

Weatherford FFA



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FFA Handbook

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FFA Information

Structure of FFA

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

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

Applied Learning

The agricultural education program provides a well-rounded, practical approach to learning through three components: Classroom education in agricultural topics; hands-on supervised agricultural experience, and FFA.

FFA Dues

Annual FFA dues are set by each individual chapter. This includes dues for Local, District, Area, State, and the National FFA Association. Membership also includes a subscription to the FFA Horizons Magazine which will arrive sometime after January 1st. According to Texas FFA guidelines, members must be enrolled in an Agricultural Science Class to be an

FFA member and participate in activities. Dues are \$25 and deadlines are set at the beginning of each semester. There is a \$15 late fee for dues paid after the deadline.

FFA Jackets

FFA Jackets and tie/scarves can be purchased through the National FFA website. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. All members are encouraged to purchase a FFA jacket if they have plans of competing on LDE's or CDE's. Please ask your advisor for help in ordering your jacket online.

Weatherford Junior FFA

Jr. FFA membership is open to Weatherford ISD students in grades 3rd-8th. Dues for Junior members will be \$10.00. Joining the Jr. FFA allows the member to participate in local meetings as well as showing at school sponsored stock shows under the discretion and supervision of the Weatherford Independent School District High School Agriculture Teacher. Since they are not enrolled in a high school Agriculture class they are not allowed to participate in LDE's or CDE's.

Weatherford FFA Officers

Chapter Officer shall be elected on a yearly basis by the chapter itself. Officers will be elected in April of each year and the results announced during banquet. Officers are elected by a four part process. 1st part equal to 45% will be an interview, 2nd part equal to 20% will be a quiz, 3rd part will be an application equal to 20% and the final part will be the chapter vote equal to 15%.

District and Area Officers will be elected based on the district and area guidelines.

An Active Member

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

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

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay away, and criticize and knock?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~Author Unknown

The FFA CREED

- I believe in the future of agriculture with a faith born not of words but of deeds-achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.
- I believe that to live and work on a good farm or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.
- I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.
- I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so- for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.
- I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert and influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

FFA Motto

Learning to Do
Doing to Learn

Earning to Live
Living to Serve

FFA Code of Ethics

We will conduct ourselves always to be a credit to our organization, chapter, school and community by:

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

Official Dress

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

Female members should wear:

White collared blouse
Black skirt-hem below/at the knee
Official FFA Scarf
Black nylon hosiery
Black dress shoes
Official FFA Jacket-zipped to the top

Male members should wear:

White collared shirt
Black pants or slacks
Official FFA tie
Black socks
Black shoes/black boots
Official FFA Jacket-zipped to top

CDE Dress for Contests

- Buttoned down, collared shirt
- Nice jeans or slacks that fit at the waist and are free of fading or holes.
- Closed toe shoes are required
- No Caps or Hats (except hard hats in meats contest)
- Or other specific uniform decided on by your advisor

Official Dress for Livestock Shows

- Buttoned down, collared shirt, tucked into pants
- Nice Jeans that fit at the waist and are free of fading or holes.
- Closed Toe Shoes are required- NO Tennis Shoes
- Belt must be worn
- No Caps or Hats
- Hair should be pulled away from face and look orderly
- Depending on the show a nice blouse may be worn

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

Weatherford FFA Alumni/Booster Club

The mission of the Weatherford FFA Alumni/Booster Club is to support and advocate for agricultural education and FFA through gifts of time, talent and financial resources at the local, state and national levels.

Membership dues to the Weatherford FFA Alumni/Booster Club is set by the group.

Prior membership in the FFA is not a requirement for membership in the Weatherford FFA Alumni/Booster Club; anyone wanting to support the FFA, agricultural education and the future of agriculture is welcome.

FFA Letter Jacket/Graduation Chords Incentive Program

Students of Weatherford ISD FFA are eligible for letter jackets and/or FFA Graduation Chords. It is up to the Agriculture Science Teacher's discretion to follow this criterion to award these incentives.

- 1) Have a minimum of 2 years of the FFA membership
 - 2) Earned your Chapter Degree
 - 3) Participate in 2 Fundraising events each year
 - 4) Participate in a minimum of 5 chapter activities
 - 5) Accumulate a minimum of 250 points from participation in various FFA activities.
- All activities have a point value, depending on the level of participation.

