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POLICY **M**ANUAL 2023-2024

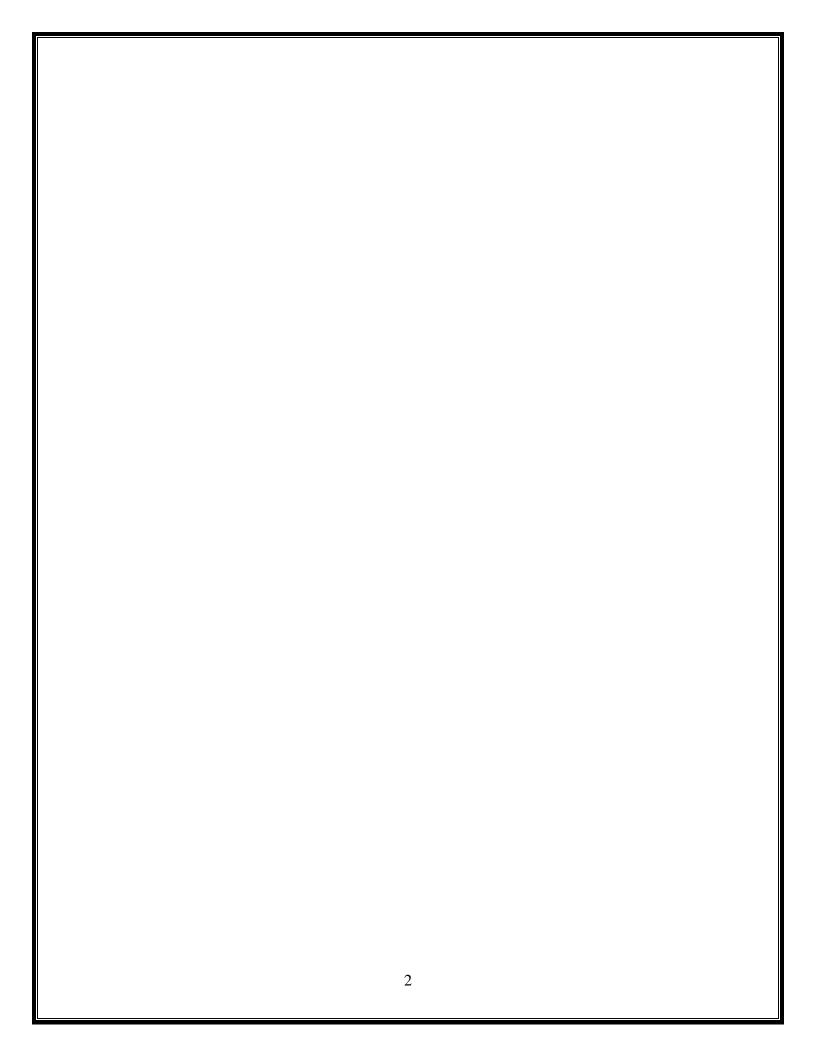


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August 15, 2023



Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year and the Schulenburg FFA and Schulenburg

Agricultural Science Department. It is enlightening to see the new and returning students in our program. This year's program of activities is loaded with a wide array of challenges and activities for your participation.

The Agricultural Science Program consists of three elements, Classroom Instruction,
Supervised Agricultural Experience and the FFA. This is a unique program and we believe it will
be a life-changing experience for you. There are many opportunities for you to develop
leadership skills as well as experience personal growth throughout your participation.

We look forward to each of you attending the plethora of activities and meetings available. It is a great way to make new friends and create camaraderie which will last a lifetime. Remember, as with any endeavor you pursue, you only get out of this organization what you put into it. We are here to offer guidance and support for each of you. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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Amy Hartman ahartman@schulenburgisd.net

Hannah Mulhern hmulhern@schulenburgisd.net

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2023-2024 **S**CHULENBURG **FFA**OFFICER **T**EAM

President: Keaton Walker

1st Vice-President: Riley Zapalac

Secretary: Keeley Warnken

Treasurer: Madyson Holub

Reporter: Kyrroll Prihoda

Sentinel: Haley Schramek

Student Advisor: Bryce Stoever

Historian: Klare Segura

COVID- 19 RESPONSE PLAN

Facecoverings/masks are optional for students at all local FFA events.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA), issued a Public Health Guidance on August 5, 2021. The following information pertains to extracurricular activities

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child
has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19until the conditions
for re-entry are met. See the DSHS rule for more details, including the conditions
for ending the exclusion period and returning to school.

