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KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**LIVESTOCK SHOW
EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK**



**Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center
Katy, Texas**

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General Information

Nondiscrimination Statement

Katy ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, handicap, or sex. The Katy ISD Career and Technical Education program operates in accordance with the provisions in Titles VI and IX and Section 504 of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Katy ISD program admission procedures, facilities, and graduation requirements are designed to eliminate discrimination. Katy ISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all programs, including Career and Technical Education.

Authority & Compliance

Katy ISD retains final authority over all Katy ISD Livestock Show rules and regulations and is responsible for resolving any disputes, questions, or issues related to the Show. As a Katy ISD facility supporting school-related activities, the YASC operates under all applicable district policies and expectations.

All guidelines outlined in the Katy ISD Student Handbook, Katy ISD Discipline Management Plan, Student Code of Conduct, and Katy ISD Livestock Show Handbook apply while students are present at the YASC. District rules are enforced at all times, including the requirement that students must wear or have their Katy ISD school identification on their person while on the property.

To ensure the safe and effective use of the YASC for students, animals, and visitors, all regulations in the Katy ISD Livestock Show Student Handbook must be followed. Katy ISD employees, including Agricultural Sciences Teachers (ASTs) and campus administrators, will monitor compliance with facility regulations and daily operations.

Students who violate Livestock Show rules or expectations will be subject to disciplinary consequences as outlined in the Katy ISD Livestock Show Handbook, the Katy ISD Discipline Management Plan, and the Student Code of Conduct. Violations may also result in removal from or dismissal from YASC facilities.

Directory Information & Consent to Video or Audio Record a Student

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) permits the District to disclose appropriate designated “directory information” from a child’s education records without written consent. “Directory information” is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. This “directory information” will be released to anyone who follows procedures for requesting it; however, a parent or eligible student may object to the release of a student’s directory information. This objection must be made in writing to the principal. Parents and legal guardians should refer to the Katy ISD Student Handbook for detailed instructions on opting out of the release of directory information and other consent, opt-out, and refusal rights.

Facility Information

The Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center (YASC) is a Katy ISD-owned facility located on the corner of Beckendorff and Katy Hockley Cut-Off Roads. The YASC provides an extension of the classroom for students’ Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs (SAEP).

Personal Safety and Personal Property Disclaimer

Katy ISD, FFA chapters, Agricultural Sciences Teachers (ASTs), and school officials are not liable for injuries sustained by students or their allowable immediate family members while on the YASC premises. All individuals are expected to exercise caution while walking through the YASC, particularly when passing through gates. Walkways and surfaces may become slippery during wet or cold weather conditions; therefore, students, parents, and visitors should always remain aware of their surroundings to help prevent accidents or injuries. Additionally, Katy ISD, FFA chapters, ASTs, and school officials are not responsible for the theft of or damage to personal property while on YASC property.

Transportation to the YASC

For students’ convenience, Katy ISD provides morning bus transportation to and from the YASC, with designated pickup and drop-off locations at each high school campus. This service begins on the first day of classes in August and continues until the start of the annual Katy ISD Livestock Show and Sale. Students who utilize district transportation are expected to ride the bus both to and from the YASC unless prior approval is granted by their Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST). All students riding the bus must comply with the Katy ISD Student Code of Conduct, including all expectations related to bus privileges and behavior.

Safety and Security

To ensure the safety of students, animals, and all individuals on the property, the following facility regulations must be followed while using the YASC. Katy ISD staff and security personnel monitor compliance to maintain a safe and secure environment.

Facility Regulations and Access

YASC Hours

- YASC Daily Hours: The YASC is open daily from 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM. All students and parents or legal guardians must exit the facility by 9:00 PM. A security officer is on duty at the YASC during evenings and on weekends.
- Katy ISD Livestock Show Week (L.D. Robinson Pavilion):
 - Opens daily at 6:00 AM
 - Closes nightly at 8:00 PM
- Live Auction Saturday: The L.D. Robinson Pavilion will remain open for one hour following the conclusion of the Live Auction. At the conclusion of the Live Auction, students are expected to gather their belongings promptly and exit the facility.

Access to the YASC outside of normal barn hours requires prior approval from the student's AST. The AST will place the student/parent's name and approved dates for access on the After-Hours Access list once approval has been given. Individuals seeking after-hours access will push the call button at the Main Barn gate to request access from the Safety and Security Analysis Center (SSAC.) SSAC will confirm the individual's name is on the After-Hours Access list and will grant gate access to the barn.

Students are encouraged to take personal valuables to and from home as needed. Katy ISD is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Driving, Parking, and Traffic Expectations

All drivers entering the YASC must possess a valid driver's license and ensure that any vehicle operated on Katy ISD property is covered by valid insurance. All vehicle access to the YASC must be made using the entrance off Katy Hockley Cut-Off Road, and drivers must follow posted parking designations based on barn location.

Students are required to follow all posted speed limits, traffic signs, and driving expectations while on YASC property. Violations of traffic laws or unsafe driving behaviors may result in campus disciplinary consequences and loss of YASC driving privileges. Students who strike or damage a gate or other property with a vehicle will be held financially responsible for repair costs, and campus personnel will be notified.

To ensure safety and maintain orderly traffic flow at the YASC, students and parents or legal guardians must park only in designated paved parking areas. Parking or driving off-road anywhere on YASC property is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary consequences and/or loss of facility privileges.

Parking by Barn Location:

- Student Parking
 - Barns 1–7: Park in the front parking lot.
 - Barns 8–10: Park in the rear parking lot behind the barns.
- Agricultural Science Teacher and CTE District Staff Parking
 - Parking between the barns is restricted to Agricultural Sciences Teachers (ASTs) and CTE district office staff only.
 - Student and parent parking is not permitted in this area.

During the Progress Show and Livestock Show, students and parents or legal guardians must park in front of the L.D. Robinson Pavilion or in designated student parking spaces at the barns. During these events, the paved and gravel parking lots surrounding the L.D. Robinson Pavilion are reserved exclusively for ASTs, Career and Technical Education staff, and Katy ISD campus and district administrators.

Barn Access

Students are permitted to enter only the barn where their assigned animal is housed. Access to any other barn is not allowed unless prior approval is granted by an Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST). While in the barns, students must wear or have their Katy ISD student ID on their person at all times.

Barn Cards

Upon payment of the YASC Facility Use Fee, each student will receive two barn access cards at no cost—one assigned to the student and one assigned to a parent or legal guardian. At the time an animal is purchased, the student must designate the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) authorized to use the parent/guardian card.

One additional parent or legal guardian card may be issued upon request for a fee, for a maximum of three (3) barn access cards per student. All barn access cards are assigned to individual students and may not be transferred to another student. Violations may result in campus disciplinary action and/or loss of barn access privileges.

All barn cards must be returned to the student's AST within **ten (10) days following the designated show in which the animal is exhibited. Failure to return barn cards within the required timeframe will result in a \$25 fine per card. All barn cards will be deactivated ten (10) days after the conclusion of the Katy ISD Livestock Show.**

Parent Access to the YASC

Parents and legal guardians are permitted to enter only the barn where their student's animal is housed. Access to other barns is not allowed.

Veterinarian Access to the YASC

To ensure proper supervision, safety, and communication, students, parents, or legal guardians must notify the student's Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) in advance when a veterinarian is scheduled to visit the YASC barn. A student, parent, or legal guardian, or an AST must be present during the veterinarian's visit at all times. Following treatment, veterinarians are required to complete the Katy ISD Agricultural Sciences Program Continued Treatment Form for Animal Projects for any services provided while on YASC property.

Veterinarians who arrive at the YASC without accompaniment must have prior approval from the student's AST to enter the facility. Upon arrival, unaccompanied veterinarians must use the call button at the gate to contact the Safety and Security Analysis Center (SSAC). Entry will be granted only after the SSAC officer verifies AST approval.

Guest Access

All visitors to the YASC barns must receive prior approval before entering the facility. Family members other than authorized parents or legal guardians require prior AST approval; all other guests require approval from the Agriculture Instructional Officer.

Students are responsible for the conduct and supervision of their parents or legal guardians and any family member guests approved by an Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) or the Agriculture Instructional Officer. All guests must remain with the student or the student's parent or legal guardian throughout their visit.

Any guest who violates YASC rules or expectations will be treated as if the violation was committed by the student and may result in disciplinary action for the student. To maintain the fairness and integrity of the Livestock Show, livestock fitters and jockeys are not permitted on Katy ISD premises. A fitter is defined as an individual who prepares or presents animals for exhibition in the show ring.

Breeders and Animal Services Personnel

Breeders and animal services personnel must be accompanied by a student, parent, or legal guardian, or an Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) to enter the YASC. Any breeder or animal services personnel who arrive at the YASC without accompaniment must have prior approval from the student's AST to enter the facility. Upon arrival, unaccompanied individuals must use the call button at the gate to contact the Safety and Security Analysis Center (SSAC). The SSAC officer will verify AST approval before granting access to the facility.

Severe Weather & Shelter-in-Place Protocols

All reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of students, judges, staff, volunteers, and spectators during the Katy ISD Livestock Show. If a situation arises during the Show, the Show Committee, under the guidance of Katy ISD, will determine and implement the most appropriate course of action in accordance with district guidelines and safety procedures.

In the event of an imminent threat, including severe weather or police activity, students and staff may be directed to shelter in place in designated areas such as restrooms and tack rooms. Safety instructions provided by Katy ISD staff, law enforcement, or Show officials must be followed immediately.

Students should not remain in open fields during lightning events and must move promptly to a safe location as directed.

Fire Safety & Emergency Equipment

Fire extinguishers are located near facility entrances and tack rooms and are intended for use in minor fire emergencies only. If a fire extinguisher is used for any reason, the incident must be reported immediately to Katy ISD Police and the student's Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST).

In the event of a major fire, all individuals must evacuate the area immediately and contact 911 and Katy ISD Police. Evacuation instructions from emergency personnel or Katy ISD staff must be followed without delay.

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and a Stop the Bleed Kit are available at the following locations:

- West side of YASC Barn 4
- East side of YASC Barn 10
- Main office area of the L.D. Robinson Pavilion

Any use of an AED or Stop the Bleed Kit must be reported immediately to Katy ISD Police.

Student & Parent Responsibility for Animal Safety

Students and parents or legal guardians are responsible for securing or removing animal projects in the event of natural disasters or hazardous conditions, including but not limited to wildfires, flooding, severe storms, tornadoes, or hurricanes. Extreme caution should be exercised

when accessing YASC facilities during dangerous weather conditions. Katy ISD will communicate weather- or event-related precautions and directives through the following channels:

- Katy ISD website (www.katyisd.org)
- Barn Remind alert messages
- Email communication to students and parents or legal guardians
- Agricultural Sciences Teachers (ASTs)

Emergency Procedures and Who to Contact (YASC)

To support a timely and appropriate response, situations at the YASC are categorized as Emergency (Crisis) or Non-Emergency (Non-Crisis). Follow the steps below based on the severity of the situation.