Local/chapter activities	5 points/activity
District/County activities	10 points/activity
Area activities	15 points/activity
State activities	20 points/activity
National activities	25 points/activity

Invitational contests	10 points/activity
Community Service activities	10 points/activity
CDE/LDE practices	10 points for perfect attendance
SAE project: 1 project/year (projects can only count one)	25 points (Students with multiple projects can only count one)

*****All points must be documented in the student's AET record books.

*****Maximum of 100 points/year on livestock shows (Jackpot = local; County = district; Major = State)

Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs

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

Estimated Cost of Livestock Projects

Species	Time	Duration*	Cost**	Feed/Track**
Cattle	12 months	Feb.-March	\$3000**	\$2500
Swine	5 months	Nov.-March	\$600**	\$500
Sheep	9 months	July-March	\$750**	\$300
Goats	9 months	July-March	\$750**	\$300
Broilers	3 months	Jan-March	\$2.00/head	\$150
Rabbits	2 months	Feb-March	\$250**	\$100

Notes:

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

**Cost for animals may vary depending on quality of livestock and location purchased.

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

Guidelines

Information

The following policies and guidelines apply to the Weatherford ISD FFA Chapter. As a leadership organization; students must be in good standing in and out of the school and are subject to dismissal from the organization for problems in any of the following areas: insubordination, truancy, cheating, drinking, drugs, the use of tobacco products or vapes and violation of the WISD student code of conduct or major breaches of the FFA Code of ethics.

The FFA advisor and/or Director of Career and Technical Education reserve the right to add or amend these guidelines and rules as deemed necessary. This document will be kept updated and located on the WISD district website. *It will be the responsibility of FFA advisors, students and parents to utilize the district website to obtain and /or refer to the most current version of this document.*

Agricultural Department and FFA Membership

Weatherford ISD adheres to guidelines and policies provided by the Texas FFA Association. Texas FFA allows local discretion of the school district to adopt more stringent membership guidelines as deemed necessary.

Texas FFA Guidelines: <https://www.texasffa.org/>

National FFA Guidelines:

<https://www.ffa.org/About/WhoWeAre/Pages/The-Official-FFA-Manual.aspx>

Liabilities

Animal Projects

No animal will be housed at the Ag Barn Facilities without a current signed receipt of this document, a signed "Weatherford Agriscience Center contract" on file with the Campus Ag Science Teacher, all fees(FFA, Barn, etc...) paid and animal must be approved by an Agricultural Science Teacher. The required documents will be provided by your Agriscience teacher.

The Weatherford ISD, Agriculture Program, Weatherford FFA Alumni/Booster Club, District Employees, or volunteers will assume NO responsibility for accidents or injuries to students, parents, visitors, livestock, or personal property resulting from the use of the facilities or equipment, as well as, livestock owned by other persons.

Insurance for animals kept at the facility is not maintained by the school district Agriculture Departments or FFA Chapters. It is the responsibility of the student to provide any insurance coverage on his/her animal deemed necessary. The loss of an animal, or expenses incurred because of loss, injury, illness, etc., including veterinary bills, is the sole responsibility of the student and will not be the responsibility of the Weatherford Independent School District, Agriculture Departments, Agriculture Teacher, Career and Technical Education Department, or FFA Chapters. All animals that are housed at the Agriculture Science Facility are housed at their own risk.

If you are hauling with an Agriculture Science Teacher, after every show, trailers, tack, and animals need to be cleaned and disinfected before entering back into the barn. This cuts back on bringing unwanted diseases, bacteria, or pests in our facility.

Travel for School Activities

Before students can travel to any school sponsored activity the teacher must have on file a field trip release form, and extracurricular medical permission form and any other documentation required by Weatherford ISD. Your Agriscience teacher must be notified by email at least two weeks in advance to be excused from school. Junior exhibitors must print and complete the Junior exhibitor release form.

Visitors

Any visitor accompanying a Weatherford Independent School District FFA student and/or parent and attending a Weatherford ISD sponsored event or activity, must adhere to appropriate conduct outlined in this document. Please allow 48 hours' notice to your Agriculture Science Teacher for breeders, or groomsmen to enter our facility. Any student who has a visitor or non-Weatherford ISD member or guest at the facility takes full responsibility for their visitor's actions or misconduct.

Misconduct

Any infraction of district rules, policies or guidelines as set forth in the WISD Student Code of Conduct, WISD Student Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Contract, and/or the WISD FFA Policy Handbook will result in disciplinary action and may cause immediate removal from the program. The Ag science teacher(s) in collaboration with campus administration will have the authority to suspend or remove any member for any infractions. All content of this document is at the discretionary interpretation of campus administration and Director of CTE for determining consequences for inappropriate behavior.