FFA and Jr. FFA members are reminded to be respectful of others as we attend events across the state and nation and follow protocols set forth by the facilities and organizations that are hosting our events.

AWARDS PROGRAM

The Schulenburg FFA Chapter has several award opportunities for members to participate. Each spring, the Schulenburg FFA hosts an Awards Banquet to recognize the achievements of FFA members. Members must complete an application and submit it before the required deadline which will be announced in the spring semester. Applications will be judged by an outside panel of Agricultural Science Teachers. The following awards will be awarded on the chapter level:

1. Outstanding Jr. FFA Member

COMPETITIVE TEAM ACTIVITIES

Career Development Events at Livestock Shows

- Dairy Cattle Judging
- Floriculture
- Horse Evaluation
- Livestock Judging

- Poultry Judging
- Wildlife
- Prepared Public Speaking
- Skillathons

WHEN YOU LOOK GOOD... THE FFA LOOKS GREAT!

FFA Code of Ethics

We will conduct ourselves at all times in order 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 at all times
- 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 for SJLS Sale

Female members should wear:

Black Jeans or Pants White collared blouse Black socks Black or brown boots Jr. FFA Pullover

Male members should wear:

Black pants or slacks White collared shirt Black socks Black or brown boots Jr. FFA Pull Over

CDE Dress for contests

- Buttoned down or Polo type **collared** shirt
- Nice Jeans or Slacks that fit at the waist and are free of fading or holes (no capris or rolled jeans).
- Closed toe shoes are required
- Appropriate caps or hats for the contest

Official Dress for Livestock Shows

- Buttoned down or polo type collared shirt
- Nice Jeans that fit at the waist and are free of fading or holes.
- Closed toe shoes are required NO Tennis Shoes.
- Belt should be worn
- No caps or hats
- Hair should be pulled away from face and look orderly.

In addition to the previous guidelines, the Schulenburg 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.

FFA FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The FFA provides many activities throughout the year that require money. The entry fees for contests, community service projects, the food and refreshments at meetings, animal projects assistance, and supplies for the banquet require a large sum of money. You are asked to participate in whatever fundraising activity that we have. The more money that our group makes, the more activities we can provide to you. Each family is asked to have the first member of the family sell 25 items and 10 for additional family members.

This year, as in the past, we are selling nutritional food products. We will be offering Seitz's fruit, meat and cookie dough. These products will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas orders. These products are also great for selling to large businesses and families for Christmas presents.

In addition, you <u>MUST</u> sell at least 25 items to be eligible to go on the end of the year trip or to exhibit a LIVESTOCK project at the Schulenburg Jr. Livestock Show or Major stock show. Members may enter a "buy out agreement" with the chapter. Members may pay \$5.00 per item they are short of 25 or \$125 to "Buyout" of selling any fall fundraiser items. For every 15 items a student sells, their name will be entered into a raffle for various prizes. <u>Students are only eligible to win 1 of the prizes.</u> <u>Students are only entered for actual items sold. "Buyout" items DO NOT count towards the raffle.</u>

The FFA will also be in charge of the concession stands for all home football games in August and September. We encourage everyone to come and help out at the concession stands. The FFA will also host its annual BBQ chicken dinner in April and run the Hamburger Stand at the Rodeo during the Schulenburg Festival. We need all members and parents to be actively involved in fundraising in order to fund all of our activities throughout the year.

SCHULENBURG FFA POINTS PROGRAM

Outstanding Leadership Awards are given to all members earning **350 POINTS** from the school year. All FFA members who have received 350 points will be able to attend an End of Year field trip with the chapter. In order to attend State FFA Convention in the summer, FFA members must either be on the incoming officer team, receiving an award or have accumulated a minimum of **350 POINTS** from the school year. A deposit will be required to attend State FFA Convention, depending on your number of points.

Chapter Activities

Chapter Meetings 10 points @ Meeting

Ag Mech. Projects (limit 4)

Show Projects (limit 4)

10 points @ SJLS, 15 points @ Major Show

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Jackpot Show (limit 4)

5 points @ Show (must let an Advisor know)

Drive Thru Dinner Shift 15 points @ shift

Chapter Community Service Activity 5 points @ item donated Chapter Community Service Activity 3 points @ hour or shift

Fundraising

Fall Fundraiser 3 points @ item

Concession Stand 20 points @ varsity game, 5 pts per Quarter Concession Stand 10 points @ JV, JH game, 5 pts per half

