or the district to post photos at Krum FFA sponsored events on Social Media. Krum FFA and Krum ISD utilize Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as their social media outlets. Photos not taken at FFA sponsored events will not be posted on Krum FFA Social Media, as they are not directly representing the Krum FFA chapter.

Activities:

- Chapter Meetings
- Fundraisers
- District FFA meetings
- Area Banquet
- LDE's-District, Area and State
- Local FFA activities
- CDE's
- Exhibiting Animals at Livestock Shows (State Fair, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, Denton County)

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2022-2023 Krum FFA Officer Team

President:	Bryce Borchardt
Vice President:	Grace Real
Secretary:	Jacie Thompson
Treasurer:	Kylynn Counts
Reporter:	Brylee Sheely
Sentinel:	Madison Wolff
Student Advisor:	Sedona Quackenbush
Parliamentarian:	Bailee Cross
Historian:	Surgieo Foti
Chaplain:	Luke Nelson

The FFA CREED

I believe in the future of agriculture with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so - for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

FFA MOTTO

Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve

Opening & Closing Ceremony

President States: **FFA members, why are we here?**

Members rise in unison on the third tap and respond:

To practice brotherhood, honor agricultural opportunities and responsibilities and develop those qualities of leadership which an FFA member should possess.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: *(please note, there is NO comma after nation. Do not pause.)*

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

When you Look Good ...The FFA Looks Great!

FFA Code of Ethics

We will conduct ourselves at all times in order to be a credit to our organization, chapter, school and community by:

- Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion
- Showing respect for others and being courteous at all times
- Being honest and not taking advantage of others
- Respecting the property of others
- Refraining from swearing and other unbecoming conduct
- Demonstrating good sportsmanship
- Attending meetings promptly
- Taking pride in our organization and its functions
- Sharing with others experiences and knowledge by attending state and national meetings

Official Dress

The uniform worn by FFA members at local, district, area, state, and national functions is called official dress. It provides identity and a distinctive, recognizable image to the organization.

Female members should wear:

- 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 – zipped to top

Male members should wear:

- Black pants or slacks
- White collared shirt
- Official FFA Tie
- Black socks
- Black Shoes
- Official FFA Jacket – zipped to top

CDE Dress for contests

- Collared shirt
- Nice Jeans or Slacks that fit at the waist and are free of fading or holes.
- Closed Toe Shoes are required
- No Caps or Hats (*except hard hats in meats contest*)

Dress for Livestock Shows

- Buttoned Down, Collared Shirt, tucked into pants
- Nice Jeans that fit at the waist and are free of fading or holes.
- Closed Toe Shoes are required – NO Tennis Shoes.
- Belt should be worn
- No Caps or Hats
- Hair should be pulled away from face and look orderly.

In addition to the previous guidelines, the Krum ISD Student Dress Code is in effect at all FFA activities and competitions. If it is inappropriate to wear to school, it is inappropriate to wear to an FFA activity.

FFA FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The FFA provides many activities throughout the year that require money. The entry fees for contests, community service projects, the food and refreshments at meetings, animal projects assistance, and supplies for the banquet require a large sum of money. You are asked to participate in whatever fundraising activity that we have. The more money that our group makes, the more activities we can provide to you. We are limited to two fund-raisers per school year.

This year, as in the past, we are selling nutritional food products. We will be offering Fresh Country's meat items (bacon, sausage, fajitas, hams and turkeys), as well as cookies, pies, and cobblers. These products will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas orders. These products are also great for selling to large businesses and families for Christmas presents.

You may have a chance to earn reward items through the Fresh Country sales if you sell greater than 20 items. In addition, if you have a livestock project, you may be asked to assist our booster club, Krum FFA Parents and Friends in their fundraising efforts. Please take an active role in supporting your chapter.

Krum FFA Parents and Friends Club

Parents of current and former FFA members, as well as Junior FFA members, community members and former students comprise the Krum FFA Parents and Friends Club. The purpose is to support the Krum FFA and its members. Money raised from fundraisers supports the scholarship program, assistance to members exhibiting livestock at Denton County and assistance with chapter member award programs (National convention, leadership camp, judging contests, banquets, etc.).