Eligibility to Participate

Eligibility in the Weatherford ISD FFA organizations is based on the UIL eligibility standards found in TEA code 33.081 "no pass, no play."

Problems and Chain of Command

When a problem or concern arises, the best way to resolve it is by following a set "chain-of command." Always begin with the supervising teacher.

- Campus Ag Science teacher
- Director Of CTE
- Campus Principal

Weatherford Independent School District Agriscience
Facility Rule

General Rules and Regulations

The Agriscience Center is an educational facility of the Weatherford Independent School District. Operation of the center is conducted through the Weatherford Agriscience

Department for the purpose of curriculum enhancement and assistance in meeting state mandated SAE requirements. The purpose of this contract is to standardize the rules and regulations concerning student use of the facilities. Your responsible attitude in abiding by these rules will help insure your part in enriching the learning experience for everyone. The following rules are enforced. Any new rules that may become necessary will be effective immediately upon notification of the students by the Agriscience teacher(s).

1. ALL SCHOOL RULES will apply for all students, adults, and guests, while on campus or at a livestock show.
2. State law prohibits the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, narcotic drugs, controlled substances, tobacco and firearms on school property. All violations will be reported. Profane and abusive language and sexual misconduct will not be tolerated.
3. The abuse of an animal by a student or adult will result in the student being required to remove their animal.
4. All projects to be kept at the facility must be approved by the **Agriscience teacher** who will **assign** a pen where livestock projects are to be kept.
5. Students will use pens that are assigned to them and will not move their animal(s) or supplies without permission of the Agriscience teacher.
6. Students will be responsible for the care and feeding of their project EVERY day at the required times. Students who do not properly care for their project will be required to remove it from the facility. Students may trade out feeding and care responsibilities on the weekends, during vacations and on holidays. It is still their responsibility that the project be properly cared for. Your Animals should be checked twice a day regardless of feeding times.
7. The cleanliness and sanitation of the facility is the direct responsibility of every single person who has a project. The FFA Advisors will assign specific duties. Failure to carry out assigned duties will result in disciplinary action, fines, and/or eviction. Example: Clean Wash Rack
8. Anyone responsible for defacing the facilities or equipment will face the same disciplinary action as defacing any school property and may be held financially responsible.
9. Sitting on or abusing gates, fences or panels is prohibited.
10. All vehicles are to remain parked until the student has finished his/her work and is ready to leave the center. Inappropriate operation of any vehicle will not be tolerated.
11. Horseplay and loitering are prohibited at the facility. The center is not a hangout! Take care of your business and leave.
12. The facility will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, or as approved by AST's. No persons may be at the facility during any other times. It is possible that gates may be shut when the facility is closed.
13. No dogs allowed on the property.
14. Feed, health care, and other normal costs are the responsibility of the student.

15. Insurance for projects kept at the facility is not maintained by the school district, Agriscience department, FFA chapter or Agriscience teacher. They are not liable for any losses, injuries and/or damages incurred to persons, projects and/or property.
16. Any accident or safety hazard is to be reported immediately to the Agriscience teacher.
17. If you bring a guest to the facility, then you are responsible for their actions, and no guests are permitted on the grounds without proper notification of the Agriscience Teachers. (1 week minimum, unless it is an emergency)
18. Parents/guardians are encouraged to spend as much time as possible with their child while they are at the facility.
19. Male animals capable of reproduction will not be allowed at the facility. (i.e. Bull, boar, stallion, ram, buck)
20. Students who fail to clean their assigned project area in a timely manner will be assessed a clean up fee, all pens will need adequate bedding at all times to ensure cleanliness.
21. Barn clean-up days will be scheduled by the advisors, if students do not attend fines will be enforced.
22. Advisors reserve the right to disqualify a student from participating in livestock production activities.
23. If a student fails to abide by these rules and regulations, the following steps will be taken:
FIRST OFFENSE: Students will be warned and possible disciplinary action will be taken.
SECOND OFFENSE: Student, teacher, and parent will hold a conference. This may include disciplinary action.
THIRD OFFENSE: Students will be required to remove his/her project(s) from the center. Following student and parent notification of a third offense, if an animal is not removed from the facility within seven days, the animal will be surrendered to Parker County Animal Control, Any expenses incurred, including transportation and handling cost will be charged to the owner of the animal.