Drive Thru Dinner Tickets 3 points @ ticket
Other Fundraising 5 points @ hour

<u>Leadership: Includes LDEs, CDEs, Speaking Events, and Ag Science Fair</u>

Invitational Contests 10 points
District Level 15 points
Area Level 20 points

State Level 30 points (per heat or round)

State Level (non Qual.) 20 points

National Level 50 points (per heat or round)

Sweepstakes Award 25 points

Other Activities included are as follows(these points will vary based on activity):

Offices, above local level
Approved Community Service

Awards, above local level
Degree Check

Conventions Special Events, As Announced

**FFA MEMBERS WILL NEED 150 POINTS TO SHOW AND JR. FFA MEMBERS
WILL NEED 100 POINTS TO SHOW(**20 points** MUST COME FROM FOOTBALL
CONCESSIONS)**.

^{*}only students may earn points, unless they are unable to physically be at an event, then a parent may work for their child, this must be PREAPPROVED by advisor*

COMMUNICATION

Good communication is key to a successful chapter. Schulenburg FFA has put several items into place in order to make communication between the Advisors and the members and parents open and easy. We use our chapter's web page, Remind text system, email, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Below is information on how you can connect to each media type or just the ones you use regularly.

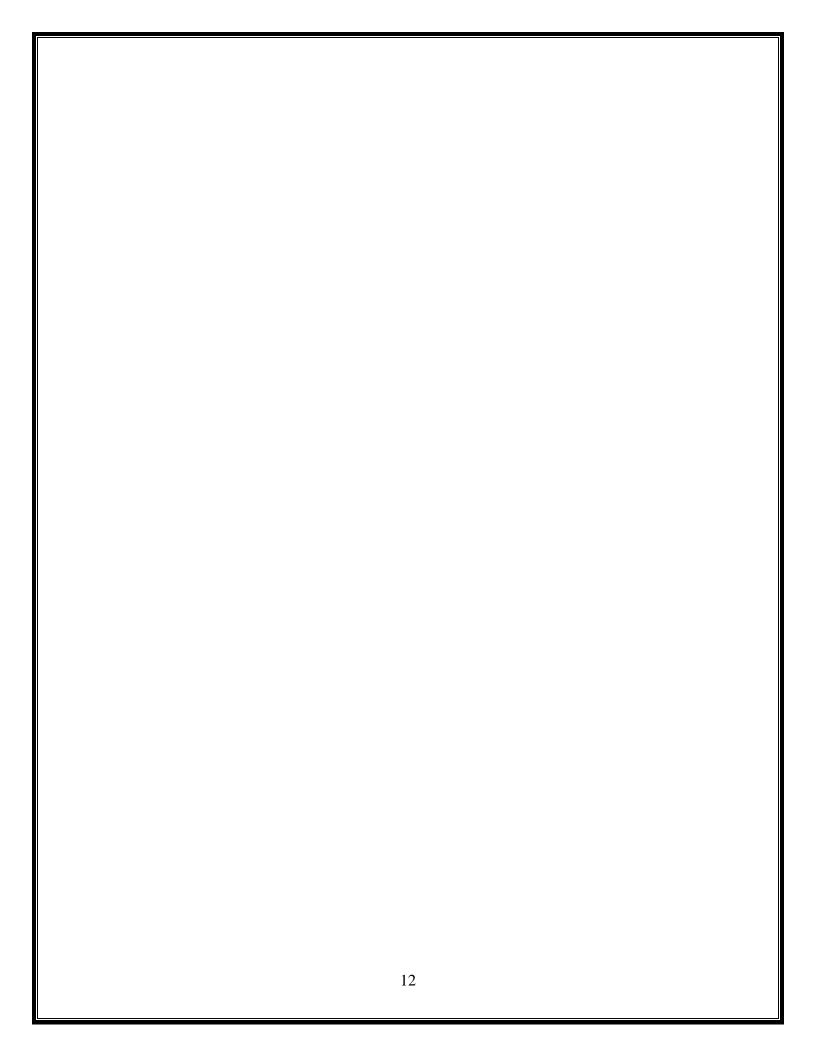
- <u>Email Updates:</u> Mr. Lux sends out email bursts and our newsletters. If you would like to receive email updates from Mr. Lux, please email him (blux@schulenburgisd.net) your name and request to be added to the email list.
- Remind for FFA and Jr. FFA MEMBERS: You can join the Remind group. If you have the Remind App, click "Join a class" and enter the code [ffa0720]. You can also text the class code [@ffa0720] to 81010 to join!
- Remind for PARENTS: Parents please join this group! If you have the Remind App, click "Join a class" and enter the code [0720parent]. You can also text the class code [@0720parent] to 81010 to join!
- <u>Schulenburg FFA's webpage:</u> We try to update weekly or as needed. Most
 information that cannot be found in this manual is available on the webpage. We will be
 working on the web page to make it more user friendly. If you have any questions about
 the web page or suggestions please contact Ms. Hartman
 - (ahartman@schulenburgisd.net)
- What can be found on the Web Page (www.schulenburg.ffanow.org)?
 - Digital copy of this handbook
 - o Forms that FFA members and Jr. FFA members are required to turn in
 - SJLS Updates
 - Information on the Stock show Supporters
 - o Information on the Young Farmers
 - Chapter Calendar

