

MIDLAND COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE



Monday, June 25, 2026

Dr. Stephanie D. Howard
Midland Independent School District
615 Missouri Ave.
Midland, Texas, 79701

Dear Dr. Howard:

On behalf of the 4-H members of Midland County, I hereby respectfully request that the 4-H organization, by the attached resolution, be sanctioned as an extracurricular activity. We request the enclosed RESOLUTION be presented for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Midland County Independent School District. I further request that questions regarding this RESOLUTION be directed to me in a timely manner so that I may prepare and present an appropriate response so as not to delay action on this request.

Finally, I request that a signed copy of this RESOLUTION, along with a copy of the minutes of the Board meeting, be forwarded to me for my files.

Thank you and members of the Board of Trustees for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Paz", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Paz

County Extension Agent
4-H Coordinator

Attachment: Resolution for Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization

Ector/Midland County Extension Office
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RESOLUTION

EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS OF 4-H ORGANIZATION

Be it hereby resolved that upon this date, the duly elected Board of Trustees of the

Midland County Independent School District

meeting in public with a quorum present and certified, did
adopt this resolution that recognizes the

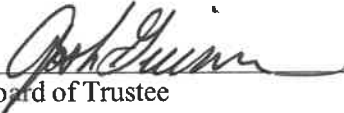
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County Texas 4-H Organization as approved for recognition and eligible for
extracurricular status consideration under 19 Texas Administrative Code,
Chapter 76.1, pertaining to extracurricular activities.

Participation by 4-H members under provisions of this resolution are subject to all
rules and regulations set forth under the 19 Texas Administrative Code as interpreted
by this Board and designated officials of this school district.

A local representative of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
will request academic eligibility for all 4-H competitive activities, regardless if a school absence is or is not required,
and
for non-competitive purposes when an absence is required.

Approved this 25 day of August, 20 26.


Board of Trustee


Superintendent

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Dear Dr. Howard:

On behalf of the Ector/Midland County Extension Staff, I hereby respectfully request approval of the attached Adjunct Faculty Agreement with the Midland Independent School District.

The State Board of Education passed an amendment to 19 TAC§129.21 (j). Requirements for Student Attendance Accounting for State Funding Purposes allows public school students to be considered "in attendance" when participating in off-campus activities with an adjunct staff member of the school district. Section 3 of the Student

Attendance Handbook states:

(1) The student is participating in an activity that is approved by the local board of school trustees and is under the direction of a member of the professional or paraprofessional staff of the school district, or an adjunct staff member who:

- (A) has a minimum of a bachelor's degree; and*
- (B) is eligible for participation in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.*

Midland County requests the agents listed on the enclosed Adjunct Faculty Agreement be awarded adjunct staff member status for the period of time indicated on the agreement.

I hope Midland Independent School District will accept this request. Please let me know if you would like to schedule an appointment to discuss the amendment and request or if you need further information.

Thank you and members of the Board of Trustees for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Steve Paz

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND**

On this date, at a regularly scheduled and posted meeting, came the Board of Trustees of the Midland County Independent School District, hereinafter referred to as "District." A quorum having been established, the Board proceeded to consider the appointment of the herein named individual(s) as an adjunct member of the Midland Independent School District.

Upon consideration and vote of 7-0 in favor, Midland County 4-H is hereby named as adjunct faculty member(s) of the Midland County Independent School District subject to the following considerations and provisions of such appointment to wit:

1. This appointment shall commence on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and remain in effect until the _____ day of _____, 20____.
2. This appointment will include the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees listed below:

NAME	TITLE	DEGREE	INSTITUTION	DATE
Steven Paz	CEA – 4-H	B.S./M.S. Agriculture Economics	Texas Tech	1990/1991
Krista Elkins-Chin	CEA – Family & Community Health	B.S. Biology – Athletic Training	UTPB	2013
Brady Evans	CEA – Agriculture & Natural Resources	B.S./M.S. Agriculture	Texas A&M University Kingsville	2014
Sara Moran-Duran	CEA – Horticulture	B.S./M.S. Horticulture	New Mexico State University	2015

3. Adjunct faculty member(s) will receive no compensation, salary, or remuneration from Midland County Independent School District.
4. Adjunct faculty member(s) is and shall remain an employee, in good standing, of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.
5. Adjunct faculty member(s) is and shall remain under the direct supervision of either the District Extension Administrator of District 6 or Josh W. Blanek County Extension Director.
6. Adjunct faculty member(s) shall receive all group insurance benefits, workman's compensation insurance benefits, unemployment insurance, and any and all other plans for the benefit of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees. District shall have no responsibility for any of such benefits or plans.

Adjunct faculty member(s) shall direct the activities and participation of students of the school district in sponsored and approved activities as designated from time to time by adjunct faculty members for which notice shall be given to School District administrative personnel. Adjunct faculty members' activities and participation with students of the School District are directed, supervised, and controlled by and through supervisory personnel of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service pursuant to the supervisory authority of the District Extension Administrator or County Extension Director. Adjunct faculty member(s) is not the employee of the School District, and School District does not nor shall not supervise, direct, or control the activities and/or participation of such County Extension Agent(s) who have been herein designated as an adjunct faculty member.

This appointment is made by the Independent School District by and through the Board of Trustees of said district for the benefit of allowing voluntary student participation in programs conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in recognition of the educational benefits arising from such participation and activities and/or directed by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. This appointment is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 129.21 (j)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code authorizing the school to deem such participating students in attendance for foundation school program purposes.

This appointment of the herein named Ector/Midland County Extension Agent(s), (See List) (Extension employee) is/are not intended nor shall be construed as a waiver of any claim or defense of sovereign or governmental immunity from liability now possessed by Midland County Independent School District or any of its employees, agents, officers, and/or board members in the performance of governmental functions.

Signed this 25 day of August, 2026.

Midland County Independent School District

By: Josh W. Blanek