

Central Heights FFA Livestock Show Rules & Guidelines

Membership on Central Heights ISD FFA Show Team is considered a privilege; Therefore the following rules must be followed. Any Central Heights ISD FFA member is expected to follow the guidelines of this handbook, student code of conduct, and extracurricular guidelines. Any FFA event is considered an extension of Central Heights ISD and therefore all participating students must be actively enrolled in a CHISD school.

Any Ag Science Teacher supervising a species has sole discretion to adjust, amend or add additional expectations as deemed important for the success of his or her program and upon approval from CHISD administration.

The stock show experience is fast-paced and requires a lot of hard work on the part of everyone involved. To have a safe, successful, positive experience, everyone must work as a team.

Eligibility:

Members must be actively enrolled at a Central Heights ISD school. High school students must be enrolled in an approved Agriculture or related class to participate in the CHISD FFA chapter. Any exception must have Ag Teacher approval.

All UIL eligibility guidelines will be followed. If a student is ineligible to show due to UIL ineligibility, the animal is also ineligible to show. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Members must comply with the National FFA and Texas FFA membership guidelines.

Members must be in compliance with CHISD compulsory attendance.

All FFA or Jr FFA dues must be paid by the stated deadlines and the student must be in good standing with the CHISD FFA chapter.

Members must attend all mandatory livestock meetings for their specific project.

Members must pay entry fees at the time entries are done and also meet show requirements.

For any member to show at a stock show advisors must have a signed yearly permission slip, the student must be in good standing with the Ag department, such as paying yearly dues and follow all school guidelines such as no pass, no play and consumption or possession of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. They should also adhere to the stock show rules at all times.

Members are responsible for ALL expenses related to each show, including: Lodging, food, animal feed, animal hay, and animal bedding including shavings and/or straw.

Members needing a substitute exhibitor for any species must be approved and coordinated by the Ag Science Teacher in conjunction with livestock show rules.

General Expectations:

All members are expected to follow the CHISD Student Code of Conduct and any extracurricular guidelines set forth by CHISD.

All members showing with Central Heights ISD FFA are expected to follow the rules and guidelines of the major stock shows. All shows provide a handbook specifically for their show. These handbooks are available on each show's website. Violation of rules will have consequences.

All CHISD policies regarding travel, transportation and student behavior will be enforced.

Everyone is expected to work as a team to load animals, set up/tear down pens, weigh animals, etc. Central Heights FFA works as a team to encourage and help one another, which means you are expected to watch other student's shows, etc. We will travel as a group as much as possible and work together to make it a positive experience for all the kids. If there are extenuating circumstances, please communicate with the Ag Science Teacher.

All animals must be validated or all validation rules must be followed. It is the responsibility of the student and/or parents to check the accuracy of the validation.

All species will pen together at major shows. Meaning your animal will be penned with Central Heights FFA animals and are not allowed to be moved to another area of the show to be penned with others. This is to assist monitoring of animals at all times by CHISD teachers.

Animals should be clipped and groomed as much as possible before they leave for the shows. Contact the Ag Teachers for guidelines and/or help.

All families are expected to make their own hotel arrangements.

Payment for stock show entries is due at the time of registration. Your entry will not be submitted without payment. Times and dates for stock show entries will be set by the Ag Teacher.

If you or a family member is not present to assist with loading and unloading, or to show, or feed your animal, your animal will not be shown.

The Ag Teacher must approve any exceptions.

Substitutions for showing animals must follow the guidelines of the major stock show. The Ag Teacher must be advised of substitutions.

The Ag teacher should not have to find the student when things need to be done at the stalls. No exhibitor will be away from the stall longer than 30 minutes at a time unless the Ag teacher knows where the student is and why they are gone.

Exhibitors must meet at a designated time at school to load tack and animals to follow the Ag teacher to the show, unless arrangements have been made otherwise through the Ag teacher. Show animals must be pre-clipped before departure. If the Ag teacher is not notified at least two

weeks in advance for help clipping an animal they will assume that the exhibitor has it handled.

Exhibitors must load and unload their show animal and personal tack upon arrival. All exhibitors will help set up and take down together. Ag teachers and exhibitors will leave the show together, regardless of release time of each animal, unless approved otherwise through the Ag teacher. If another Central Heights FFA Exhibitor is showing, all members of the show team will watch them unless the exhibitor is preparing their animal for show.

Exhibitors must clean up after all animals when they make a mess, even when it is not their show animal but a classmate. Animals will get a 30 minutes window to eat and then their pan will be taken up, this will keep the amount of clean-up to a minimum.

If tie out are available, you will purchase one tie out every night unless otherwise stated by the Ag teacher. All exhibitors present will get the tie out beds ready upon arrival at the show and then take turns getting beds ready each night after initial setup

All exhibitors that are showing at a major show will have to have their Quality Counts Number. Get with an Ag teacher to be able to take this quiz and get the number. This must be done two weeks before entries are due to the Chapter.

Other:

Animals need to arrive at the shows at the same time to guarantee stalling.