Social Media

- Facebook: search for Schulenburg FFA and "LIKE" the page so that you can receive updates and news.
- Twitter: you can follow us at @schulenburgffa, we will be posting the same information on Twitter that can be found on Facebook
- Instagram: Our user name is schulenburgffa. We will be posting pictures of FFA members throughout the year to highlight our successes.
- We encourage students to post pictures of activities with the hashtags of #schulenburgffa to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Email

- You can reach any of the Ag Teachers at the following email addresses to discuss
 FFA topics or classroom issues.
- blux@schulenburgisd.net
- ahartman@schulenburgisd.net
- hmulhern@schulenburgisd.net



SCHULENBURG FFA HISTORY

Schulenburg FFA was charted October 22, 1930. Throughout the chapter's history, members have been competitive in all aspects of FFA. Schulenburg boasts several state, area and district officers. Members today are continuing to follow in the footsteps of excellence that have lain before them.

FFA DUES

Jr. FFA Dues are \$15.00 per member, which must be paid by October 15th of the current school year. Dues must be paid each year to maintain membership. Once a student is enrolled in an Ag Science Course, they will become FFA members and can work towards degrees, awards and officer positions.

JR. FFA JACKETS

FFA Jackets are purchased by FFA members only. Jr. FFA members will need to obtain a blue pull over jacket through the Schulenburg FFA. Each Schulenburg Jr. FFA member can earn one jacket during their time as a member by selling 25 fall fundraising items. Members will coordinate with Mr. Lux to order a jacket. Jr. FFA members will need a pull over jacket for the Schulenburg Jr Livestock Sale and the annual FFA Banquet.

Useful Links

The following are links to FFA pages and stock shows throughout the state:

FFA

www.schulenburg.ffanow.org
www.area11.ffanow.org
www.texasffa.org
www.ffa.org
www.judgingcard.com
www.theaet.com

Stock Shows

www.bigtex.org
www.fwssr.com
www.sarodeo.com
www.hlsr.com
www.rodeoaustin.com
www.sanangelorodeo.com

Agriculture

www.fb.org www.txfb.org www.weather.com www.usda.gov www.agriculture.com www.agr.state.tx.us www.tpwd.state.tx.us

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

15 First Day of School

24 FB Concession (JV)

25 Fayette County Fair (C. Heifers)

26 Fayette County Fair Commercial Sale

31 Young Farmers Hay Show Auction at

Fayette County Fair

SEPTEMBER

1 FB Concessions (V)

2 Fayette County Fair (Dairy, Goats, Sheep)

3 Fayette County Fair (Heifers)

4 School Holiday

7 FB Concessions (JH, JV)

8 FB Concessions (V)

9 Colorado County Fair Livestock Judging

11 FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting

Supporter Meeting 6:30pm

15 SJLS Broiler Order DUE

15 FB Concessions (V)

23 Washington County Fair Livestock Judging

18 Horizon District Greenhand Meeting

21 FB Concessions (JH, JV)

26 Young Farmer Meeting

XX Area XI Greenhand Camp

OCTOBER

2 SJLS Tag-in 4 to 5:30 pm

<u>6</u> Waller County_Livestock Judging

<u>6</u> Austin County Forage Contest

7 Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Judging

8 HOT Livestock Judging

9 FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting

Supporter Meeting

6:30pm

14 State Fair Dairy Judging

14 Austin County Livestock Judging

15 HLSR Calf Scramble Apps online

16 Jr. FFA Due Deadline

20 Aggiefest LDEs

20 Brazos Valley Fair Livestock Judging

23 Fall Fundraiser Orders and Money Due

24 Young Farmer Meeting

24 Major Show Lamb/Goat Validation-

LaGrange

27 Horizon District LDEs

29 Trick or Treat Around the Track

30 Major Show Heifer Validation -

LaGrange

NOVEMBER

<u>1-4</u> National FFA Convention

<u>6</u> Major Show Sign Up

13 FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting

Supporter Meeting

6:30pm

18 Area XI LDE Blinn – Blinn Brenham

23Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

1-2 State LDEs

8 SJLS Broiler Hatch Date

9 SJLS Pre Show

11 FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting Supporter Meeting 6:30pm

13-14 SJLS Rabbit Tattoo (By appointment)