Emergencies (Crisis Situations) — Act Immediately

Call 911 and/or Katy ISD Police at 281-237-4000 immediately if there is an imminent threat or immediate danger to people or animals.

- Examples of crisis situations include, but are not limited to:
 - Unauthorized individuals on the premises
 - Unsafe or reckless driving within the facility
 - Any circumstance posing an immediate danger to students, animals, staff, or visitors

Non-Emergencies (Non-Crisis Situations) — Report and Escalate as Needed

For concerns that are not life-threatening or do not involve immediate danger:

- For non-life-threatening questions or concerns, students and parents/legal guardians should contact the student's Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) first.
- If the issue requires law enforcement support (but is not an emergency), contact Katy ISD Police at 281-237-4000.

Examples of non-crisis situations may include:

- Animal emergencies when an AST cannot be reached
- Loss of electricity or water
- Facility hazards (broken fences, structural damage, etc.)
- Access or gate difficulties

If you do not receive a response from the AST within 24 hours on weekdays or 48 hours on weekends, contact the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Instructional Officer in the CTE Central Office at 281-396-2964.

Exhibitor Eligibility and Participation Requirements

An **exhibitor** is defined as a Katy ISD student who exhibits an animal and/or plant project at the Katy ISD Livestock Show. Participation in the Livestock Show and use of the YASC is a privilege extended to students who meet all district, campus, and FFA chapter requirements. To be eligible to exhibit, students must meet the following requirements:

1. **FFA Membership and Enrollment**
 - Be a dues-paying Katy ISD FFA member in good standing, as defined by the campus chapter bylaws.
 - Be enrolled in at least one Agricultural Sciences course during both the fall and spring semesters at their home high school campus.
2. **Participation Eligibility**
 - Have a valid Social Security number or Tax ID number on file.
 - Not exceed **four (4) total years** of livestock exhibition in the Katy ISD Livestock Show.
3. **Animal Purchase and Exhibition Limits**
 - Purchase no more than **two animals of one species**, or **two lots** in the case of broilers.
 - Exhibit **only one animal or one pen** at the Katy ISD Livestock Show each year.
4. **Floral and Horticulture Projects**
 - Because Floral and Horticulture projects are not eligible for the Live Auction, students may exhibit **one floral project or one horticulture project** in addition to an animal species project.
 - Floral and Horticulture projects are eligible only for **Grand and Reserve Champion premium awards**.
5. **Quality Counts and Animal Welfare Requirements**
 - All first-year students must complete the online **Quality Counts** lessons and pass the **Animal Welfare Test** by **December 1**.
 - Students must sign the **Animal Welfare Agreement** and submit all required documentation to their Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) **before purchasing an animal**. This document is located in **Appendix 10**.
 - Students who do not complete the Quality Counts requirements by December 1 will **not be eligible** to participate in the Livestock Show.
6. **FFA Participation Expectations**
 - First-year students must recite the **FFA Creed** during their first semester of Agricultural Sciences enrollment.
 - Complete a minimum of **ten (10) community service hours** approved by an AST by **January 31**.
 - Participate in at least **two activities above the chapter level**.
 - Participate in chapter fundraising activities and generate a minimum of **\$500 in gross sales annually**, which qualifies the student to receive a chapter-purchased FFA jacket.

7. **Eligibility Restrictions:** FFA students assigned to the Opportunity Awareness Center (OAC) are prohibited from participating in or attending any school-sponsored or school-related activities, including all FFA events, for the duration of the OAC placement. During this period, parents or guardians are solely responsible for providing care for the student's livestock animal(s).

Upon completion of the OAC period of removal, the following re-entry procedures will apply:

- The FFA student and parent(s)/guardian(s) must meet with the Campus Agricultural Science Committee (or appropriate campus leadership team).
- During this meeting, a probationary contract for re-entry into the FFA program will be developed and must be signed by all parties.
- Students must meet all requirements of the probationary contract through the end of the school year to continue to participate in the FFA program.
- During the probationary period, the student may be required to complete additional program-related responsibilities as assigned by the FFA advisor.

If a student is assigned to OAC during the livestock show or auction, the student will not be permitted to participate in the show or auction.

Project Eligibility

To ensure the proper management, safety, and care of animals housed at the YASC, all students must comply with the following guidelines related to animal eligibility, housing limits, and project approval.

Approved Animals & Housing Requirements

All projects housed at the YASC must be FFA-related.

- Junior FFA projects may be housed at the discretion of the AST and are dependent on pen availability.
- 4-H projects are not permitted at the YASC.
- Only approved Junior Market animals may be housed at the YASC. Breeding animals are not permitted. The following animals are eligible for housing:
 - Junior Market Show Steers
 - Junior Market Show Hogs
 - Junior Market Show Lambs
 - Junior Market Show Goats

Students may house no more than four (4) animals at the YASC at any one time. All animal projects are under the direct supervision of the student's Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST). Students must receive prior approval from their AST and notify the Ag Instructional Officer before bringing any animal to the facility.

Liability

Animal Safety & Responsibility

Katy ISD, FFA chapters, Agricultural Sciences Teachers (ASTs), and school officials are not responsible for injury to, illness of, or loss of a project animal while the animal is on school property or at any other location. Families are encouraged to consider purchasing livestock mortality insurance through an outside provider to help mitigate potential financial loss.

The following insurance providers are commonly used for livestock coverage; however, this list is not all-inclusive, and families are encouraged to research options that best meet their needs:

- Farm Bureau Insurance – 979-533-4250
- Garrett Insurance Agency – 936-756-2222
- Market Scout Insurance – 972-934-4200
- Cattle Raisers Insurance – 800-252-2849

If an animal becomes sick, injured, or dies, the student must notify their Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) immediately.

Participation Fees & Financial Responsibility

To participate in the Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show and to utilize the YASC facilities, students must meet all established financial obligations and comply with project purchase requirements set by the Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show Committee. Each student must pay the Livestock Show Entry Fee for the show in which they are participating and must purchase their assigned project in accordance with committee guidelines.

Most project animals and plant projects—including steer, goat, lamb, swine, broiler, floral, and horticulture projects—are purchased cooperatively through the Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show Committee. Students are responsible for paying all non-refundable project fees by the established deadline. Failure to meet payment deadlines may result in loss of eligibility to participate.

Rabbit projects are purchased independently by the student from an approved rabbit breeder and are not included in the cooperative purchasing process.

In addition, students are required to pay the YASC Facility Use Fee before placing an animal at the YASC. Failure to submit required fees by established deadlines may result in loss of eligibility to house an animal at the facility or participate in the Livestock Show.

Katy ISD is not responsible for the financial investment, loss, or benefit associated with raising a project animal. All financial commitments related to animal projects are the responsibility of the student and family.

Pen Space Priority

Pen space at the YASC is prioritized to support the Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show. Animals entered in the Katy ISD Livestock Show are guaranteed pen space at the YASC. Priority is given to Katy ISD FFA show animals to ensure adequate housing and appropriate facility management. Only animals entered in the Katy ISD Livestock Show are guaranteed pen space. Animals entered in county or major shows may be removed if space is needed for Katy ISD Livestock Show animals.

Sharing Pen Space

Students may voluntarily share pens with other students; however, prior approval from the student's Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) is required. Pen-sharing arrangements must support animal welfare and facility capacity.

Students who exhibit a Major or County steer must also have a Katy ISD steer in order to guarantee pen space at the YASC. If adequate space is not available, the student's Katy ISD steer and Major or County steer may be required to share a pen.

For lambs, goats, and swine, if additional pen space becomes available after all Katy ISD Livestock Show animals have been placed, a lottery system will be used to assign extra pens. Pen assignments through the lottery will be coordinated by the Livestock Show Committee and ASTs.

Facility Modifications and Storage Guidelines

To maintain the integrity of YASC facilities and ensure the safety of students, animals, and infrastructure, students and parents or legal guardians must adhere to the following guidelines related to facility modifications and storage practices.

- Structural Modifications: No modifications may be made to any existing YASC structure; this includes pens.
- Shelving Restrictions: Shelving is not permitted above plumbing lines. Any approved shelving must be installed at least two (2) feet away from all plumbing.
- Cameras: Cameras or monitoring devices may not be installed in animal pens by non-Katy ISD personnel.
- There are to be no outside fans unless approved by the Ag Instructional Officer.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the removal of unapproved items and loss of facility privileges.

Animal, Floral, and Horticulture Selection Process

To ensure a fair and equitable distribution of livestock and horticulture projects, students—accompanied by their Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST)—will participate in a lot draw to determine the selection order for large animals and horticulture plants. The selection pool will include more animals or plants than the total number of participating students to support fairness and choice. During the preview period, access inside the pavilion is limited to the student, one parent or legal guardian, and the student's Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST).

Preview and Selection Attendance Rules

To ensure safety, order, and a fair selection process, access to the pavilion and selection areas is limited during the preview and animal selection periods.

During the selection process, only the student and the AST are permitted inside the selection area. If a student is unable to attend the animal selection, a parent or legal guardian may make the selection on the student's behalf.

Facility Management and Cleanliness

Students are responsible for the daily care, health, and maintenance of their project animals while housed at the YASC. Proper animal care is essential for animal welfare, facility cleanliness, and program success.

Daily animal care responsibilities include maintaining clean, dry, and sanitary pens, with feces removed every day. Shavings must be replaced whenever they become wet or dirty and are the financial responsibility of the student and parent or legal guardian. Animals must be fed twice daily on a consistent twelve-hour schedule, as directed by the Agricultural Science Teacher (AST). Feedings are expected to occur before 7:30 AM and before 7:30 PM unless otherwise approved. Students must provide fresh, clean water daily; empty water buckets are unacceptable and must be refilled at each feeding.

Water buckets or automated waterers must be dumped and cleaned daily outside of the stalling area. Buckets may never be dumped in barn aisles. All common areas must be cleaned after use, and exercise programs will be communicated by the AST based on species. These programs may be adjusted to meet individual animal needs.

Students are required to monitor weather conditions daily and ensure animals receive proper care regardless of rain, snow, ice, extreme cold, or other conditions. In cases of extreme weather, Katy ISD may temporarily shut off water lines at the YASC. If this occurs, students and parents or legal guardians are responsible for hauling water to care for animals. Any concerns related to weather-impacted animal care should be discussed with the AST immediately.

Students are responsible for purchasing all necessary daily-use supplies. A supply list will be provided by the AST before animal purchase and may be updated as needed. Shavings are an expected ongoing expense, and the AST will provide guidance on appropriate usage.

Facility Cleanliness and Waste Disposal

Students are expected to clean up after themselves and their animals at all times. Barn aisles must remain clean and free of trash, feces, feed, and hay. Tack must be stored in designated areas and kept neat and orderly.