Parents and Friends Club meetings will be held as indicated on the Program of Activities. Please see the calendar of activities for exact dates. Officers are elected at the first meeting of the 2022-2023 school year. The meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Denton County Livestock Association

The purpose of the Denton County Livestock Association is to promote the breeding, improvement, and sale of purebred and commercial livestock; to encourage producers to produce the highest quality of livestock; to establish and maintain a friendly spirit between members of the Association by a friendly exchange of information and ideas on all subjects pertaining to livestock, poultry, ratites, and their products.

This organization sets policy for the Denton County Youth Fair. All parents with children participating in the youth fair are encouraged to become active members of this organization. Dues must be paid by the September meeting.

Blue Ribbon Club

The Blue Ribbon Club is the support group for FFA and 4-H members in Denton County who participate in the Denton County Youth Fair. The Blue Ribbon Club adds money onto animals that do not make the premium sale. Any parents wishing to participate in this organization are encouraged to do so.

Awards Program

The Krum FFA Chapter has several award opportunities for members to participate. Each Spring, the Krum FFA hosts an Awards Banquet to recognize the achievements of FFA members. Members in 8th – 12th grade must have their AET record books up to date and complete an application and submit it before the required deadline which will be announced in the spring semester. The following awards will be awarded on the chapter level:

1. STAR AWARDS - A student must complete a record book to apply for a Star Award.

- Star 8th Grade FFA Member
- Star 9th Grade FFA Member
- Star 10th Grade FFA Member
- Star 11th Grade FFA Member
- Star 12th Grade FFA Member

2. PROFICIENCY AWARDS

- Members will be awarded certificates based upon their SAEP.

3. CHAPTER OFFICER AWARDS

4. HONORARY KRUM FFA DEGREE

- Members will select community members who have given their time and talents to the FFA during the April Meeting. Recipients will receive this award at the banquet. A person can only receive this award one time.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – awarded at KISD Academic Banquet.

- Presented to the FFA member who demonstrates the best overall performance in the classroom including attitude, participation and grade average for the semester in each of the agricultural science classes. (See KISD Course Listings for a list of classes in which awards will be given)

**Students may apply for Proficiency awards, Lone Star FFA Degree, and Star Awards beyond the chapter level based upon their completed record book for their FFA experience. Requirements for these awards are located in the National FFA Manual and the Texas FFA Degree Selection Procedures . Please contact one of the Agriculture Science Teachers if you wish to apply for advanced awards or for further information.

Scholarship Opportunities

1. Scholarship Opportunities through Texas FFA Association Scholarship Programs

Graduating Seniors apply during the Spring Semester at the District Degree Check. Scholarship is based on academic rank (must be in the top 25% for Houston, top 50% for the others), SAT/ACT scores (minimum 950 on SAT, minimum of 20 on ACT), and FFA activities. Students will interview at the Area Degree Check. Members from the Area Association will advance to state interviews to compete for these awards.

- San Antonio Livestock Show \$20,000
- Houston Livestock Show \$20,000
 - You do not have to be an Agricultural or Life Science Major to receive this scholarship.
- Jim Bob Norman Memorial \$10,000
- C.J. “Red” Davidson \$8,000
- Southwestern Exposition \$4,000
- Farm Credit Bank of Texas \$2,000
- Texas Agricultural Education Fund \$2,000
- Young Farmers of Texas \$2,000

2. National FFA Scholarships

Graduating seniors apply for various scholarships. Students may obtain an application from www.ffa.org, the National FFA website. Eligibility requirements and award amounts are listed as well.

3. Krum FFA Parents and Friends Club Scholarship

Graduating seniors must complete an application and submit it to the scholarship committee for consideration. Amounts and numbers of scholarships available will be determined by the Parents and Friends Club. Applications will be available during the Spring Semester.

4. Blue Ribbon Club Scholarship

Graduating seniors must complete an application and submit it to the Blue Ribbon Club for judging. Scholarships are worth \$500.00. Applications will be available during the spring.