25 Christmas

JANUARY

8 FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting Supporter Meeting

6:30pm

8-9 SJLS Work Days

12 Elite Conference and Mid-Winter

Conference

Brenham

18-20 Schulenburg Jr. Livestock Show

23 Young Farmer Mtg. 7:00pm Ag Building

26 Klein Invitational CDEs

27-Magnolia West CDEs

FEBRUARY

8 SALE Dairy CDE

9 SALE Wildlife CDE

10 SALE Public Speaking

12 SALE Horse Judging

12 FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting Supporter Meeting 6:30pm

15 SALE Poultry CDE

16 SALE Floriculture CDE

18-24 National FFA Week

19-23 Schulenburg Online CDE

23-25 SALE Ag Mechanics

24 EC Livestock CDE

25 SALE Livestock CDE

26 Seven Lakes CDE

27 Young Farmer Meeting

27 HLSR Dairy Judging

28 HLSR Poultry Judging

MARCH

1 SJLS Record Books Due

1 Taylor Katy FFA CDEs

1 Matagorda County Livestock Judging

1 HLSR Beef Quiz Bowl

2 HLSR Floriculture

3 HLSR Rodeo Cup

4 HLSR Horse Judging

9-10 HLSR Public Speaking

9 HLSR Wildlife CDE

10 HLSR Dining Duets

10-16 SISD Spring Break

11 HLSR Livestock Judging

13 HLSR Ag Product ID

14 Vet Science CDE

15-17 HLSR Ag Mechanics

19 Chapter Officer Applications Available

19 Rodeo Austin Livestock Juding

20 Glen Rose Invitational CDEs

21 TSU Invitational CDEs

23 TAMU Clinics

26 Young Farmer Meeting

28 Katy FFA CDEs

28 Ingram Double Header CDE

31 Easter

APRIL

2 SHSU Invitational CDE

2 Area XI CDEs (SHSU)

3 Area XI Floral/Vet Science CDEs

3 HOT Invitational CDEs

4 Area XI Wildlife Contest

5 Area 10 Dairy Invitational CDE

6 Area XI CDEs (TAMU)

8 FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting Supporter Meeting

6:30pm

9 Chapter Officer Applications Due

10 Area XI CDEs (TSU)

15 Chorus and Convention Media

Application deadline

15 Officer Interviews

16-18 Vote on Officers

17 Horizon District Spring Events

18 Drive Thru Dinner

19-20 State CDE (TECH)

22 State Wildlife Contest

23 Young Farmer Meeting

25 State CDE (TSU)

26 State CDE (SHSU)

27 State CDE (TAMU)

MAY

2 FFA Banquet

3 Area XI Speaking Contests

4 Phase 1 Area XI Officer Elections –

Schulenburg HS

9 Phase 2 Area XI Officer Elections

10 Area XI Convention

14 End of Year Trip (HS)

23 Last Day of School

24 Graduation

JUNE

1-4 State Leadership Conference

4-7 State Degree Check

TBD Area Leadership Conference

25 Horizon District Leadership Conference

JULY

7-13 State Convention – Houston

21-27 Ag Teachers Conference –Dallas

**Dates may be added or changed throughout the year, please ask to be added to the Email list or watch our Facebook, Instagram or Webpage for the most update information on events

School Policies and Producures

The opportunity to participate in the Schulenburg FFA is a privilege extended to SISD students. The member is subject to state law, school district policies, school rules and regulations, the Schulenburg FFA Constitution and By-laws, and University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules. Schulenburg ISD policy governs all trips taken by FFA members. Any student found in violation of these policies will be disciplined accordingly.

No Pass, No Play

Any FFA member or Jr. FFA member that is competing in FFA events or missing school for FFA events MUST be eligible to do so according to UIL rules. The rule of NO PASS, NO PLAY does pertain to FFA activities. You must be passing all of your classes at each 6 eligibility check in order to participate in FFA activities.