All trash and debris must be placed in appropriate trash receptacles, as loose materials pose health risks if ingested by animals. Wheelbarrows are provided for waste disposal, and students are required to transport waste to the designated dumpster located outside the barn. Dumping waste outside barn doors or in driveways is strictly prohibited, as improper disposal attracts flies and increases the risk of disease. Any improper dumping must be reported immediately.

District Barn Inspections

The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Instructional Officer will conduct daily barn inspections at the YASC to ensure compliance with animal care, cleanliness, and facility standards outlined in the Katy ISD Livestock Show Student Handbook.

Pen and Common Area Inspections

If a student's pen does not meet established cleanliness or care standards, the Gerald Young Complex supervisor will place a yellow tag on the pen and notify the student's Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST). If a common area within a barn does not meet cleanliness standards, a yellow tag will be placed in the affected area, and the Ag Instructional Officer will notify all ASTs assigned to that barn.

Red Tagging and Neglect Concerns

If the Ag Instructional Officer observes suspected animal neglect, a red tag will be placed on the animal's pen, and the student's AST will be notified immediately. Upon issuance of a red tag, the AST will investigate the concern promptly and take appropriate action to ensure the health and welfare of the animal.

Correction Timeline

When a yellow tag or red-yellow tag is issued for a student pen, the student has twenty-four (24) hours to correct the issue to standard. When a yellow tag is issued for a common barn area, the AST will develop and oversee a plan to correct the issue, which must be resolved within twenty-four (24) hours.

Loss of Facility Privileges

Any student evicted from the YASC due to improper animal care or neglect will permanently lose all future YASC facility use privileges.

Mandatory Attendance at Monthly Barn Clean-up Days

All students with animals housed at the Katy ISD YASC are required to participate in monthly barn clean-up days as scheduled by the Agricultural Sciences Teachers (ASTs). Dates and times for clean-up days will be communicated in advance by the ASTs, and attendance is mandatory for all students utilizing the facility. During each clean-up day, students will be assigned specific duties and are expected to complete all assigned tasks in a timely and responsible manner. These clean-up days are essential to maintaining a safe, sanitary, and well-organized facility for all students.

If a student is unable to attend due to a valid conflict, the student must notify the AST in advance and make arrangements to complete assigned clean-up duties at an alternate time. Failure to attend or complete clean-up responsibilities may result in disciplinary consequences or loss of facility privileges. Participation in barn clean-up days reinforces shared responsibility, teamwork, and stewardship of the YASC facilities.

Property Damage and Financial Responsibility

Students who cause damage to property at the YASC may be held financially responsible for repair costs. Any property damage will be reported to campus personnel, and disciplinary action may be taken in accordance with the Katy ISD Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Management Plan. Any damage to YASC gates, regardless of cause, will result in the student being fully responsible for all repair costs. Campus personnel will be notified, and appropriate disciplinary action may be applied.

Equipment Use & Maintenance

To ensure safety and proper operation of the YASC facilities, the use of power-driven equipment—including tractors, bobcats, front-end loaders, and similar machinery—is strictly prohibited for students, parents or legal guardians, and all other non-Katy ISD personnel.

If an Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) determines that power equipment use is necessary, the AST must notify YASC maintenance staff in advance before operating any such equipment.

All broken, damaged, or missing equipment must be reported immediately to the AST. Any equipment used by students must be cleaned, sanitized, and returned to its designated storage area after each use. To maintain cleanliness and prevent waste buildup, wheelbarrows must be emptied after every use.

Failure to follow equipment use and safety expectations may result in disciplinary action and loss of facility privileges.

Prohibited Items

To maintain a safe environment for students, animals, and facilities, the following items and equipment are not permitted at the YASC unless otherwise noted:

- Heat lamps are not permitted in the barns at any time.
- Glass containers are not allowed anywhere on YASC property.
- Pets are not permitted at the YASC.
- Cameras or monitoring devices may not be hung or installed in animal pens by students, parents, or non-Katy ISD personnel.
- Fans are not permitted unless prior approval is granted by the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Instructional Officer. When approval is granted, the student's AST will be notified.

Failure to comply with prohibited item regulations may result in removal of the item and disciplinary consequences or loss of facility privileges.

District Provided Tools/Equipment

To ensure fairness among all district facilities and reduce the amount of personal equipment stored at the barns, Katy ISD provides the following equipment for student use in each barn:

Livestock Handling & Weighing

- 1 Cattle Squeeze Chute (Barn 10)
- 2 Cattle Trim Chute (Barn 10)
- 1 Cattle Trim Chute (Barns 1–9)
- 1 Hog/Goat Scale
- 2 Lamb/Goat Racks

Cleaning & Waste Management

- 4 Wheelbarrows
- 4 Manure Forks
- 4 Flat Shovels
- 5 Snow Shovels
- 2 Push Brooms
- 2 Corner Brooms
- 2 Dust Pans
- 3 Trash Barrels
- 1 Squeegee

Grounds & Facility Maintenance

- 2 Garden Rakes
- 1 Leaf Rake
- 2 Spade Shovels
- 2 Battery-Powered Leaf Blowers
- 2 Water Hoses (25 ft)

Equipment & Miscellaneous

- 1 Feed Dolly
- 2 Animal Blowers
- 1 Treadmill
- 1 Refrigerator
- 3 Fire Extinguishers

Common Areas

Tack Room & Equipment Storage

Tack rooms must be kept neat, organized, and clean at all times. Only tack and equipment approved by the Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) are permitted for use or storage within the barns.

All students are responsible for keeping their assigned pens and all common areas clean, sanitized, and free of clutter. Failure to maintain cleanliness standards may result in corrective action in accordance with YASC and Livestock Show expectations.

Animal Washing & Cleanup

Animals may be washed only in designated wash areas at the YASC. Students are responsible for cleaning and restoring the wash area after each use to maintain sanitation and safe working conditions for others.

All feces must be scooped up and properly disposed of in appropriate receptacles. Under no circumstances should feces be washed down drains, as this can cause clogged drain lines and facility damage.

Failure to follow wash area procedures may result in corrective action or loss of facility privileges.

Barn Aisles & Passageways

All passageways, including doorways and entry points, must remain clear at all times and free from boxes, equipment, and animals to ensure safe access and emergency egress. Barn aisles must be kept clean and unobstructed, free of trash, animal feces, feed, and hay. Tack and equipment must be stored only in designated areas and kept neat and orderly. Students are responsible for promptly removing clutter and debris, as these items pose safety risks to animals and individuals and interfere with facility operations.

Waste Disposal and Sanitation

Wheelbarrows and trash cans are provided to support proper waste disposal throughout the YASC. Students are required to transport all manure, feed waste, and debris to the designated dumpster located outside the barn. Dumping waste outside barn doors, in aisles, or in driveways is strictly prohibited, as improper disposal attracts flies and increases the risk of disease. All manure and feed waste must be disposed of only in approved designated areas. Any instance of improper dumping or disposal must be reported immediately to the student's Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST).

Animal Welfare, Health and Medical Care Responsibilities

To ensure the ethical treatment and proper care of animals housed at the YASC, students must comply with all established animal welfare expectations. The humane treatment of animals is a core priority of the Katy ISD Agricultural Sciences Program and is closely monitored by Agricultural Sciences Teachers (ASTs) and district personnel.

Students are required to maintain clean, properly cared-for, and sanitary pens and to provide daily feeding, watering, and appropriate medical care for their animals. Any animal that is not sufficiently fed, watered, medically treated, or cared for on a daily basis may be removed from the facility at the owner's expense.

In cases of animal abuse or neglect, Katy ISD ASTs and district personnel reserve the right to take immediate action to protect the animal, which may include removal of the animal from the student's care. Failure to meet animal welfare expectations or to properly maintain animal pens will result in enforcement of Livestock Show consequences, up to and including loss of participation privileges.

First Offense

Upon a first violation, the student will receive a written warning from the Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) detailing the nature of the violation. The student will have two (2) days to correct the issue to the satisfaction of the AST.

The written warning must be signed by both the student and the parent or legal guardian and will be placed on file in the Katy ISD Career and Technical Education (CTE) office. A copy of the warning will also be provided to the student's campus administrator.

Second Offense

For a second violation, the student will receive a final written warning, following the same documentation and filing procedures as the first offense. In addition, campus administration will be notified, and a mandatory conference will be held involving the student, parent or legal guardian, the AST, and the campus Assistant Principal.

Third Offense

A third violation will result in immediate eviction from the YASC, and the student will forfeit ownership of the animal. The animal will be removed from the premises and sold at auction.

Students evicted from the YASC under this provision will permanently lose all future YASC facility use privileges.

- If the animal was sponsored by a scramble or non-profit organization, any remaining funds—after all outstanding dues and fees are paid—will be returned to the sponsoring organization.
- If the animal was not sponsored, any remaining funds after obligations are satisfied will be donated to the Katy ISD Livestock Show account.

General Health Expectations

Students must follow a regular deworming and preventative care schedule to support animal health and readiness for exhibition. Animals should be dewormed after initial animal selection and consistently throughout the project period, including the months of November, December, and January, or as otherwise recommended by the AST. Each student must develop and maintain an individual animal health plan in collaboration with the AST. Students must take into account withdrawal periods for any wormers administered.

Animal Healthcare & Medication

Students are responsible for ensuring their animal(s) receive proper and ongoing health care, including administering all required medications, treatments, vaccinations, and shots. All health-related and medication costs are the responsibility of the student and family. Students are expected to regularly monitor their animal's condition and seek guidance from their Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) if an animal appears sick or exhibits signs of distress.

All medications administered to animals must comply with USDA guidelines, and all species are subject to drug screening at any time.

Over-the-Counter Medications

If an animal appears sick, the student is required to notify the AST immediately for guidance. With documented approval from the student and parent or legal guardian, the AST may administer an over-the-counter medication or shot. Approval must be recorded using the Katy ISD Agricultural Sciences Medication Administration Authorization and Liability Release Form (Appendix 1).

If symptoms persist after over-the-counter treatment, consultation with a licensed veterinarian is strongly recommended.

Prescription Medications

If prescription medication or treatment is required, the AST will notify the student and parent or legal guardian. A licensed veterinarian may be contacted to issue a prescription via email, house call, or office visit. If a house call is not available, the animal may need to be transported to the veterinarian.

When a veterinarian prescribes medication:

- The student, parent or legal guardian, or AST may administer the medication with documented consent.

- Medication administration must be recorded on the Medication Administration Log (Appendix 2).
- A copy of the prescription must be kept on file in the Livestock Show Office at the L.D. Robinson Pavilion.
- If AST assistance is required, prior scheduling and a signed Authorization and Liability Release Form (Appendix 1) are mandatory.