24. Pen Needs:

- Minimum of 3-4" of shavings (optional)
- Names and Contact Information on each pen
- Fan/Heat Lamp depending on weather conditions
- Appropriate feed and water containers

Cords must be hung appropriately. Please make sure they are not pulling on the outlets, as well as out of reach from all surrounding animals and walkways. If cords are found being used incorrectly they will be taken down.

Possible disciplinary action that may be incurred shall include: written reprimand, infraction referral to appropriate principal, fines and/or special work assignments.

Fee Use Schedule

Group 1	CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS, PIGS	\$50
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Summer/Fall Majors		
Group 2 Spring Majors	CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS, PIGS	\$50
Group 3 Parker County	CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS, PIGS	\$50
Fine	Failure to Maintain Weekly Assigned Area	\$5
Fine	Failure to Maintain Livestock Pen	\$5

All pen rental fees are due BEFORE the animal is brought into the facility

Weatherford Independent School District Agriscience
Guidelines

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All participants will comply with the following regulations and criteria.

1. As a Weatherford ISD facility supporting school-related activities, the most recent WISD Student Handbook and the WISD Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct will apply.
2. For security purposes, the facility will be open between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. (Or as approved by AST's) During school hours, the barn is closed to students and parents for classroom use. Prior approval must be obtained for access during the school day.
3. The agriscience teachers will monitor all guidelines and criteria closely. Ethical and humane treatment of animals and violation of regulations will not be compromised.
4. The student must be a paid Weatherford FFA (High School Students) or Jr. FFA (3rd-8th grade) member in good standing to utilize the facility. High school students not enrolled in an ag class will not be allowed to house their animal in the facility.
5. Guests must have prior permission to enter the complex from the agricultural science teachers. (This includes Veterinarians) The student is responsible for his/her family and guest(s) at all times. If the guest violates the rules of the Agricultural Science Facility, it will be treated as though the student violated the rules.

6. Biosecurity is first. No animals or guests are to be brought into the barn unless you have permission from agricultural science teachers. If the agricultural science teachers do not see the animal first, it will be removed at the owner's expense. If it is not a show animal, it does not come into the barn!
7. Keep animal pen(s) clean at all times. Failure to maintain proper care of the pen area and animal(s) will result in the students receiving a fine, and possibly being put on probation, which constitutes a warning, and the problem must be remedied within one (1) day of probation date to the satisfaction of the agricultural science teacher. The second and final warning will result in the student being evicted from the facility and the animal will be removed from the premises.
8. Students will provide their own animal care equipment. Make sure all of your personal stuff is marked. Each student will have space in the feed room for their feed and feedstuffs only. Required items:
 - a. Correct feed trough/ water
 - b. Fan for summer w/ appropriate extension cord. (Extension Cords Must Be Hung CORRECTLY)
 - c. Heat Lamp for winter w/ appropriate extension cord.
 - d. Shavings (optional)
9. All shots and/or medications should be administered under the care/direction of a Veterinarian and/or the agricultural science teachers. If you choose to give your own medication, you must pay for it, and the agricultural science teacher must be notified first.
10. If a student is evicted from the facility, they will not be allowed back on the premises.
11. All manure, feedstuffs, and trash must be properly disposed of in the approved designated areas. **All trash and Manure** needs to be hauled down to the dumpster. No shavings or manure can be dumped on the ground. All wheelbarrows WILL be emptied after each use, and dumped in the correct location.
12. The feed room, wash area, and driveway are to be kept neat and clean. Any valuables are suggested to be brought to and from home as needed. The school district and employees are not responsible for theft and damage. Students will not be permitted to bring in tack not approved by the agricultural science teacher. The safety, sanitation, and the appearance of the barn are a priority.
13. The student is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the project area (e.g. pen) at all times. For example the wash rack/aisle every time your animal defecates. At certain times of the year, students may be required to clean their project area and assist others in cleaning the facility as a whole.

