

Joshua ISD

Agriculture Project Center

Rules, Fees and Guideline Agreement

2020-2021 School Year/Feeding Period

The purpose of the Joshua ISD Agriculture Project Center is to provide an extension to the classroom instruction and maximize learning for FFA members who utilize the facility for their Supervised Agriculture Experience Programs (SAEP).

In order for all parties to utilize the Joshua ISD Agriculture Project Center, there are rules and guidelines, which MUST be observed and followed. To ensure compliance, Joshua ISD employees, including Agriculture Science teachers and administrators will monitor and manage the facility.

Directions for Agriculture Science rules, fees and guidelines agreement

1. Read the entire agreement completely for comprehension.
2. Completely fill out the cover sheet.
3. Read and initial next to each rule (student and parent must initial)
4. Sign and date the Facility Usage Agreement on the last page.
5. Turn in the signed facility agreement and all fees to an Agriculture Science teacher.
6. Reservation of pens for the 2020-2021 School year may be reserved starting Friday May 8, 2020.
7. The following dates will be observed for assigning "left over" pens:
 - Cattle: June 1st (Steers may be double penned by family to make room for late heifer projects)
 - Hogs: Sept 1st
 - Sheep/Goats: Oct. 1st

Student Name: _____

Campus _____ Grade: _____

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone Parent/ Guardian: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Animal Project(s): Write in number of animals that will be fed. Max of 2 per pen. Only one pen per exhibitor may be used unless we have a surplus of empty pens.

Pig: _____ Lamb: _____ Goat: _____ Cattle: _____

Feeding Period (Which shows you plan to enter and exhibit your project at) _____

_____ **Pen assignments:** Animals must reside in assigned pens, unless an agriculture teacher approves a change. Students MAY NOT move, modify or expand pens for any reason, unless approved by an Agriculture Science teacher. No mechanical, wooden, electrical, metal structures or additions may be placed in pens without an Agriculture Science teacher's approval. All items placed in pens must be approved prior to placement and removed immediately after the project is complete.

_____ **Removal of animals after shows:** The exhibitor is to remove all projects from the project center within two weeks after the final show unless otherwise directed by an Agriculture Science teacher. This rule applies to ALL animals, including breeding projects. Breeding projects that extend into another season must receive permission to remain at the project center.

_____ **Animal death:** Although rare, it is possible that livestock projects can die unexpectedly. If a livestock project dies, the animal will not be removed for processing. The carcass will be condemned and the Agriculture Science teachers will determine the mode of disposal. You Must notify Ag Instructor immediately upon death of animal.

_____ **Project responsibility:** The animal is the student's project and responsibility. It is understood that occasionally a parent or fellow FFA member may need to feed/care for the project; however, it is ultimately the student's responsibility.

_____ **Student behavior:** Students are expected to act in a mature, professional manner at all times at the Joshua ISD Agriculture Project Center. The primary responsibility for discipline and supervision rests with the student and his/her parents when the FFA advisor or his/her designee is not present after school hours. Students will be held financially accountable for willful vandalism or destruction of any property on the part of the students who commits the act.

_____ **Safety:** Any activities which endanger the health or physical well-being of students, parents, teachers, visitors or animals, will not be tolerated. Loitering or other activities not directly related to the furtherance of the SAEP will not be permitted on project center grounds.

_____ **Glass Containers:** No glass containers are allowed at the project center. Broken glass can cause severe damage to a student or project.

_____ **Feed and Tack Area:**

- The safety, sanitation, and appearance of the project area are top priority.
- Feed and tack areas are to be clean and free of loose hay and open feed.
- A lockable container will be used by each student to store feed.
- Show boxes are allowed with permission, but must be stored in an approved location. Make sure boxes are labeled and locked.
- Valuables should be brought to and from home and not remain in the project center.
- Joshua ISD and its employees are not responsible for theft or damage to personal items.
- Students will not be permitted to be in tack/feed areas not approved by the Agriculture Science teacher.

_____ **Cleaning Rotations:** each student will be assigned times when they are responsible for taking out the trash, sweeping, cleaning washrack, or other chores as directed by the Ag Instructors. Failure to comply with cleaning rotations will result in disciplinary actions and/or potential removal from the barn.

_____ **Barn Clean Ups:** The appearance of the Joshua ISD Agriculture Project Center is a priority. There will be periodic "barn clean-ups", which are mandatory for students with animal projects housed at the agriculture facility. If a student cannot attend for any reason, he/she is responsible for scheduling a time to make up the missed work.

_____ **Agriculture Science Instructors use of animals:** Student projects may be used by the Agriculture Science teachers for livestock judging practice or to teach livestock management skills such as weighing, leading, or vaccinating.

_____ **Field Trips/Educational Use:** Student projects may be used for educational use as part of field trips, petting zoo's, or any other educational endeavor that the Ag Instructor's deem appropriate.

_____ **Problems and chain of command:** When a problem or concern arises, the best way to resolve it is by following the established "chain-of-command." Always begin with the supervising teacher.

- Supervising teacher of species (Lambs/Goats: Mr. Clark, Hogs: Mr. Snyder, Steers: Mr. Neal, Heifers: Mrs. Hoeflein)
- Head Agriculture Science Instructor (Bryan McKenzie)
- Assistant Principal (Mr. Coshow)
- Principal (Mrs. Neal)
- Superintendent (Mrs. Marek)

_____ **Student eligibility for livestock shows:** In order to be eligible to participate in any livestock show as an FFA student, students must meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in an Agriculture Science class.
- Have approval of supervising teacher.
- Be a member in good standing of the Joshua FFA Chapter.
- Attend all mandatory livestock meetings for the specific livestock project.
- Be passing ALL subjects at the time that eligibility is determined per UIL guidelines. If a student is ineligible to show due to grades, the animal is ineligible to show.
- Have paid entry fees on time and meet show requirements.