If a student and parent or legal guardian independently consult a veterinarian and obtain a prescription, the student must:

- Notify the AST, and
- Provide a copy of the prescription for campus records.

Emergency Animal Treatment & Veterinary Care

For emergency animal health concerns, students or parents or legal guardians must contact a licensed veterinarian immediately and notify the student's Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) as soon as possible. If an animal requires emergency medical treatment while housed at the YASC, only a licensed veterinarian may administer any drug, chemical, or feed additive. An Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) may assist only when working under a veterinarian's established Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR).

Students and families may use any veterinarian of their choice. A list of veterinarians willing to work with Katy ISD students is provided for convenience; however, use of those veterinarians is not required. Regardless of which veterinarian is selected, students must notify the AST in advance of the date and time the veterinarian will be at the YASC and must provide details regarding any medications or treatments administered to the animal.

All veterinary services and related medical expenses are the financial responsibility of the student and family, not Katy ISD.

AST Role and Liability

Agricultural Sciences Teachers (ASTs) are not licensed veterinarians. Their role is to provide guidance and support in good faith and in the best interest of the animal. The AST is not responsible for the health outcome of any animal project.

By participating in the program, students and parents or legal guardians release, waive, and hold harmless Katy ISD, its employees, agents, and representatives from any claims, liabilities, or damages arising from animal health guidance or assistance provided by an AST.

Surgical Alterations

Any surgical alteration of an animal must receive prior approval from both the supervising AST and the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Instructional Officer.

Animal Replacement Policy

If a steer, goat, lamb, or swine dies of natural causes within ten (10) days after animal selection, the student will be provided with a replacement animal at no additional cost, provided that Katy ISD-tagged animals remain available from one of the approved breeders.

If an animal dies of unnatural causes—defined as causes other than illness or congenital or genetic conditions—within ten (10) days after selection, the student may purchase a replacement animal of the same species at the student's expense, provided Katy ISD-tagged animals are still available from an approved breeder. Replacement animals will be selected from the unselected pool of animals tagged with Katy ISD tags for that year's Livestock Show.

Animal Health, Veterinary Treatment and Show Integrity

In accordance with Texas Animal Health Commission Rule 5.D.2, livestock and poultry originating in Texas and entered in shows, fairs, and exhibitions are exempt from entry permits, veterinary inspections, and testing requirements. However, specific health standards still apply to ensure animal well-being and biosecurity.

Poultry entered into the Livestock Show must originate from flocks or hatcheries that are free of pullorum disease and fowl typhoid, or the poultry must have a negative pullorum-typhoid test completed within thirty (30) days prior to the exhibition.

To preserve fairness and integrity of the Livestock Show, sharp practices—defined as any attempt to artificially alter the conformation or appearance of an animal—are strictly prohibited. Any evidence of sharp practice may result in serious disciplinary consequences as outlined in the Livestock Show rules.

Animal Care Equipment, Biosecurity, and Off-Site Procedures

Students are responsible for providing and maintaining their own animal care equipment. To reduce the risk of illness and cross-contamination, the sharing of personal equipment is strongly discouraged.

Students are also responsible for regularly administering all required vaccinations, medications, dewormers, and treatments as part of their individual animal health plan. If an animal becomes ill, the student must notify the Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) immediately. In cases of serious illness, the student is required to contact a licensed veterinarian immediately and also notify the AST.

Off-Site Movement of Animals

Students must obtain prior approval from the AST before taking an animal off-site for any reason. Upon returning to the YASC, students are required to follow district animal re-entry protocols to prevent the spread of disease.

Veterinary Procedures

Any castration, dehorning, or other medical or surgical procedures must be performed by a licensed veterinarian. If such treatment is to occur at the YASC, the student or parent or legal guardian must notify the AST in advance to ensure appropriate supervision and documentation.

Use of Drugs on Animals and Drug Testing

To maintain the integrity and fairness of the Katy ISD Livestock Show, all students are required to adhere to the following drug testing and animal health policies.

Drug Testing Policy

The Katy ISD Livestock Show reserves the right to conduct laboratory analysis on any animal or poultry entered in competition to ensure compliance with all health, medication, and exhibition standards. The use of drugs, chemicals, or substances by non-veterinarians in any manner inconsistent with the FDA-approved label is a violation of federal law and is strictly prohibited.

All Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals will be subject to mandatory drug testing. In addition, one non-champion animal per species will be randomly selected for drug testing through a documented draw. The randomly selected entry will be posted prior to species weigh-ins. Any violations related to illegal drug use or failed drug tests will result in disciplinary action as outlined in the Livestock Show rules and may affect eligibility, awards, and continued participation.

Student Responsibilities & Consequences

The student bears full responsibility for the care, custody, and condition of their animal(s) at all times. If an animal tests positive for any prohibited drug or substance, the Katy ISD Livestock Show reserves the right to disqualify the student, regardless of whether the source of the drug is known or intentional. Results issued by the official testing laboratory are final and binding.

If an animal's drug test indicates the presence of any amount of a diuretic or unapproved medication, the following consequences will apply:

- The student must forfeit all proceeds from the Livestock Show, including Live Auction earnings, Add-Ons, and Barn Sale proceeds.
- The student will be prohibited from exhibiting at the Katy ISD Livestock Show during the following year.

If the student later becomes eligible to exhibit again, their animal(s) may be subject to automatic drug testing. If a student's animal tests positive for a second time, the student will be permanently banned from exhibiting in the Katy ISD Livestock Show.

Show Information

Facility and Show Schedule

During the Katy ISD Livestock Show, the L.D. Robinson Pavilion will operate on a modified schedule. All students, parents, and legal guardians must adhere to posted hours and closing procedures to ensure safety, security, and orderly operations.

Pavilion Hours During the Livestock Show

- Opens daily at 6:00 AM
- Closes daily at 8:00 PM
- On Saturday, the pavilion will close one (1) hour after the conclusion of the Live Auction

At closing each day, all animals must remain secured in their assigned pens, and all students and parents or legal guardians are required to exit the building promptly. All animal feeding and daily care responsibilities must be completed prior to closing.

All equipment, supplies, and personal items must be removed from the YASC barns on Saturday by the conclusion of the Live Auction. Items left behind after this time may be removed at the district's discretion.

Student Expectations

FFA Meetings & Work Assignments

All students participating in the Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show are required to attend all scheduled FFA meetings and complete assigned work duties during Livestock Show week. These responsibilities are essential to the successful operation of the Show and are considered part of each student's participation requirements.

Work assignments may include, but are not limited to, photography support, hauling equipment and supplies, and cleanup duties. Students are expected to report on time, complete assignments fully, and follow directions provided by FFA advisors or Show officials.

Failure to report for or complete an assigned duty will result in a financial penalty. Refer to the Fines section of the Katy ISD Livestock Show Handbook for specific fine amounts and enforcement procedures.

Progress Show Dress

- Students must wear the current year Progress Show shirt and jeans.
- Students are not allowed to wear jewelry at the Progress Show.
- Students must be neatly groomed.

Livestock Show Dress

- Students must be in FFA Official Dress to participate in the Livestock Show.
- Students are not allowed to wear jewelry at the Livestock Show.
- Students must be neatly groomed.

Attendance During Show Week

Students participating in the Katy ISD Livestock Show are required to be present at the YASC during normal school hours on weekdays throughout the Livestock Show unless prior approval has been granted by his/her AST. Students who participate in the Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show Live Auction are required to be present from the start of the sale until the conclusion of the sale.

General Show Rules (Progress Show and Livestock Show)

1. Terminal Show Requirement

- The Katy ISD Livestock Show is a terminal show, meaning all animals will be loaded onto a trailer for processing at the conclusion of the Livestock Show.

2. Animal Consistency and Identification

- Students are required to exhibit the same animal used for:
 - Official weigh-in
 - Showmanship
 - Livestock Show Auction Ring
- All animal projects must have current Katy ISD Livestock Show identification in order to be eligible for exhibition.

3. Student Exhibition and Substitute Policies

Students are required to personally exhibit their animal(s).

If an emergency arises, a substitute exhibitor may be approved under the following conditions:

- Prior approval must be obtained from the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Instructional Officer.
- The substitute must:
 - Be a member of the student's FFA chapter
 - Be show-eligible
 - Not exhibit the same species during the show
- Substitute requests related to school activities will be approved only for events in which the student is directly participating in a Katy ISD or UIL advancement competition, such as:
 - District athletic events
 - UIL Regional Choir
- Invitational events and non-Katy ISD tournaments will not be approved as valid reasons for substitution.

4. Class Breakdown and Show Management

- Livestock classes may be broken or adjusted as needed at the Livestock Show.
- Class divisions will be determined by the CTE Director and Ag Instructional Officers, with assistance from the Species Committees.

5. Champion and Drug-Tested Animal Care

- The Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and the animal selected for Random Drug Testing will be cared for by the Ag Instructional Officer until the animals are deemed eligible for processing.

6. Ownership of Projects After the Auction

- At the conclusion of the Live Auction, all student livestock projects become the property of Katy Independent School District.
- The Agricultural Mechanics Show projects are the only exception to this policy.

Project and Stalling Guidelines

Project animals will be pre-stalled for both the Progress Show and the Katy ISD Livestock Show. To support animal care and facility cleanliness during these events, Katy ISD will provide a limited amount of shavings, provided that pens are cleaned between shows.

During the Progress Show and Livestock Show, Katy ISD will provide shavings as follows:

- Steer Pens:
 - Five (5) bags of pelletized shavings and two (2) bags of flake shavings per show
- All Other Species:
 - One (1) bag of flake shavings per pen per show

Any additional shavings beyond the amounts provided are the responsibility of the student.

Drug Testing & Sample Collection Procedures

During the drug-testing sample collection process, the student and parent or legal guardian are required to remain with the animal. If a parent or legal guardian is unable to be present, the student's Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) will remain with the student and animal throughout the sample collection.

Once a sample has been collected, animals will remain housed at the Katy ISD YASC until they are formally cleared and deemed eligible for processing. During this holding period, animal care will be the responsibility of Katy ISD staff to ensure consistency, security, and compliance with testing protocols.

Any student whose animal tests positive for a banned substance may lose all future eligibility to participate in the Katy ISD Livestock Show.

Animal Health and Disqualification Guidelines

During Livestock Show week, the only veterinarian authorized to treat animals is the Katy ISD–contracted Show veterinarian. No other veterinary treatment is permitted unless approved by Katy ISD.

If an animal receives treatment that requires a withdrawal period, the student is responsible for:

- Feeding and caring for the animal throughout the entire withdrawal period, and

- Transporting the animal to its final destination once the withdrawal period has been completed.

Drug, Chemical, and Feed Additive Compliance

Katy ISD reserves the right to disqualify any animal found to be in violation of drug, chemical, or feed additive regulations.