14. Priority for space will be given to WISD FFA Members to show animals. If there are too many projects then priority will be given to students starting in the 12th grade and working down from there. First priority is also given to market animals over breeding.
15. No modifications may be made to the existing structure. Students or family members are NOT allowed to alter any structure, doing so may result in immediate removal of project(s) from the barn. No Exceptions.
16. All students' projects are under the direct supervision of the agricultural science teachers, and may be used as part of the classroom experience.
17. All Weatherford ISD owned equipment is to remain at the facility unless approval is given from the agricultural science teacher. Trailers are not available for student use.
18. Pen rent must be paid in full when the barn contract is signed, prior to placing the animal at the facility. This money will be used to assist in repair, maintenance, and utilities. Pen rent per animal is \$50.00 for each "grouping" of shows. If you retain the same animal for more than one group of shows, you will be responsible for paying rent twice for that same animal. (Example: If you have a pig for Ft. Worth and you hold it over for the county show, you will pay \$100 rent for that animal seeing as it was housed for two groupings.) Pen rent for the next group must be paid on time. If a student fails to pay pen rent, and two weeks pass, the student will be placed on probation.
 - a. Group 1: Late Summer/Fall Shows (State Fair, etc)
 - b. Group 2: Spring Majors (Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston)
 - c. Group 3: Parker County Livestock Show
19. Animal Removal: Show animals must be removed within two weeks following the project's last show. (Unless approved by the AST overseeing the project.) The animal must be show eligible and entered in a show for the group they are housed to remain in the facility. (See Guidelines Below)
 - a. Show Eligibility for Market Animals:
 1. The animal must be the correct age and weight (Determined by the AST)
 - b. Show Eligibility for Breeding animals:
 1. Age - will be based on the State Fair of Texas guidelines (for ex. For breeding goats the animal cannot be older than August 3 years prior to the show.
 2. Bred by - all breeding animals must be bred or have given birth by (24) months of age. If bred pregnancy must be proven by a blood test. Please plan accordingly for this.
 - c. Exception: if you are planning to feed out an animal, a plan must be in place with the AST's. The max feed out period is 28 days.

20. Projects must be related to FFA. No 4-H projects. The animals listed below may be kept at the facility:

- a. Breeding Heifers (on a limited, case by case basis)
- b. Market Steers (on a limited, case by case basis)
- c. Breeding Gilts (on a limited, case by case basis)
- d. Market Pigs
- e. Breeding Lambs (on a limited, case by case basis)
- f. Market Lambs
- g. Breeding Does (on a limited, case by case basis)
- h. Market Goats

21. Female breeding animals may be housed at the facility if space allows, but must follow these guidelines:

- i. Show eligibility - Please see the age and bred by date information in removal of animals.
- ii. Offspring - If you own a breeding animal, offspring are inevitable. Please remember these key points. We are meant to house market animals, and modifications cannot be made to existing pens, therefore animals that are bred will need to be strictly housed in the turnouts, but will still be required to pay pen rent. Once offspring are weaning age, they will require their own pen space. Pen rent will be due at that time. (The turnout is not qualified) If space doesn't allow an actual pen, the offspring will be sold. Weaning ages are determined by the AST's.
- iii. Amount of Projects - Students will only be allowed to house one breeding project at a time.

22. Animals NOT allowed at WISD barn: Male breeding animals of any species, Rabbits, and Poultry.

23. All students will be required to help clean the entire facility after their designated show grouping (Summer/Fall, Spring Majors, or County) on the date assigned by the agricultural science teacher. If a student does not help clean out the barn, their check from that show grouping will be held until their area is clean to the specifications of the agriculture science teacher.

24. Animals are to be washed in designated areas only.

25. Animals are to be exercised in the designated area only. No animals are allowed to be loose in the barn.

26. The student is to respect the value of the Weatherford ISD Agricultural Science Facility. Any defacing of property or equipment will mean dismissal from the complex IMMEDIATELY.

27. Passageways, including door openings, are not to be cluttered with boxes, equipment or animals. Both routine and emergency traffic must be able to move efficiently.
28. All broken or stolen equipment is to be reported immediately. All equipment is to be cleaned and returned to the proper storage area after each use.
29. No pets allowed in the barn.
30. All doors, especially the door to the feed room are to be closed at all times.
31. Slander or defamation of any type will not be tolerated.
32. Fly Control. During warm weather you are responsible for controlling the fly population in your pen and on your animal. If you are unsure what products to use please check with your supervising AST.
33. Cosmetic Procedures. Weatherford FFA AST's will not haul animals for cosmetic purposes. If an animal requires non-cosmetic medical attention the Ag teachers will make arrangements to haul it to the vet. However Ag teachers will not haul for cosmetic purposes. If you choose to have a procedure completed then it will be the owners responsibility to get the animal to and from the vet, or have a vet come to the barn with the ag teachers approval and notification prior to appointment.
34. Trailers are not for student use.
35. If an animal needs to be hauled for medical purposes, AST's must be given ample notification time. (14 days is necessary unless it is an emergency)
36. Neither WISD nor the Weatherford ISD Agricultural Science teachers nor any school official will be responsible for injury to or death of any project animal (or offspring) while it is on school property or any other property. (Securing project insurance is an owner option and is encouraged.)
37. Feed Room Procedures: All items belonging to a student must be labeled clearly with the student's name. All feed and feedstuff must be off the ground and in a container of some sort. Weatherford Ag Department will supply each student with one barrel, any additional barrels must be purchased by the student. Tack may have to be removed depending on space.