5. State Fair of Texas Scholarship

Graduating seniors must complete an application and submit it prior to the deadline. More information can be obtained at www.bigtex.com

6. Agriscience Fair Competition

The Agriscience Fair offers the opportunity for members to demonstrate their agriscience abilities through a science fair competition. Scholarships are awarded on the state and national levels.

7. Proficiency and Star Awards

Students can obtain various scholarships through participation in advanced awards. Students who win on the state and national levels will receive scholarships.

8. Career Development Events

Students can win various scholarships at various contests if they win high individual honors. Additionally, colleges scout judging team members and offer those students with exceptional abilities scholarships to judge at their universities or colleges, respectively.

***** Other scholarship opportunities will be announced during class and at FFA meetings as they become available.*****

Competitive Activities

Sign up sheets for each team will be posted in each Ag Science Classroom. If more students sign up for a team than are allowed tryouts will be held to determine the final team makeup.

Leadership Development Event Teams – Fall Semester

- Jr. Chapter Conducting
- Sr. Chapter Conducting
- Jr. FFA Skills Demonstration
- Sr. FFA Skills Demonstration
- Jr. FFA Quiz Team
- Sr. FFA Quiz Team
- Sr. Creed Speaking
- Jr. Creed Speaking
- Agricultural Issues Forum
- Radio Broadcasting Team
- FFA Public Relations
- Job Interview
- Agricultural Advocacy

Speaking Development Events– Spring Semester

- Soil and Water Stewardship Speaking
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Jr. Prepared Public Speaking
- Sr. Prepared Public Speaking

Career Development Event Teams – Spring Semester

- Meat Judging
- Livestock Judging
- Horse Judging
- Dairy Cattle Judging
- Ag. Communications
- Entomology
- Poultry
- Milk Quality
- Ag. Mechanics
- Floriculture
- Nursery/Landscape
- Land
- Homesite
- Wildlife
- Range
- Ag Sales
- Farm Business Management
- Veterinary Science

Leadership Activities

The following activities are potentially offered to all members in the Krum FFA. Some activities may have prerequisites based upon leadership achievements and might not be offered each year.

Fall Semester

- Texas Leadership Conference
- Greenhand Leadership Camp
- District FFA Meeting
- Area Banquet
- State Fair of Texas
- National FFA Convention
- Leadership Development Events
- District Banquet

Spring Semester

- Career Development Events
- Fort Worth Livestock Exposition
- San Antonio Livestock Exposition
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- Krum Local Project Show
- Denton County Youth Fair
- District Banquet - Talent Contest
- Area Convention

Summer Break

- State Leadership Conference for Area and State Officers
- Area Leadership Conference for District and Area Officers
- Chapter Officer Leadership Camp
- State FFA Convention
- Washington Leadership Conference
- North Texas State Fair

Overnight Trips

The opportunity to participate in the Krum FFA is a privilege extended to KISD students. Participation in the Krum FFA places a student in a position of recognition and often bestows the position of role model upon the member. Any student who elects to accept the privilege of participating in the Krum FFA must recognize that he/she is a representative of the school and district, and will be held to a higher standard of conduct than that applied to the general student body. This applies to school related and non-school related activities. The member is subject to state law, school district policies, school rules and regulations, the Krum FFA Constitution and By-laws, and University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules. Krum ISD policy governs all trips taken by FFA members. Any student found in violation of these policies will be disciplined accordingly.

- Students will follow the directions given by Advisors, as well as adult chaperones.
- Students will conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times.
- Students will stay with the group at all times.
- Students will not leave the hotel or site of activity for any reason.
- Students will follow all curfew times. Lights out will be at the discretion of the advisors.
- Students must stay in the room assigned to them.
- Female students will not be allowed in rooms of male students. Male students will not be allowed in rooms of female students.
- Students will wear official dress, except when notified by the Advisors. Krum ISD dress code is in effect at all times.

Violations of these guidelines will not be tolerated.