If an animal is disqualified:

- The student will forfeit all Livestock Show proceeds, including:
 - Live Auction earnings
 - Add-Ons
 - Barn Sale proceeds

Class Placings and Processing Outcomes

- Class placings will not change if an animal is disqualified due to residue avoidance or if the carcass is condemned during processing.
- Awards and placements will remain as originally announced.

Showmanship Guidelines

Students selected for Showmanship will be identified by the Showmanship Judge. The Showmanship Judge will present each selected student with a token indicating their selection for the Showmanship competition.

Sale Information

Sale, Market Value, and Financial Responsibility

Katy ISD does not guarantee the sale of any project animal through either the Live Auction or the Barn Sale. Students are responsible for securing their own buyer. If a project is not sold by the close of the Barn Sale, remaining steers, goats, lambs, and swine will be sold at market value to the livestock commission company that holds the floor price, and the student will receive the proceeds from that sale.

Rabbits and broilers that remain unsold at the conclusion of the Live Auction have no market value and will not receive a market price.

Add-on Information

Add-on donations will open at 9:00 AM Central Standard Time (CST) on the first Wednesday after students return from winter break. All Add-On donations for student projects will be accepted online only.

The Add-on donation period will close at 5:00 PM CST on the Monday following the Live Auction. Donations submitted after this deadline will not be accepted.

If a student is disqualified from the Katy ISD Livestock Show, whether before or after the conclusion of the Show, the student will forfeit all Add-On donations, regardless of when the donations were made.

Showmanship and Live Auction Guidelines

Auction Pricing and General Parameters

- There is no cap on the sale price of any animal.
- The Live Auction will consist of approximately 155, 158, or 161 total lots, depending on the number of steers weighed in.
- If a student is removed from the Live Auction, the next-placing student from the same class will be entered into the sale.
- All Grand and Reserve Champions must sell in the Live Auction (steers, swine, lambs, goats, broilers, rabbits).
- After Grand and Reserve Champions are selected, the judge will determine the third overall to set the sale order. The rest of the sale order follows by class in ascending order.

Steer Live Auction Structure

- Minimum steer participation will include:
 - The top three placing steers from each class
 - Grand Champion
 - Reserve Champion
 - Grand & Reserve Showmanship winners
 - For a minimum total of 13 steers
- The number of steer classes is based on the total number weighed in:
 - 20 steers or less: 3 classes – 13 total steers sell
 - 21–30 steers: 4 classes – 16 total steers sell
 - 31 or more steers: 5 classes – 19 total steers sell
- The final number of steer classes (minimum 3, maximum 5) will be determined by total weigh-in numbers.

Species-Specific Live Auction Lot Caps

The maximum number of Live Auction lots by species is as follows:

- Rabbits
 - Capped at 13 lots, plus Grand and Reserve Showmanship winners
 - Total: 15 lots
- Broilers
 - Capped at 8 lots, plus Grand and Reserve Showmanship winners
 - Total: 10 lots
- Swine
 - Top five animals from each of 10 classes
 - Plus Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Grand & Reserve Showmanship winners
 - Total cap: 54 lots (50 class entries)
- Lambs
 - Top five animals from each of five classes
 - Plus Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Grand & Reserve Showmanship winners
 - Total cap: 29 lots (25 class entries)
- Goats
 - Top five animals from each of six classes
 - Plus Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Grand and Reserve Showmanship winners
 - Total cap: 34 lots (30 class entries)

Auction Arena Presentation Rules

- No additional decorations or alterations—including glitter, baskets, or similar items—are permitted in the Auction Arena.
- Animals must be presented in a clean and professional manner consistent with Livestock Show standards.

Assistance in the Auction Ring

- Champion exhibitors only may have one additional FFA member to assist in holding awards during the auction.

Barn Sale Information

Katy ISD does not guarantee a buyer for any project exhibited in either the Barn Sale or the Live Auction. Students and families should understand that participation in these sales does not ensure a purchase.

Barn Sale Eligibility

All animals exhibited at the Katy ISD Livestock Show are eligible to participate in the Barn Sale, provided all show requirements and eligibility criteria have been met.

Handling of Unsold Projects

Projects that are not sold by the close of the Barn Sale will be handled according to species-specific procedures:

Steers, goats, lambs, and swine

- Unsold animals will be sold at market value through the livestock commission company that holds the floor price. The proceeds from this sale will be distributed to the student.

Rabbits and broilers

- These projects do not have a market value following the Barn Sale and will not receive a market price if not sold.

Barn Sale Timing and Availability

Each species participating in the Barn Sale will be available for purchase within twenty-four (24) hours following the conclusion of that species' competition. This timeline allows buyers timely access to completed results while maintaining orderly sale operations.

The Barn Sale will close two (2) hours after the conclusion of the Live Auction. Purchases must be completed before the close of the sale period; transactions submitted after the closing time will not be accepted.

Commission Fees

An 8% commission is applied to all funds collected in connection with the Livestock Show, including proceeds from the Live Auction, Barn Sale, and all Add-On contributions submitted before, during, or after the event. These funds help cover operational costs and support a high-quality experience for students, animals, buyers, and attendees.

Use of Commission Fees

Commission fees support the operation and success of the Livestock Show, including:

Animal Care and Show Operations

- Feed for animals awaiting drug test results
- Ear tags, tattooing supplies, and limited over-the-counter medications
- Supplies and equipment for the Progress Show and Livestock Show

Administrative and Event Management

- Printing and mailing of invitations, thank-you letters, and event materials

- Printing of Livestock Show documents
- Show management software (e.g., Showworks)

Show Integrity

- Drug testing of Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and randomly selected animals

Buyer and Student Support

- Buyer appreciation gifts
- Student wristbands for access and identification

Hospitality and Participant Support

- Meals, snacks, and drinks for teachers and staff during events
- Refreshments for buyers during the Live Auction

Student and Community Engagement

- Items for Special Rodeo participants (e.g., shirts, bandanas)
- Shirts for students and staff participating in shows
- Rodeo Committee Appreciation Dinner

Livestock Show Earnings Distribution

Students will receive proceeds from the sale of their animal project once 92% of the total Livestock Show buyer funds have been collected.

Post Livestock Show Responsibilities

End-of-Show Clean-up & Barn Card Return

Following the Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show, students are responsible for completing all post-show requirements, including pen clean-up, barn card return, and required documentation. These responsibilities must be completed within ten (10) days unless otherwise noted.

Pen Clean-Up Requirements

- Pens must be thoroughly cleaned within ten (10) days after exhibiting the animal
- Pens must meet YASC cleanliness standards and be free of all debris, equipment, and waste

Barn Card Return and Access

- All barn access cards must be returned to the student's Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST) within ten (10) days

- Barn cards will be deactivated after ten (10) days
- Barn cards may not be transferred to another individual
- Unauthorized use or transfer may result in disciplinary action and/or loss of barn privileges

Post-Show Documentation and Communication

- Livestock Show photos must be delivered to the buyer, and all required documentation must be returned to the AST within ten (10) days of receipt
- Students must write and submit a Buyer Thank You Letter, with AST approval, within ten (10) days of receiving the buyer's mailing address

Fines

Failure to complete required responsibilities by established deadlines may result in fines, loss of privileges, or other consequences. All fines will be deducted from the student's Livestock Show earnings.

Barn Cards

- \$25 per card for failure to return within ten (10) days

Pen Clean-Up

• \$25 per day for failure to clean a pen within ten (10) days after a non-Katy ISD show
If not cleaned by the Friday before Spring Break, all remaining Livestock Show proceeds will be forfeited.

Livestock Show Photos

- \$25 per day for failure to deliver photos to the buyer within ten (10) days of receipt

Show Assignments and Deadlines

- \$25 for missing a required Livestock Show work assignment
- \$25 per day for missed deadlines not otherwise specified

Property Damage

- Students are responsible for the cost of any damage to YASC property. Campus personnel will be notified, and disciplinary action may be taken in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Species/Show Specific Rules

Market Lambs & Goats

1. Shearing and Preparation Standards

Market Lambs

- Must be slick shorn prior to weigh-in
- Wool or hair length may not exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of uniform length from the knee and hock up

Market Goats

- Must be sheared to $\frac{3}{8}$ inch or shorter prior to weigh-in

2. Prohibited Substances and Alterations

- The use of artificial colors, powders, adhesives, oils, paints, or other substances intended to alter an animal's natural appearance is strictly prohibited.
- Any practice that intentionally alters the natural appearance of a market lamb or goat is not allowed.

3. Inspection and Compliance Procedures

- Market lambs and goats will be subject to a towel wipe inspection before entering the show ring.
- If a violation is identified:
 - The student must correct the issue immediately, or
 - The student will not be permitted to exhibit.

4. Clipping Guidelines

- Touch-up clipping is permitted only with cordless clippers.
- The use of other clipping tools during touch-ups is not allowed.

5. Post-Show Processing

- All market lambs and market goats will be loaded for processing the morning following the Live Auction.

Market Hogs

1. Eligible Animals

- Market barrows and market gilts will be eligible for exhibition.

2. Clipping and Preparation Standards

- Market hogs must be clipped according to requirements set by the Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST).

- Students are responsible for ensuring hogs meet all clipping expectations prior to exhibition.

3. Grooming Products and Prohibited Substances

- Only water may be used for grooming market hogs.
- The use of any additional grooming products will result in immediate disqualification.

4. Inspection and Compliance Procedures

- Market hogs will be subject to a towel wipe inspection before entering the show ring.
- If a violation is identified:
 - The student must correct the issue immediately, or
 - The student will not be allowed to exhibit.
- Post-Show Processing
- All market hogs will be loaded for processing the morning following the Live Auction.

Market Steers

1. Weight Checks and Handling Expectations

- A mandatory steer weight check will be conducted in August.
- Students must be able to safely lead and handle their own steer(s) during the August weight check.

2. Progress Show Grooming Standards

- The Katy ISD FFA Progress Show is designated as a “Blow and Go” show for steers.
- No adhesives or grooming products of any kind are permitted during the Progress Show.

3. Livestock Show Clipping Requirements

- At the Katy ISD Livestock Show, market steers must be slick sheared or clipped to no more than ¼ inch of hair, with the exception of the tail switch.
- The tail switch:
 - May extend no more than twelve (12) inches above the end of the tail cartilage
 - May be ratted and balled or bobbed

4. Prohibited Products and Alterations

- The use of adhesives, oils, paints, color-enhancing substances, or color-changing products is strictly prohibited.
- Any practice intended to alter the natural appearance of the steer is not allowed.

5. Inspection and Compliance Procedures

- Market steers will be subject to a towel wipe inspection prior to entering the show ring.
- If a violation is identified:
 - The student must correct the issue immediately, or
 - The student will not be permitted to exhibit.

6. Post-Show Processing

- All market steers will be loaded for processing the morning following the Live Auction.