Members are expected to perform duties for the livestock show. This includes but is not limited to set-up, cleanup, & maintenance, etc. as set forth by the Ag Teacher.

Members are expected to pay for all expenses related to themselves and their animal(s). During pre-show meetings, funds will be collected to pay for items such as straw for the tie-outs or shavings for the stalls or pens. Parents/students may be asked to leave any CHISD FFA sponsored event for any behavior/misconduct including but not limited to aggressive or disrespectful behavior towards advisors, other parents, or students, or any behavior that brings discredit to our organization.

Members who choose to attend livestock shows outside the designated school shows must follow all Central Heights FFA, and show team guidelines as they still represent our organization.

Any decisions or instructions made by the Ag Teacher at a school sponsored show are final. Any concerns should be addressed through the chain of command prior to leaving for an event.

Exhibitors are considered on school time for the duration of the stock show. Exhibitors must arrive at the barn at 7:30 AM and leave after PM

feeding time unless your Ag teacher tells you otherwise or you have made other arrangements with your Ag teacher.

CH FFA Ag teachers will not haul animals to out of town shows unless a minimum of 3 showers are attending.

➤ Sanctioned Stock Shows for Central Heights FFA:

(1) Ft. Worth

(2) East Texas

(3) Houston

(4) Pineywoods

Shows attended by Ag Teachers will be under the discretion of the supervising Ag Teacher for that species.

Parent Responsibility and Expectations

Central Heights ISD reserves the right for discretionary interpretation of contents of this guide. Any disciplinary action or violation of this document will be at the sole discretion of Central Heights ISD and campus administration.

Parent Responsibilities: To help promote teamwork, good showmanship and success, your assistance as a parent of the livestock show team is very important and valued.

For overnight shows, a parent must come and stay with the student the entire trip. If the student plans to be with another parent the Ag teacher in charge should be notified along with the principal and each parent/guardian must approve of the alternate arrangements at least one week prior to departure.

Please help us:

Review the show team guidelines, show rules and Central Heights ISD Code of Conduct and Student Handbook.

Ensure your child accurately completes and turns in all registration paperwork and other required forms on time.

Support the decisions and instructions given by Ag Teachers, show judges, and other officials at all FFA and livestock events.

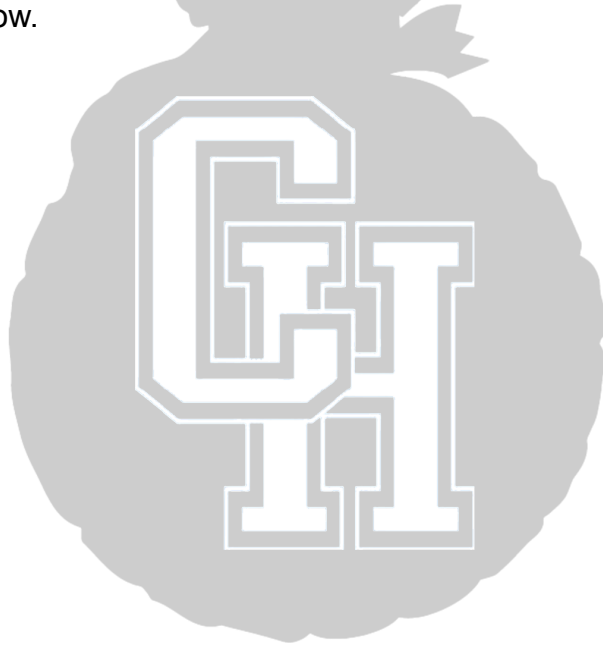
Provide positive support of your child and the entire FFA livestock team.

Ensure that your child is on time to all required meetings and that they follow all show team contract guidelines. i.e.: work schedules, feeding times, tie-out times.

Arrange transportation and accommodations for your child at all stock shows. Child safety is of utmost importance. Students should not drive themselves outside Nacogdoches County.

Refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol and illegal substances at all FFA livestock events. Use of alcoholic beverages is forbidden on school property, including the Central Heights ISD Ag Farm Facilities. In addition, please remember that show shows and other FFA events are family experiences and also an extension of the school grounds when attending as a Central Heights FFA member. Adults are not allowed to consume or have in their possession alcoholic beverages in or around the primary/general areas of the livestock show team, including animal pens. Parents may be asked to leave any Central Heights FFA sponsored event for inappropriate misconduct, aggressive or disrespectful behavior towards advisors, other parents, students, or any behavior that brings discredit to our organization.

Any decisions or instructions made by the Ag Teacher at a school-sponsored show are final. Any concerns should be addressed through the chain of command after we have returned home, not during the livestock show.



Terms, Conditions and Consequences

REMINDER, any terms and conditions are subject to change with Campus and District Administrative approval. All contents of this manual are at the sole discretion of Central Heights ISD. This document will be kept updated and located on the CHISD website. It will be the responsibility of students and parents to utilize the website to obtain and/or refer to the most current version of this document.