Krum FFA Letter Jacket Program

The students of the Krum FFA Chapter are eligible for a Krum Letter Jacket. The following criteria must be met in order to apply for a Krum FFA Letter Jacket. The Student is responsible for purchasing his/her own letter jacket after receiving approval from the advisors. The Krum FFA/ISD will purchase the initial letter or mount for students. Additionally, the FFA will purchase one patch for a team event. Additional patches may be purchased by the students, but should be approved by the advisors.

ALL students must meet all the following criteria:

1. The student must be a member in good standing of the Krum FFA and abide by the FFA/Agriscience Department Code of Conduct, as outlined in the Krum FFA / Agricultural Science Department Handbook.
2. The student must have attended 75% of all club meetings, unless excused by the FFA advisors.
3. The student must participate in two (2) organized FFA community service projects.
4. The student must be classified as a sophomore and must have been a member of the FFA for a minimum of four (4) semesters.
5. The student must maintain a minimum of a "B" average in all Agriscience classes.
6. The student must have received their Greenhand & Chapter FFA Degrees.
7. The student must have no less than a satisfactory conduct grade on their report card and have the recommendation of their principal or vice-principal.
8. The FFA advisors must recommend students for a letter jacket.

All Students must meet at least one (1) of the following criteria:

9. The student must place in the top fifteen (15) teams competing in a Career Development Event or place in the top ten (10) individuals in the State Career Development Contest or in the top 3 in the State Agriscience Fair.
10. The student must place first (1st), second (2nd), or third (3rd) in the Area V Leadership Development Event/Contest.
11. The student must be selected first (1st) in a State Proficiency Event.
12. The student must win a National FFA Award or receive individual or special recognition from the National FFA Organization
13. The student is elected to a District, Area, State, or National Office
14. The student must have received their Lone Star FFA Degree
15. The student's project (which is entered through the Krum FFA) is selected as Champion or Reserve Champion at a major Livestock Show (Southwestern Exposition -Ft. Worth, San Antonio Livestock Exposition -San Antonio, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo - Houston, State Fair of Texas - Dallas)

If you feel you've met the qualification to "letter" please complete the following short form and submit the form before the Christmas holidays to one of the Krum FFA Advisors.

Date: _____
Name _____ Classification _____

Which of the following Criteria (9-15) have you met and when did you meet these criteria:

Krum FFA Graduation Cord Requirements

In order for students to receive their FFA Cord for graduation they must have received their Lone Star FFA Degree or be receiving it the summer after graduation. The requirements to receive the Lone Star FFA Degree are listed below and can also be found at: <https://www.texasffa.org/degrees-of-membership>

To receive a State FFA Degree, members must meet the following requirements:

1. Received a Chapter FFA Degree.
2. Have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree
3. Have completed at least 2 years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, which includes an SAE.
4. Have earned and productively invested at least \$1000 and worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time, in a supervised agricultural experience program. The combination of hours and earnings multiplied by a factor of 3.33 must be equal to or greater than the number 1,000.
5. Demonstrated leadership ability by performing 10 parliamentary law procedures, giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or FFA, and serving as an FFA officer, committee chairperson, or committee member.
6. Have a satisfactory academic record, certified by the agriculture teacher and the school principal or superintendent.
7. Participated in the planning and implementation of the chapter's Program of Activities.
8. As of April 1, have completed ten activities above the chapter level in at least three of six different categories: leadership development events, career development events, conventions and meetings, project shows, student awards and leadership and service as described in policies adopted by the Board of Directors.
9. Complete at least 25 hours of community service in a minimum of two different activities. All community service hours are cumulative, i.e. the 10 community service hours used to obtain the chapter degree can be used toward the state degree

Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs

A unique aspect of the Agricultural Science Program is the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP). It enables students to feed and exhibit livestock projects, develop an agricultural crop or horticultural enterprises or experience the other aspects of the agricultural industry. The SAEP is a powerful tool that teaches responsibility, time management, commitment, teamwork and sound financial practices.