Broilers Show

1. Exhibition Requirements

- Broilers must be exhibited in a pen of three (3).
- All broilers in a pen must have matching wing bands.

2. Sift Procedures and Standards

Broilers will go through a sift process prior to the start of the Show. During the sift, the following criteria will be evaluated:

- Wing Bands
 - Wing band numbers must match the student's registered wing band numbers.
 - Any broiler missing a wing band will not be allowed to exhibit.
- Physical Condition
 - Broilers will be evaluated for bruising on the breast or wing area and for broken bones.
 - Broilers with bruising or broken bones may be sifted at the judge's discretion.
- Official Entry Determination
 - The broilers presented to the Judge/Sifter constitute the student's official entry.
 - If a broiler is sifted, the student may replace it with an alternate broiler and re-enter the sift line.
 - If a student's pen is sifted twice, the student will be disqualified from exhibiting.
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3. Drug Testing and Champion Responsibilities

- The Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and the randomly selected pen for drug testing are required to furnish one pen of broilers that will remain after the Show for sale purposes only.
- Students are responsible for providing feed, water, and daily care for Champion and drug-tested broilers until the conclusion of the Live Auction on Saturday.
- After the Live Auction, students must take alternate broilers home.

4. Processing and Delivery Requirements

- All remaining broilers will be loaded onto a trailer for processing at the conclusion of the Show.
- Processed broilers must be delivered to buyers within ten (10) days of receipt from the processor.
- A \$25 per day fine will be assessed for failure to meet the delivery deadline.

Rabbits Show

1. Purchasing & Validation

- Rabbits must be purchased by the exhibitor.
- Students may tattoo and validate up to six (6) rabbits.
- All rabbits must be tattooed in accordance with KISD Livestock Show guidelines on the set tattoo date.

2. Entry Requirements

- Rabbits must be exhibited in a pen of three (3).
- All three (3) rabbits in the pen must have matching and properly recorded ear tattoos.
- Rabbits are suggested to be seventy-five (75) days of age at the time of the show. This is info to share with the rabbit breeder, along with the weight limit.
- Rabbits breeds should include Californian or New Zealand.
- Weight requirements per rabbit:
 1. Minimum weight: three (3) pounds, eight (8) ounces
 2. Maximum weight: five (5) pounds, eight (8) ounces
- Rabbits that are placed by the judge and eligible for the live auction must fall within the stated weight range.
- Rabbits that do not fall within these weights will not be disqualified but will not be eligible to place in the Market Rabbit Show. They are still eligible to participate in the Barn Sale.

3. Show Day Procedures

- **Weigh-In**
 - Exhibitors may bring only the three (3) rabbits they intend to enter into the show arena.
 - All feed, water, and signage must be removed from the carrying cage prior to entering the show ring.
 - Each rabbit will be weighed one (1) time.
 - Exhibitors will receive a weight card with their name and exhibitor number to record the weight of each rabbit.
 - The ear tattoo on each rabbit must match the tattoo number assigned to the exhibitor.
- **Judging**
 - All rabbits will be shown together. No classes will be divided by breed or weight.
 - Showmanship exhibitors will be selected at the discretion of the Showmanship Judge.
 - The judge may conduct interviews pertaining to the exhibitor's market project to determine Showmanship winners.

4. Grand & Reserve Champions & Drug Testing Procedures

- Grand and Reserve Champion pens, along with any randomly selected pens, will be escorted by the Ag Instructional Officer to the designated drug testing area immediately following the Market Show.
- The Livestock Show will provide a holding pen, feed, water, and necessary containers for all drug-tested rabbits.
- Drug-tested rabbits will remain under the supervision and care of the Livestock Show until they are released for processing.
- The drug-tested rabbits that are under the supervision of the Livestock Show will be used on the Auction Block for the Livestock Sale.
- Exhibitors will have the option to process alternate rabbits with the Livestock Show processor or take them home at the conclusion of the Market Rabbit Show.

5. Post-Show & Processing

- All rabbits will move directly from the show arena to the loading trailer for processing at the conclusion of the Livestock Show.
- Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining processed rabbits from their Agricultural Science Teacher (AST).
- Exhibitors are responsible for delivering processed rabbits to buyers in a timely manner.

Floral Design Show

1. Design Time and Student Responsibility

- Students will have one (1) hour to plan and execute their floral design.
- Each entry must be the student's sole effort, with no assistance from any individual, including an Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST).
- Students are responsible for ensuring they meet all Floral Show eligibility requirements.

2. Materials, Tools, and Design Restrictions

- Only materials provided by Floral Show officials may be used.
- No paints, ribbons, decorative accessories, or embellishments of any kind may be added by students.
- Students must bring their own tools, and tool sharing is not permitted.
- Use of tools not included on the approved tools list will result in disqualification.
- Floral designs must be viewable from all sides.

Approved Tools

Anchor Tape	Floral Glue	Floral Knife/Shears	Floral Tape	Glue Dots
Greening Pen	Scissors	Stem Stripper	Tape Measure	
Wire Cutters	Wire Picks	Wooden Picks		
Wire (Aluminum, Bullion, Floral)				

3. Competition Area Expectations

- Cell phones, iPads, smart watches, or other electronic communication devices are not permitted in the competition area during the Floral Show.
- Any violation of competition area rules may result in disqualification.

4. Awards and Sale Eligibility

- Grand Champion Floral Arrangement: Eligible for a \$2,000 Premium Award
- Reserve Champion Floral Arrangement: Eligible for a \$1,000 Premium Award
- All other qualifying floral projects will be eligible for the Katy ISD Barn Sale.
- Awards will be presented to top-placing individuals as determined by contest results.

5. Ownership, Display, and Transport

- All floral arrangements become the property of Katy ISD following the Floral Show.
- Arrangements may be used or displayed during the Katy ISD Livestock Show and Live Auction.
- The buyer is responsible for transporting the floral project after purchase.

Horticulture Show

1. Plant Care and Student Responsibility

Students are responsible for the daily care and maintenance of their horticulture projects throughout the growing period. Once plants are distributed, students must follow a consistent morning and afternoon care schedule to support plant health and growth. All plant care is completed by students under the supervision of their FFA Advisors, and students remain responsible for their projects through the conclusion of the Horticulture Show.

2. Project Selection and Plant Requirements

The Horticulture Show will be conducted as a Lottery Show. Students will draw a number to determine the order in which they select project plants. Each student will have two (2) minutes to select their plants, with assistance from their Agricultural Sciences Teacher (AST).

- Students must exhibit a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of twelve (12) plants.
- All plants used must be provided by Katy ISD.
- Students may not purchase additional plants beyond the twelve provided.
- All students will begin with the same species of plants.

3. Containers, Design, and Display Requirements

The initial plants and starter containers are provided by the Katy ISD Horticulture Committee at the YASC. Students are responsible for acquiring and designing a decorative container or containers at their own expense.

- Plants may be exhibited in a single container or multiple containers.
- All soil, fertilizer, decorative containers, and growing materials are the responsibility of the student.
- All containers must be approved by the advisors in charge of the Horticulture Show at the student's home campus.
- Exhibits must be themed according to the official theme selected by the Katy ISD Horticulture Committee for that show year.
- Creativity is encouraged, provided all requirements are met.

4. Exhibit Size and Utilities

Horticulture exhibits are subject to size limitations and utility requirements:

- Maximum exhibit dimensions:
 - 36 inches wide
 - 36 inches deep
 - 60 inches tall, including plants and display
- Exhibits will be measured once fully set up and ready for judging.
- Exhibits may include lighting or running water, provided:
 - All lighting is battery-operated
 - All water is self-contained
 - Katy ISD will not provide electrical or water connections

5. Judging Criteria (150 Total Points)

Projects will be judged using the following weighted criteria:

- Container Décor – 35 points
- Quality of Plants – 50 points
- Project Record Keeping (Book/Log/Portfolio) – 50 points
- Interview – 15 points

Appendix 5 provides examples of acceptable record-keeping formats.

6. Portfolio Submission Requirements

Students must submit their Horticulture Portfolio to the designated table by 8:00 AM on the day of the Horticulture Show. Late portfolios will not be accepted and may affect eligibility or placement.

7. Awards and Sale Eligibility

- Grand Champion Horticulture Project: Eligible for a \$2,000 Premium Award
- Reserve Champion Horticulture Project: Eligible for a \$1,000 Premium Award
- All other qualifying horticulture projects will be eligible for the Katy ISD Barn Sale.

8. Ownership, Display, and Delivery

All Horticulture projects become the property of Katy ISD following the Horticulture Show and may be used or displayed during the Katy ISD Livestock Show and Live Auction.

- The buyer is responsible for transporting the project.
- Projects must be delivered in the same containers in which they were exhibited.

Agricultural Mechanics Show

1. Eligibility and Entry Requirements

- Participation in the Agricultural Mechanics Show is limited to Katy ISD FFA members.
- All projects must be constructed by FFA members, either:
 - As part of Agricultural Mechanics instruction within an Agricultural Sciences course, or
 - As part of the student's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).
- Entries may be:
 - Individually or group-constructed, and
 - Individually student-owned or chapter-owned.
- Entries submitted only in the name of the FFA chapter are not eligible.
- All entries must be entered in the name of the student(s) who participated in the planning and construction of the project.

2. Project Limits and Exhibition Criteria

- Each student may enter a maximum of two (2) projects.
- A project may be exhibited only one time at the Katy ISD Agricultural Mechanics Show.
- All projects must be constructed within two (2) calendar years of the exhibition date.

3. Project Condition and Safety Standards

- All projects must be painted or properly treated, clean, and in a presentable condition.
- Sharp edges or points (e.g., self-feeder roofs, bale movers) must be padded or covered to prevent injury.
- Appropriate and safe display supports must be provided for gates, panels, and other projects requiring stabilization.
- Projects will be displayed outdoors on dirt.

Neither Katy ISD nor contest officials are responsible for loss, damage, or injury related to displayed projects.

4. Compliance and Documentation Requirements

The following documentation must be included with each project:

- An original, student-drawn working plan, drawing, or blueprint
- A bill of materials

The following documentation is required when applicable:

- TxDOT regulations for trailers, portable livestock equipment, or tractor equipment operated on public roads

- ASAE standards for mounted or Power Take-Off (PTO) operated tractor equipment

Additional documentation that is optional and may be used for Showmanship consideration includes:

- Construction photographs
- DOT, ASAE, and SDS documentation

5. Equipment Safety Compliance

- All trailers and equipment operated or transported on public roads must be equipped with required safety equipment as outlined in the most recent TxDOT regulations.
- All three-point hitch and PTO-operated equipment must meet ASAE standards and specifications.

6. Identification and Display Enhancements

- All projects must be clearly identified using standard club student identification cards.
- Additional signs, banners, or display enhancements are encouraged, provided they do not interfere with safety or judging.