The Ag Program reserves the right to remove any animal from a livestock show if any one of the following conditions exists:

- Animal abuse or neglect in any form
- Diseased or infected animals
- Animals that are unsafe to handle
- Students and/or parents failing to observe rules
- Animals not being fed for show purposes
- Student no longer involved in Ag Program
- Student expelled or withdrawn from CHISD
- Student placed in ISS or DAEP
- Student is academically ineligible

Students/Parents violating rules of the program will be subject to the following disciplinary actions.

Students:

1st Offense: Discipline Referral

2nd Offense and Beyond: Skip the next Show

Parents:

1st Offense: Warning

2nd Offense: Meeting with Principal

3rd Offense: Child will skip show

4th Offense: No longer allowed at stalls for the remainder of the school year

Receipt of Central Heights FFA Livestock Show Rules & Guidelines

My student and I accept responsibility for accessing, reading and following the guidelines in the Central Heights ISD FFA Livestock Show Rules & Guidelines.

I understand that the Central Heights ISD FFA Livestock Show Rules & Guidelines and the CHISD Student Code of Conduct and the CHISD Student Handbook 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 the disciplinary consequences outlined in all documents. If I have questions regarding these documents, I should direct those to the principal at my student's school.

Student Name

Campus

Student Signature

Date

Parents Name

Date

Parents Signature

Date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PERMISSION FORM FIELD TRIP & SCHOOL TRAVEL

Club/Organization: **Central Heights FFA**

Sponsor: **Amanda Thompson, Meagan Ezzell and Edward Gibson**

1. The school is responsible for the control of student behavior while attending school or any school related activity on or off campus. This responsibility carries with it the authority to administer punishment for misbehavior.
2. All policies, regulations, and rules approved by the CHISD Board of Trustees will apply on all school-sponsored activities on or off campus.
3. Students who participate in school-sponsored trips shall be required to ride transportation provided by the school to and from the event. Exceptions may be made if the student's parent or guardian requests in writing that the student be allowed to ride with the parent or an adult designated by the parent and presents the request for approval to the principal or sponsor. The District shall not be liable for any injuries that occur to students riding in vehicles that are not provided by the school.
4. If, in the judgment of any representatives of the school, the above student needs immediate care and treatment as a result of any injury or sickness, I do hereby request, authorize, and consent to such care and treatment as may be given to said student by any physician, trainer, nurse, hospital, or school representative; and I do hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the school and any school representative from any claim by any person whomsoever on account of such care and treatment of said student.
5. **RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT** The undersigned, being desirous of using Central Heights ISD/ FFA animal related and mechanical equipment, and facilities does hereby forever release "CH ISD" and all their employees, students, volunteers from any and all cause and causes of action. This shall include personal injury, illness, death, property damage and liability of any kind arising out of use of "operator and volunteer" equipment, facilities, livestock and/or participation in outdoor recreation, handling of livestock and agriculture-related functions. This release shall cover any and all injuries (fatal or non-fatal), all illness, and property damage, which might arise out of use of the "operator and student" equipment, facilities and livestock or participation in outdoor or class time use , recreation, Central Heights ISD and its employees from any and all cost, charges, claims, demands and liabilities arising from the improper or negligent use of "operator" equipment, livestock or facilities. The undersigned agrees that he/she will exercise reasonable care in the use of all equipment, facilities and livestock and will return in the same condition in which it was received or used.
6. This form serves as parental permission for the current school year unless otherwise noted.

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Date _____

Please Print

Student's Name _____

Mother's Name _____ Phone: _____

Father's Name _____ Phone: _____

In case of an accident or serious illness, I request the school to contact me. If the school is unable to contact me, I hereby authorize the school to call the physician indicated below and to follow his/her instructions. If it is impossible to contact this physician, I authorize the school to make whatever arrangements seem necessary and treat my child as needed.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Local Physician's Name _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ Hospital _____

Any known allergies: _____

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FOR ALL AG SCIENCE / FFA MEMBERS STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CHHS AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT CLASSES

Yearly Travel Release & Acknowledgment Form For Central Heights FFA

Amanda Thompson, Meagan Ezzell, Edward Gibson-Advisors

The named student has my permission to attend FFA/Agriculture field trips and /or class/ shop/ greenhouse activities with the Central Heights Agriculture Department throughout the current school year. We authorize the Advisors to publicize achievements/pictures of my child in School related activities on the official FFA web-site/FFA magazine, the Ag Experience Tracker-AET, in the classroom and social media.

- We have read and understand the FFA guidelines-including livestock show rules/FFA, hold harmless agreement, that every student must maintain an SAE and complete their AET record book & journals as a part of their grade in each agriculture course, officer rules and will follow instructions of FFA Advisors.
- I understand the guidelines set forth for text messaging my child and give any and all sponsors/coaches permission to notify my child of relevant information regarding the activities they are participating in during the school year
- I also understand that my child may be handling livestock/animals and agree with the animal handling regulations and hold harmless agreement in this handbook.
- We understand that all the rules and regulations as stated in the school handbook also apply at any school sponsored activity. We understand that the sponsor and chaperones have the right to search handbags or personal belongings for illegal items in order to protect the entire group.

Student Printed Name-Member

Signature

Date

Parent Printed Name

Signature

Date

RETURN THIS PAGE SIGNED