Estimated Cost of Livestock Projects

Species	Time	Duration*	Cost	Feed/Tack
Cattle	12 months	Feb.-March	\$3250**	\$1000
Swine	5 months	Nov. – March	\$500-750**	\$700-1000
Sheep	7 months	Sep.-March	\$350-1000**	\$300
Goats	7 months	Sep.-March	\$450-1000**	\$300
Broilers	7 weeks	Feb.- March	\$1.25/head	\$300
Rabbits	2 months	Feb.-March	\$200	\$100

*All time durations will vary depending on the shows being purchased for and the locating of the project.

**Cost of this animal may vary depending on the quality of livestock and location purchased.

***Animals are not required to be kept at the KISD Project Center. The above costs do not reflect any charges that can occur for veterinarian fees, medication, validation, entry fees, etc. These would be additional expenses for the project.

Source List

Livestock Show Feed and Supplies

- Sullivan's Show Supply Hillsboro, Texas 1-800-588-7096 (will send catalog upon request)
- Krum Feed Store (940) 482-3136
- Dennis Farm Store (940) 382-1235
- Pilot Point Feed Store (940) 686-2080

Veterinarians

- Dr. Joseph Strittmatter (940) 382-1986
- West Gate Animal Hospital (940) 387-9522
 - Dr. Mark Moynagh

Stock Show Information

- San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo www.sarodeo.com
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo www.hlsr.com
- Fort Worth Livestock Show www.fwssr.com
- State Fair of Texas www.bigtex.com
- Denton County Youth Fair www.dclayf.com

Universities

- Ag Consortium of Texas (links to all Texas ag colleges) www.agintexas.org

FFA

- National FFA Association www.ffa.org
- Texas FFA Association www.texasffa.org
- [Krum FFA](#)

Student and Parent Acknowledgement

This Krum FFA & Agricultural Science Department Handbook has been published to help your son/daughter gain the greatest possible benefit from his/her agricultural 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. Parents are to encourage their son/daughter to abide by all rules or regulations set forth in this handbook. Please go over all agreements outlined in this handbook and return them to your Agriscience 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.

Printed Name of Student Date

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

Date Received _____ Received by: _____

Krum Independent School District

Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct

I. Extracurricular Activities

The term “extracurricular activities” means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill team, academic clubs, special interest clubs, musical performances, dramatic productions, student government, and any other activity or group that participates in contests, competitions, or community service projects on behalf of or as a representative of the District. The term includes any non-curricular event and membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized and approved by the Board of Trustees and the school district and sponsored by the district or a campus. All extracurricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, are subject to the provisions of this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*.

II. Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Krum ISD makes extracurricular activities available as an extension of the regular school program, with this important difference: participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student, while participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege that carries additional expectations for acceptable conduct. Students engaging in extracurricular activities represent not only themselves, but also other students and the school district when performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities and while wearing uniforms or other clothing that identifies students to the community or public in any setting as Krum ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Krum ISD student body at all times and places.

Important goals of the extracurricular program are to give students direction in developing self-discipline, responsibility, pride, loyalty, leadership, teamwork, respect for authority, and healthy living habits.

Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, Krum ISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than it would for those students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* extends beyond the *Krum ISD Student Code of Conduct* not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. This *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* will be enforced with all students grades 3-12 participating in extracurricular activities:

- regardless of whether school is in session;
- regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school-related event;
- regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs;
- regardless of whether the extracurricular activity is in-season; and
- regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the *Krum ISD Student Code of Conduct* will incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his or her coach or sponsor for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities could violate the *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the *Krum ISD Student Code of Conduct*.