7. Judging and Awards

Agricultural Mechanics projects will be judged based on official judges' placings. Division winners will advance for selection of the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

Premium Awards

- Grand Champion: \$2,000
- Reserve Champion: \$1,000

Premium awards will be distributed as follows:

- Awarded to the student(s) if the project is student-owned
- Awarded to the FFA chapter if the project is chapter-owned

Agricultural Mechanics projects are not eligible for participation in the Live Auction or Barn Sale.

Judging Criteria (100 Total Points)

Projects will be evaluated using the following rubric:

- Difficulty – 10 points
- Design and Materials Used – 20 points
- Documentation – 20 points
- Knowledge and Presentation – 20 points
- Workmanship and Finish – 30 points

Total Possible Score: 100 points

PROJECT SHOW DIVISIONS

- Agricultural Machinery and Equipment Class

- Hay Handling Equipment
 - Hydraulic Equipment
 - Shop Equipment
 - Spray Equipment
 - Tractor Equipment (Mounted/Pull Type)
 - Tractor/Truck/Agricultural Equipment Accessories
- Livestock and Equipment Class
 - Feeders
 - Livestock Crates
 - Livestock Panels/Entrance Gates
 - Restraining Equipment
 - Squeeze Chutes and Cattle Guards
 - Trim Chutes/Blocking Stands/Head Gates
- Trailer Class
 - Bumper Pull Utility and Implement (11 feet and longer)
 - Gooseneck Utility and Implement
 - Multi-Bale Trailer (Round Bales)
 - Small Utility (10 feet and shorter)
 - Stock Trailers
- Home Convenience Class
 - Barbeque Pits
 - Deer Blinds, Feeders, and Animal Traps
 - Horticulture Projects
 - Metal Furniture
 - Other Projects (Wood and Metal)
 - Picnic Tables
 - Trailered Barbeque Pits
 - Wood Furniture
- Electrical Equipment Class
 - Electrical Shop Equipment
 - Show and Livestock Equipment
- Reconditioned/Refurbished Class
 - Ag Equipment
 - Small Engines/Lawn Mowers
 - Tractors

Katy ISD 2026-2027

Exhibitor Information



2027 Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show Schedule

Monday, February 8, 2027

12 PM	Barn Opens
4:00 PM	All Goats and Lambs must be in pens
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Weigh-in Goats and Lambs at LD Robinson Pavilion
6:00 PM	Broiler Show

Tuesday, February 9, 2027

8:00 AM	Grand Opening of Livestock Show
8:00 AM	Online Barn Sale Opens for Broilers
10:15 AM	Best Buddies Grand Drive
11:15 AM	Special Rodeo
2:00 PM	Rabbit Show
4:00 PM	All Swine must be in pens
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Weigh-in Swine at LD Robinson Pavilion

Wednesday, February 10, 2027

8:00 AM	Daily National Anthem
8:00 AM	Online Barn Sale Opens for Rabbits
8:15 AM	Goat Show
12:00 PM	Lamb Show
4:00 PM	All steers must be in pens
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Steer weigh-in at Barn 10

Thursday, February 11, 2027

8:00 AM	Daily National Anthem
8:00 AM	Online Barn Sale Opens for Goats and Lambs
8:15 AM	Swine Show
	Online Barn Sale Opens for Swine approximately one (1) hour after the show
2:00 PM	Steer Show
	Online Barn Sale Opens for Steers approximately one (1) hour after the show
5:00 PM	Auction Sale Meeting in the LD Robinson Pavilion
6:00 PM	Scramblers Meeting in the LD Robinson Pavilion
7:00 PM	Rodeo Performance in the W.E. Billy Morgan Arena

Friday, February 12, 2027

8:00 AM	Daily National Anthem
8:15 AM	Floral Show in the Arena
8:15 AM	Horticulture Show in the Voss Center
	Online Barn Sale for Floral and Horticulture opens approximately one (1) hour after the show
1:00 PM	Ag Mechanics Show
6:00 PM	Scramblers Meeting in the LD Robinson Pavilion
7:00 PM	Rodeo Performance in the W.E. Billy Morgan Arena

Saturday, February 13, 2027

7:30 AM	Buses leave for the Parade
9:30 AM	Parade
11:00 AM	Buyer's Luncheon by Invitation Only
12:30 PM	Announcements, Introductions, Posting of Colors, and National Anthem
1:00 PM	Auction
Barn closes one hour after the conclusion of the Auction	
Online Barn Sale Closes two (2) hours after the conclusion of the Auction	
6:00 PM	Scramblers Meeting in the LD Robinson Pavilion
6:30 PM	Parade of Champions & Reserves in the W.E. Billy Morgan Arena
7:00 PM	Rodeo Performance in the W.E. Billy Morgan Arena

All events above will start no earlier than the scheduled time; however, if the previous event runs long, the next event will begin 15 min after the conclusion of the previous event.

All exhibitors are responsible for attending meetings throughout the entire Livestock Show. Meetings will be announced at weigh-in.

The YASC closes each night at 8:00 PM. No one is allowed in any building after 8:00 PM each day of the Livestock Show, unless accompanied by a Katy ISD representative.

2026-2027 Livestock Show Fees

Livestock project purchase prices are determined by the market rate from the breeders contracted by Katy ISD and are subject to change depending upon market fluctuations. The amounts given are not to be the price will be but are a “starting point” for animal planning and budgeting. A 3% processing fee will be charged for all project purchases.

- \$25 non-refundable entry fee for all show entries due by September 4, 2026
- Steer: \$2,900 per animal, \$3000 if paid with credit card due by April 10, 2026
- Lamb: \$500 per animal, due by September 4, 2026
- Goat: \$600 per animal, due by September 4, 2026
- Swine: \$400 per animal, due by September 4, 2026
- Broiler: TBD per bird (minimum of 25), due by September 4, 2026
- Horticulture: \$160 per project, due by November 2, 2026
- Floral: \$125 per project, due by November 2, 2026
- Facility Use Fees per head

- **Facility Use Fees**

Division	Rental Fee
Goat/Lamb/Swine: Katy ISD	\$145.00
Swine: County Show	\$145.00
Swine: Major Show	\$145.00
Goat/Lamb: County Show	\$170.00
Goat/Lamb: Major Show	\$170.00
Steer: Katy ISD	\$220.00
Steer: County Show	\$220.00
Steer: Major Show	\$220.00

2026-2027 Katy ISD Livestock Show Season Schedule

- The 2026-2027 Livestock Show Season is defined as beginning at Katy ISD Steer Selection (May 6, 2026) and ending at the conclusion of the Katy ISD Livestock Auction (February 13, 2027).
- All Katy ISD FFA members may begin meeting eligibility requirements for the 2027 show February 1, 2026. Each year's activities will run from February 1st to January 31st.
- All required fees, entries, animal costs, etc. must be paid between August 18, 2026, to September 4, 2026, through the online entry system for exhibitors to be eligible for competition.
- Official animal payments, preview, and selection dates/times are set by Katy ISD. Exhibitors must attend unless prior approval is granted by the Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show Committee.
- After September 4, 2026, exhibitors will not be allowed to purchase or show another Katy ISD animal during the show year for the Katy ISD Livestock Show.
- Lottery Drawing for Animal Selection is October 2, 2026, from 3:00 - 4:00 PM at the YASC.
 - **Animal Preview Schedule – October 2, 2026**
- The Animal Preview will take place at the YASC according to the following schedule:

Katy High School	3:30-4:00 PM
Taylor High School	4:00-4:30 PM
Mayde Creek High School	4:30-5:00 PM
Cinco Ranch High School	5:00-5:30 PM
Morton Ranch High School	5:30-6:00 PM
Seven Lakes High School	6:00-6:30 PM
Tompkins High School	6:30-7:00 PM
Paetow High School	7:00-7:30 PM
Jordan High School	7:30-8:00 PM
Freeman High School	8:00-8:30 PM

Animal Selection Schedule: Saturday, October 3, 2026

- The Animal Selection will take place at the YASC at the following times:

Barns open to AST	6:00 AM
Barns open to exhibitors only	7:00 AM
Swine selection	7:30 AM
Lamb selection	11:00 AM
Goat selection	1:00 PM

- Exhibitors will pay for their entry fee for the Floral Design Show through the Katy ISD Online Entry System by September 4, 2026.
- Plants for the Horticulture Show will be picked up at the YASC on Tuesday, December 15, 2026, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM.
- Rabbits will be tattooed on January 6, 2027, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at the YASC. Exhibitors are allowed to tattoo six (6) rabbits.

2026-2027 Barn Sale Prices

Steer:	\$3,200
Swine:	\$500
Lambs:	\$400
Goats:	\$400
Broiler:	\$100
Horticulture:	\$100
Floral:	\$75
Rabbits:	\$100

Appendix 1 - Medication Administration and Liability Release Form

Katy ISD Agriculture Science Medication Administration Authorization and Liability Release Form

This form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian of any student requesting medication to be administered to their animal project by a Katy ISD Agriculture Science teacher. All medications must be provided by the student/parent and be properly labeled with the student's name, animal ID, and medication instructions.

Student and Animal Information

Student Name:	
Student Campus:	
Animal Species & ID:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Parent Phone Number:	
Parent/Guardian Email:	

Medication Information

Medication Name:	
Dosage and Frequency:	
Reason for Administration:	
Administration Instructions:	
Route of Administration (Injection, Oral, etc.):	
Medication Start Date:	
Medication End Date:	

By signing below, I give permission for a Katy ISD Agriculture Science teacher to administer the above medication to my child's animal project. I certify that the information provided is accurate and complete.

I acknowledge that Katy ISD agriculture teachers are not licensed veterinarians. By signing this form, I authorize the administration of the above medication(s) to my child's animal project and understand it is being done in good faith and in the best interest of the animal. I hereby release, waive, and hold harmless Katy ISD, its employees, agents, and representatives from any and all claims, liabilities, or damages that may arise in connection with the administration of the listed medication.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Agriculture Teacher Name: _____ Date: _____

Agriculture Teacher Signature: _____

Appendix 2 - Medication Administration Log

Medication Administration Log

Date	Time	Student Name	Animal Breed	Animal Tag Number	Dosage Administered	Administered By	Teacher Signature

Appendix 3 - Student W9 Form

Form W-9 (Rev. March 2024) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.		Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.
Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see <i>Purpose of Form</i> , below.				
Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)			
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.			
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. ☐ Individual/sole proprietor☐ C corporation☐ S corporation☐ Partnership☐ Trust/estate ☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) - - - - - Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. ☐ Other (see instructions)		4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)	
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions - - - - - ☐			
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.		Requester's name and address (optional)	
	6 City, state, and ZIP code			
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)			
Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)				
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a TIN</i> , later. Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also <i>What Name and Number To Give the Requester</i> for guidelines on whose number to enter.				
Part II Certification				
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:				
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and				
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and				
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and				
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.				
Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.				
Sign Here		Signature of U.S. person Date		
General Instructions				
Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.				
Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 .				
What's New				
Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.				
Purpose of Form				
An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they				

Cat. No. 10231X

Form **W-9** (Rev. 3-2024)

W-9 Sample Form ONLY

All inputted data is fictitious.