_____ **Terms, conditions, and consequences:** The agriculture program reserves the right to remove any animal from the Joshua ISD Agriculture Project Center if any one of the following conditions exists:

- Animal abuse or neglect in any form
- Student failing to comply with cleaning duties
- Diseased or infected animals
- Animals that are deemed unsafe to handle
- Students failing to observe rules
- Animals not being fed for show purposes
- Student is no longer involved in the program
- Any animal housed at the project center is not shown under Joshua FFA

If the student fails to abide by any of the above mentioned rules or guidelines, actions can be taken to remove the animal and/ or ban any future agriculture facility privileges.

_____ **Notice of eviction will proceed as follows:**

- Written warning issued by Agricultural Science teacher
- Teacher/ student conference
- Teacher/ student/ parent conference
- Referral to school administrator for disciplinary action
- Immediate removal of project from the Joshua ISD Agriculture Project Center
- Major infractions of school, facility or student code of conduct rules while at agriculture facility may result in immediate eviction, as deemed appropriate by Joshua ISD administration.

_____ **D.A.E.P. Placement:** If a student is placed in DAEP during the feeding period, the animal(s) MUST be removed from the project center within 3 days of the placement. After 3 days, the Ag Instructor will remove the animal and sell at a local market. Any expenses owed to the chapter will be deducted from the sale of the animal.

_____ **Transportation:** Student and parents must arrange transportation to and from the Agriculture Project Center.

_____ **Prohibited Substances:** Alcoholic beverages and all forms of tobacco including Vape or "Juul's" use are prohibited on the premises at all times.

_____ **Trespassing:** A student shall not be in another student's pen unless the Agriculture Science teacher, responsible parent or student whose project is being looked after gives them permission. Only in the case of an emergency should a student and/or parent enter another student's pen without permission

_____ **Firearms:** NO FIREARMS will be allowed on the premises of the Joshua ISD Agriculture Project Center at any time.

_____ **Pets:** No pets, dogs, or other domestic non-farm animals will be allowed on the premises of the project center

_____ **Pen Rent:** A \$40 fee is required at the beginning of the feeding period and must be received with the agreement prior to any animal being brought into the facility. This money will be used to help offset the costs of medicines, wormers, and other animal health costs.

_____ **Removal:** If it becomes necessary to remove an animal project, the owner will have three days to remove it from the project center. If the animal is not removed by this time, it will be taken by the Agricultural Science teachers and marketed at the owner's expense at the nearest commercial livestock market. The remainder of the money from the sale of the animal will be sent to the owner after deductions for any outstanding balance owed to the Joshua FFA chapter.

_____ **Male animals:** No male breeding animals are allowed at the facility.

_____ **Vandalism:** The student is expected to respect the value of the project center. Any destruction of property or equipment will mean **IMMEDIATE** dismissal from the facility. Students will be held financially accountable for willful vandalism or destruction of any property.

_____ **Equipment:** Livestock management equipment (clippers, blowers, scales etc.) will be provided for student use but must be treated with care and respect. 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. Willful misuse or damage may result in fines or loss of use privileges as well as replacement of the broken equipment.

_____ **Entry to Facility:** All students, parents, and guests will enter the Joshua ISD Agriculture Project Center through the front doors of the building. Under no circumstances will it be ok to climb over a fence to enter the building.

_____ **Surveillance:** Students, guests, parents, and projects will be monitored via 24 hour surveillance cameras. Always know that someone could be watching your actions.

_____ **Availability:** FFA members may reserve/rent one pen in the project facility (swine, goat, lamb, cattle) on a first come, first served basis beginning May 8th, 2020. An additional pen may be rented after the following dates, if pens are available. Cattle: June 1st, Hogs: Sept 1st, Sheep/Goats: Oct. 1st.

_____ **Double Penning:** The ag teachers reserve the right to double pen animals as needed. This may include but not limited to: Junior FFA members, family validated animals, siblings, etc.

_____ **Pen Size:** No more than two animals (of the same species) may reside in a pen. Students must seek approval to keep two animals in a pen. The specie supervisor will approve the request on a case by case basis.

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Agriculture Project Center Agreement

I have read and agree to abide by the Joshua ISD Agriculture Project Center guidelines agreement.

I understand that the project center fee of \$40 MUST accompany this signed agreement. I agree to comply with the project center hours of operation.

I agree to attend and actively participate at all announced project center workdays. In the event that I cannot attend, I understand that other arrangements need to be made with the Agricultural Science teachers.

I agree to the following discipline management policy:

- 1.) First Offense- written notice of failure to appropriately care for the animal and/or facility.
2.) Second offense- written notice of failure to appropriately care for the animal and/or facility. Removal warning letter to parents.
3.) Third Offense- removal of project animal to market auction, forfeiture of all project center fees and banning from future project center privileges.

Students Name: _____ Grade _____ Campus _____

Student Phone #: _____ Student Email Address: _____

Parent Name(s): _____ and/or _____

Parent Phone #: _____ and/or _____

Parent Email Address: _____ and/or _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment Received Date _____
Received By: _____
Cash _____ Check _____ Check# _____ Card _____