III. Conduct Expectations

The following conduct is expected of all participants. Failure to meet these expectations can result in disciplinary action by the coach or sponsor:

- Student commitment to a team or organization is expected for the entire season or activity. Students are encouraged to participate in more than one extracurricular activity; however students may not quit one sport or organization in order to participate in another while the sport or club that he or she quit is still active.
- Students who participate in extracurricular activities that involve competition among schools and school districts will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. This includes behavior toward visiting teams or hosting teams as well as the opponent's fans. Krum ISD participants will be noted for clean, tough, competitive play. Praise your opponents and play beyond your ability.
- Students should arrive to practices (including workouts), meetings, and events on time and prepared.
- Students who cannot be present for a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event should call the coach, sponsor, team captain, or club president as soon as they are aware that they will be absent. Each activity will decide when missed practices, meetings, or workouts will be made-up; however, disciplinary action may still be taken if a participant is absent more than two times in a semester.
- Injured or ill students who are unable to participate, but are able to attend a practice (including workouts), meeting or event are required to dress appropriately and sit or stand with the rest of the group.
- Students are required to show respect at all times to coaches and sponsors. This includes speaking negatively about teachers or coaches via social media.
- Students should refrain from wearing hair styles or hair colors that draw attention to themselves. Male students participating in sports are required to be clean shaven.
- Students should follow the rules promulgated in the *Krum ISD Student Code of Conduct*. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary measures related to the student's participation in extracurricular activities as determined by the coach or sponsor.

IV. Prohibited Conduct

Krum ISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited at all times from:

- possessing, smoking, selling, or otherwise using tobacco products;
- possessing or using drug paraphernalia;
- possessing, selling, or delivering to another person look-alike drugs or items represented to be drugs or contraband of any kind;
- possessing, selling, giving, delivering to another person, using, or being under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, or any dangerous drug;
- engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals;
- engaging in serious misbehavior, as that term is defined in the KrumISD Student Code of Conduct;
- attending any event at which underage drinking, smoking, or drug use is occurring (students will be allowed a slight concession for an amount of time long enough to determine that a violation is occurring and to leave the premises);
- riding in a vehicle containing alcohol unless a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult is present and aware of the presence of the alcohol;
- stealing;
- conduct that causes injury or harm to persons or property;
- using profanity, lewd or vulgar language, or obscene gestures;
- fighting;
- any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers;
- inappropriate touching including “making out” in public places, sexual gestures, or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public;
- inappropriate behavior in public places.

V. Procedures

The coach and/or sponsor will determine whether an *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* violation has occurred.

Upon determination of an *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* violation, the following individuals will be notified:

- the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s); and/or
- the appropriate school counselor to provide counseling, support, and guidance in dealing with issues associated with alcohol, drugs, mood-altering chemicals, and other prohibited activities.

Nothing in this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* limits the authority of a coach or sponsor to impose reasonable sanctions, including extra workouts, for students who breach team or organization conduct expectations but do not engage in prohibited conduct.

VI. Disciplinary Action

Coaches and sponsors will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and impose appropriate disciplinary action. Coaches and sponsors will strive for consistency in meting out punishment for Extracurricular Code of Conduct violations, but will also exercise sound professional discretion. Violation of any of the above-mentioned rules by a student participating in extracurricular activities will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- suspension from all extracurricular activities for the following time periods:

1st Offense -1 month
2nd Offense – 2 months
3rd Offense - remaining of semester

- removal from office in the case of a student office holder who commits an offense.

The principal will not ordinarily interfere in a coach or sponsor's judgment regarding appropriate discipline but has the authority to increase or decrease the punishment based on his or her assessment of the situation.

VII. Insurance for Students in Extracurricular Activities

Krum ISD is not responsible for injuries of its students who are participating in sports. However, Krum ISD will carry insurance covering participation in practice or competition for athletes. The coverage for each injury will vary according to the accident. More detailed information can be obtained by calling the Krum ISD. We will answer any questions you have concerning our program of insurance and injuries.

VIII. Acknowledgement

A condition to participating in any extracurricular activity or holding any office (elected or appointed) is to sign an acknowledgement that the student has read and understands the *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*. The student's parent or guardian must also sign an acknowledgement. The acknowledgement states that the signing party understands the consequences for engaging in prohibited conduct.