PLEASE NOTE:

Highlighted areas are the sections that **MUST** be completed by all members.

Tax Classification

Please check the appropriate box that applies.

Part I

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Part II

Certification

Sign and add date

Electronic signatures are **not** accepted.

Form W-9
(Rev. October 2018)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.
JOSEPH (JOE) BLOGGS

2 Business name (disregard) entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☒ Individual sole proprietor or single-member LLC

☐ C Corporation

☐ S Corporation

☐ Partnership

☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C-C corporation, S-S corporation, P-Partnership) ▶

☐ Other (see instructions) ▶

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):
Exempt payee code (if any) _____
Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.
1234 SAMPLE LANE
City, state, and ZIP code
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 00000

6 Requestor's name and address (optional)

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a TIN, later.

Social security number
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OR

Employer identification number
- - - - -

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and

2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and

3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and

4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ Date ▶

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third-party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

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Form **W-9** (Rev. 10-2018)

Appendix 4 - Continued Treatment Form for Animals

Katy ISD Agriculture Program Continued Treatment Form for Animal Projects

This form will be completed by the veterinarian providing care. The veterinarian, student, and parent must sign the form and provide it to the Agricultural Sciences Teacher who must also sign the form.

Animal and Owner Information

Student Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Student ID #: _____
School Campus: _____
Student Email: _____
Parent/Guardian Email: _____
Primary Contact Phone: _____
Secondary Contact Phone: _____

Animal Information

Species: _____
Breed: _____
Animal Identification (Ear Tag/Tattoo/Other): _____
Project Type (Steer, Swine, Lamb, Goat, Rabbit, Broiler, Other): _____

Veterinary Care Plan

Diagnosis/Condition: _____
Treatment Plan/Protocol: _____
Medications Prescribed (Name, Dosage, Frequency): _____
Treatment Duration: _____
Special Instructions (e.g., isolation, limited movement, wound care): _____

Student/Parent Expectations

- Administer prescribed treatments as outlined
- Maintain cleanliness and proper living conditions
- Monitor daily and report changes
- Record treatment administration
- Follow biosecurity and facility guidelines
- Students should perform the majority of care
- Understand non-compliance consequences

Anticipated Costs

Veterinary Visit/Consultation: _____
Medication(s): _____
Follow-Up Visit(s): _____
Other Costs (Specify): _____
Total Estimated Cost: _____

**Katy ISD Agriculture Program
Continued Treatment Form for Animal Projects**

Veterinarian Information

Veterinarian Name: _____

Clinic Name: _____

Clinic Phone: _____

Clinic Email: _____

Signatures

Veterinarian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Supervising Ag Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appendix 5 - Horticulture Show Portfolio Example

Horticulture Show Portfolio Example

Your Plant Portfolio should include the following information; however, you may include any additional information you deem necessary.

- You may use any kind of binder, portfolio, or book to present your information, but it must have brackets or rings to hold your information.
- You **MUST** have a cover page with your first and last name on it, as well as the title of your portfolio.
- Time and Date you cared for your plant project. EX: Monday, 1/28/26 @ 2:15 PM
- Did you water your plant project that day? Yes or no. If yes, how much? EX: Watered 12 oz
- Did you fertilize your plant project that day? Yes or no. If yes, what fertilizer ratio? EX: Yes with 13-13-13
- Record temperatures of the plant housing facility that day. EX: High 90 Low 62 Current 78
- Record Sunlight for that day. EX: Sunny, Partly Cloudy, Cloudy
- Measurements of the plant. EX: 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
- Describe what you physically did to your plant project each day. EX: Pinched back, removed dead leaf, aerated soil
- **Include progression photos.**
- **Include any information you deem necessary that the judge should know.**
- **This should be typed—not handwritten.**
- **Make the book as creative in design as you can.**
- **The following example shows how you can create a page for one plant, including photos and the log, which should be kept daily. You should add more. This is only an example for one plant.**

Organize the information using charts, tables, journals, etc. to show the judge your observations throughout the growing period. Example below:

Date	Time	Water	Fertilizer	Temperature	Sunlight	Height	Notes
Monday 1/28/26	8:45 AM	12 oz.	13-13-13	H-90 L-62 C-78	Mostly Cloudy	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	Pinched back, removed dead leaf, aerated soil
Thursday 1/29/26	8:49 AM	12 oz.	None	H-88 L-60 C-76	Partly Cloudy	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	Plant was wilted; soil was dry
Friday 1/30/26	8:52 AM	None	None	H-88 L-60 C-76	Sunny	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.	Soil was moist, plant looked better

Veterinarians Available to Support Katy ISD Livestock Projects

Veterinarians that will travel to the Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center

- Dr. Gary Moore (979) 251-1151
- Dr. Molly O'Bannion (281) 639-5635
- Dr. Rachel Fargerson (979) 725-8214
- Dr. James Crenwelge (979) 865-2192

Veterinarians that will see livestock at their clinic

- Washington Animal Clinic (979) 836-4531
2100 TX-36, Brenham, TX 77833
- South Central Veterinary Services (936) 870-4033
1605 N La Salle Street, Navasota, TX 77868
- Oak Grove Vet Clinic (979) 725-8214
341 US-90, Schulenburg, TX 78956

You are welcome to use any veterinarian of your choice; the above list includes veterinarians who have agreed to work with Katy ISD students. Regardless of which veterinarian you use, you **MUST** notify your Agricultural Sciences teacher of the date and time that the vet will be at the Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center and provide details on any medications administered to your animal.

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Appendix 7 – Recommended Feed Stores

KATY ISD

Local Feed and Supply Stores

Katy Feed and Tack

(281) 391 - 4011

4650 Katy Hockley Cutoff Rd. Katy, TX.

Steinhauser's Feed

(281) 934 - 2479

34350 Katy Freeway Brookshire, TX.

Producer's Cooperative Association

(979) 778 - 6000

1800 N Texas Ave. Bryan, TX

Needville Feed and Supply

(979) 793 - 6176

2811 School St. Needville, TX

Hometown Hardware

(281) 347 - 0028

501 Meyer St. Sealy, TX

Sullivan Supply

(800) 475 - 5902

2576 Old Brandon Rd. Hillsboro, TX

www.sullivansupply.com

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Appendix 8 – Severe Weather Sign



In the event of
Severe Weather,
Shelter in the
following locations:

- Restrooms located in the back
by Barns 4 & 10
- In the tack room inside your Barn
 - In your vehicle
- LD Robinson Pavillion

Contact SSAC
at 281-396-2000
to access the
Pavillion Center
for Shelter.



Appendix 9 – YASC Emergencies Sign



Gerald D. Young



Agriculture Science Center

Call 911 for Emergencies

For Security assistance, call:

Katy ISD Police Department

281-237-4000 (Dispatch)

For Barn access, call:

**Katy ISD Safety & Security
Analysis Center**

281-396-2000 (SSAC)

Appendix 10 - Animal Welfare Agreement

Katy ISD Livestock Show Animal Welfare Agreement

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Campus: _____

Species: _____



Purpose

Katy ISD is committed to promoting the ethical and humane treatment of all animals exhibited in the Katy ISD Livestock Show. This agreement outlines expectations for animal welfare and the responsibilities of students and parents involved in raising and exhibiting livestock.

Student and Parent Responsibilities

- **Provide Daily Care**
Ensure animals receive proper nutrition, clean water, clean living conditions, and regular exercise appropriate to their species.
- **Maintain Animal Health**
Monitor animals daily for signs of illness or injury. Seek veterinary care when necessary and follow treatment plans as directed by a veterinarian.
- **Follow Medication Guidelines**
Administer medications only as approved by a licensed veterinarian or under the guidance of an agricultural science teacher. Maintain accurate records of any medications given.
- **Practice Ethical Treatment**
Handle animals calmly and respectfully. Abuse, neglect, or mistreatment of any animal will result in disciplinary action and possible removal from the show.
- **Keep Pens and Common Areas Clean**
Maintain clean and sanitary conditions in individual pens and shared barn spaces. Participate in assigned barn chores and scheduled clean-up days.
- **Prepare Animals Humanely for Exhibition**
All grooming, training, and show preparation must be done in a manner that does not cause stress or harm to the animal.
- **Comply with Show Rules and Regulations**
Follow all rules in the Katy ISD Livestock Show Handbook, including animal care standards and expectations for barn conduct.

District Expectations

- Provide appropriate facilities for housing animals.
- Ensure supervision and support by agricultural science teachers.
- Offer resources for animal care, including veterinary contacts and medication protocols.
- Investigate all reported concerns regarding animal welfare and take appropriate disciplinary action when necessary.

Reporting Concerns

If an animal appears to be mistreated or in distress, it is the responsibility of students, parents, or teachers to report the issue to an Ag teacher or Livestock Show official immediately. Katy ISD will investigate all concerns thoroughly and confidentially.

Acknowledgement

We understand the importance of proper animal care and agree to uphold the highest standards of animal welfare throughout the livestock project. We understand that failure to meet the expectations outlined in this agreement may result in removal from the Livestock Show and additional disciplinary action.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Ag Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 11 - Exhibitor Handbook Acknowledgement

Katy ISD Livestock Show & Young Agricultural Sciences Center Exhibitor Handbook Acknowledgement

By each student and parent signing the acknowledgement page you acknowledge that you read and accept the rules and guidelines in the Katy ISD Livestock Show Exhibitor Handbook.

You are agreeing to abide by the Katy ISD Livestock Show Rules as outlined in the Katy ISD Livestock Show Exhibitor Handbook. If a student is found to violate the rules outlined in the handbook, the student and/or project will be subject to the consequences outlined in the handbook and/or the decisions of Katy ISD Administration, Agricultural Science Teachers, or Katy ISD Livestock Show Executive Committee.

Student Name (please print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name(s) (please print): _____

Parent(s) Signature: _____

Date: _____



Appendix 12 - Student Responsibilities and Expectations Acknowledgement

Katy ISD Barns & Livestock Show Student Responsibilities and Expectations Acknowledgement Form

Participation in the Katy ISD Barns and Livestock Show is a privilege that comes with responsibilities and high expectations. By signing this document, the student and parent/legal guardian agrees to adhere to the guidelines and expectations set forth by Katy ISD and understands that failure to do so may result in disciplinary action and/or removal from the program.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the expectations outlined in the Katy ISD Livestock Show Exhibitor Handbook. I agree to follow all guidelines and procedures related to my participation in the Katy ISD Livestock Show and housing my animal project at the Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center.

Student Name (Printed): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Ag Teacher Name: _____