If a student/parent fails to abide by these rules and regulations, the following steps will be taken:

- **FIRST OFFENSE:** Verbal warning and possible disciplinary action could be taken.

- SECOND OFFENSE: Student, Teacher, and Parent will hold a conference. This may include a disciplinary action.
- THIRD OFFENSE: Students will be required to remove his/her project(s) from the facility. Following student and parent notification of the third offense, if an animal(s) is not removed from the center within fourteen days, the animal will be sold at market. Any expenses incurred, including transportation and handling cost will be deducted from the sale proceeds and remaining money if any will be forwarded to the student.

*Disciplinary action may include: Written reprimand, referral to appropriate principal, fines and/or special work requirements.

WISD Ag Science Teacher Guidelines and Expectations

All WISD Agriscience Teachers (AST's) will be responsible for following all district policies, including expectations and guidelines listed in the WISD Employee Handbook, Career and Technical Education Employee Handbook, WISD FFA Handbook, and policies and protocol listed in the Student Code of Conduct. All Agriscience teachers are under direct supervision of campus administration.

The following guidelines are currently in force. **Any new rules that may become necessary will be effective immediately** upon notification to campus administration and Agriscience Teachers.

Agriscience Teacher Guidelines and Expectations

- Each WISD AST will be responsible for:
 - Instructing students in the field of Agricultural Science
 - Supervising their campus's FFA chapter activities
 - Selecting and supervising FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience projects
 - Livestock, Ag Mech, Agriscience Fair, etc.

Amendments

The Director of CTE and campus administration reserve the right to change or amend the contents of this document. The contents within this document are at the discretionary interpretation of Weatherford ISD campus administration and Director of CTE. This document will be kept updated and located on the WISD district website. *It will be the responsibility of teachers, students, and parents to utilize the district website to obtain and/or refer to the most current version of this document.*

Weatherford Independent School District Agriscience
Equipment Policy

The Weatherford agriscience department has a variety of equipment that can be used by students in our program. These items must be checked out from an agriscience teacher and should never be taken without permission.

Equipment available:

Cattle

Clippers*

Blowers

Stall Dividers

Muck Cart

Lambs & Goats

Clippers*

Blowers

Lamb and Goat Stand

Cage/Popper for transportation

Swine

Clippers*

Pen dividers

Pig boards

*Clippers require a \$5 deposit for each set of blades you need to use, since they will need to be sharpened after use.

If you have questions about any other items, please contact an agriscience teacher so we can make sure something was not missed.

Acknowledgement of Weatherford Agriscience Facility Information

(only required for individuals that will be utilizing the facility)

- ✓ Livestock Program
- ✓ Agricultural Science Center Rules and Regulations
- ✓ Agriscience Center Guidelines

I have received a Weatherford ISD Agricultural Science Center Handbook. I have read over the information and understand the policies for the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and FFA Programs. If I have any questions, I will feel free to contact the instructors.

Parents and students please initial in the boxes below.

I understand I am only guaranteed a pen for my animal, and at any point in time turnouts may become unavailable for my project.

I understand it is a privilege to house my animal in the agriscience center, and that it is not a right.

Signed: _____ (student)

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian)

Parent Information:

Parent Names: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Work Or Cell Numbers:

(1) _____

(2) _____

Student and Parent Acknowledgement

- My student and I accept responsibility for accessing, reading, and following the policies in the Weatherford ISD FFA Policy Handbook on the Weatherford ISD website.
- I understand that the **Weatherford ISD FFA Policy Handbook** and **Weatherford ISD Student Code of Conduct** contain information that my student and I may need during the school year. All students will be held accountable for their behavior and will be subject to disciplinary consequences outlined in both documents. If I have questions regarding the **Weatherford ISD FFA Policy Handbook**, please contact the high school Ag Science teacher or the CTE Director.
- I allow my student's name and photograph to be used in any FFA and/or Weatherford ISD publications.
- I allow the Weatherford High School Agriculture Science Teacher to effectively communicate with my student via group text message or the most efficient way possible.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Contact Information: _____

Date: _____