Please Sign and Return

Date _____

I have read the Krum ISD *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* and agree to adhere to these rules as a condition for my voluntary participation in Krum ISD extracurricular activities. I understand that failure to do so will result in disciplinary measures related to my extracurricular participation.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

I have read the Krum ISD *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* and understand the requirements for my child's voluntary participation in Krum ISD extracurricular activities. I understand the consequences that my child will face if he or she fails to adhere to these rules and agree to such terms.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Received by: _____

Date: _____

KRUM FFA 2022-2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please keep in mind that some of these dates are tentative and subject to change. Any changes or updates will be communicated during class and via Krum FFA Social Media.

August

18	KISD First Day of School	KISD
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September

12	Chapter Kick-Off Meeting 6 PM	KHS Ag Shop
17	District Officer Training	Blue Ridge
19	District V FFA Meeting 5PM	Valley View
21	Area Greenhand Conference	Denton
30-Oct. 23	State Fair of Texas	Dallas

October

17	Krum Chapter Meeting 6 PM	KHS Ag Shop
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November

1	Krum Chapter Meeting 6 PM	KHS Ag Shop	<u>*Entry Night*</u>
7	District LDEs	Ponder	
16	Area LDEs	Bells	

December

1	Krum Chapter Meeting 6 PM	KHS Ag Shop
2-3	State LDEs SHSU	Huntsville
5	District V Holiday Event	Denton- NTSF

January

9	Krum FFA Chapter Meeting 6 PM	KHS Ag Shop
13 - Feb 4	Ft. Worth Livestock Show	Ft. Worth
13-16	<i>Ft. Worth Ag. Mech Show</i>	
19-23	<i>Ft. Worth Heifer Show</i>	
20-23	<i>Ft. Worth Lamb and Goat Show</i>	
30-Feb. 2	<i>Ft. Worth Barrow Show</i>	
31- Feb 3	<i>Ft. Worth Steer Show</i>	
17	District V Speaking Contests	Aubrey

February

7	Krum FFA Chapter Meeting 6 PM	KHS Ag Shop
7-26	San Antonio Livestock Show	San Antonio
13-15	<i>SA Market Lambs & Goats</i>	
13-17	<i>SA Breeding Heifers</i>	
19-23	<i>SA Market Barrows</i>	
20-24	<i>SA Market Steers</i>	
20-24	National FFA Week	Daily Activities to be Announced

March

1-19	Houston Livestock Show	Houston
7-9	<i>Houston Lambs & Goats</i>	
6-11	<i>Houston Heifers</i>	
9	<i>Houston Broilers</i>	
11-16	<i>Houston Barrows</i>	
12-17	<i>Houston Steers</i>	
9-25	Rodeo Austin Livestock Show	Austin
9-11	<i>RA Steers</i>	
12-15	<i>RA Heifer</i>	
17-18	<i>RA Lambs & Goats</i>	
21-23	<i>RA Barrows</i>	
26-April 1	Denton County Youth Fair	Denton

April

3	Scholarship Deadline Texas FFA	TBD
3-4	Commerce Area CDEs	TAMU Commerce
11	SHSU Area Contest	Huntsville
12	Tarleton State Area CDEs	Stephenville
13	Area Officer Process	Anna
17	Krum FFA Chapter Officer Elections	KHS Ag Shop
24	District V Advanced Degree Check	Sanger
24	District V Officer Interview & Test	Sanger
27	Tarleton State CDEs	Stephenville
28	SHSU State CDEs	Huntsville
30	Texas A&M State CDEs	College Station
TBD	Texas Tech State CDEs	Lubbock
TBD	Area V Meats CDE	College Station
TBD	Area 5 Wool CDE	Weatherford
TBD	State Wildlife CDE	TBD

May

3	Lone Star Pre Score	Aubrey
4	District V Banquet, Elections & Talent	Denton
6	Area Degree Check	Aubrey
15	Area V Convention/Talent Contest	Plano
18	Krum FFA Chapter Banquet	TBD

June

12-13	Area Leadership Conference	TAMU Commerce
OR		
15-16	Area Leadership Conference	TAMU Commerce

July

10-14	Texas FFA Convention	Dallas
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