DISTRICT DRUG TESTING POLICY

Any FFA member or Jr. FFA member that is competing in FFA events or missing school for FFA events MUST be eligible to do so according to UIL rules. The rule of NO PASS, NO PLAY does pertain to FFA activities. You must be passing all of your classes at each 6 eligibility check in order to participate in FFA activities.

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Participation in the Schulenburg FFA places a student in a position of recognition and often bestows the position of role model upon the member. Any student who elects to accept the privilege of participating in the Schulenburg FFA must recognize that he/she is a representative of the school and district, and will be held to a higher standard of conduct than that applied to the general student body. This applies to school related and non-school related activities.

- Students will follow directions given by Advisors, as well as adult chaperones.
- Students will conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times.
- Students will stay with the group at all times.
- Students will not leave the hotel or site of activity for any reason.
- Students will follow all curfew times. Lights out will be at the discretion of the advisors.
- Students must stay in the room assigned to them.
- Female students will not be allowed in rooms of male students. Male students will not be allowed in rooms of female students.
- Students will wear official dress, except when notified by the Advisors. Schulenburg ISD dress code is in effect at all times.

Violations to these guidelines will not be tolerated

FORMS

The following pages contain forms that need to be returned to the Ag science teachers. If you are going to participate in any FFA activity, we must have the permission slip and emergency information. We also need the website permission form so we may include you picture on the FFA website which is located under the Schulenburg Independent School District website. Finally, the Acknowledgement form indicating you have received the handbook needs to be completed and returned to your Ag science teacher by October 15th or when membership dues are paid.

You can print or email a copy of these forms to any of the three Ag teachers:

- blux@schulenburgisd.net
- ahartman@schulenburgisd.net
- hmulhern@schulenburgisd.net

SCHULENBURG FFA / AGRISCIENCE DEPARTMENT PARENT TRAVEL PERMISSION FORM FACULTY SPONSORS: HANNAH MULHERN, AMY HARTMAN, BRAD LUX

STUDENT:	GRADE LEVEL:
PARENTS' NAME	

The above named student has my consent to travel to and/or from each event participated in by this organization during this school year including all errands and activities related to duties and assignments made to members enrolled in the FFA / AGRISCIENCE CLASS. The mode of transportation will be Schulenburg ISD provided transportation.

- All students must abide by state, district and campus policies at all AGRISCIENCE/FFA sponsored events, whether held during normal school hours, after school hours, or on weekends and holidays.
- I understand that students who violate said policies will be subject to disciplinary consequences in accordance with the STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT, including possible removal from future participation in FFA events.
- 3. I understand that infractions to any of these said policies which include theft, vandalism, and possession of illegal substances will result in notification of parent/guardian and my child being returned to school at the parent's expense with no reimbursement of funds.
- 4. I agree to, and hereby, release Schulenburg Independent School District and its trustees, employees, sponsors and volunteers from all legal responsibility from liability resulting from any activities of this organization, including liability caused by or related to the negligence of any such party.
- 5. I **agree** or **do not agree** (please circle one) to allow my child to swim at any events that swimming opportunities available.
- 6. I **agree or do not agree** (please circle one) to allow my child's name and picture to appear on the Schulenburg FFA web page or other social media accounts or in articles in the newspaper.

This form must be signed and returned to the sponsor before the student will be permitted to participate in any activities of this organization. This Schulenburg FFA & Agricultural Science Department Policy Manual has been published to help your son/daughter gain the greatest possible benefit from his/her agricultural science/FFA experience. The FFA needs your cooperation. It is very important that each FFA member understands the opportunities and regulations outlined in this handbook. Parents are to encourage their son/daughter to abide by all rules or regulations set forth in this manual. Please go over all agreements outlined in this manual and return them to your Ag science teacher. Your signature and that of your child acknowledge the receipt of this FFA Member manual and the agreement to take full advantage of all the opportunities that are available to members.

*PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CIRCLE AN ANSWER ON #5 & #6!

Please complete other side of form!

	PD membership Dues on : Check # or Cash Amount: Advisor:	
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SCHULENBURG FFA EMERGENCY INFORMATION

This form must be completed by the parent/guardian of each member. This form is required of all students in an Ag Science Class. This form must be updated yearly or in the event that any of the information should change. WITHOUT THIS COMPLETED FORM, YOUR CHILD MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FFA ACTIVITIES.

STUDENT'S NAME_____

MAILING ADDRESS	
STATE	ZIP
DATE OF BIRTH	
PARENT/ GUARDIAN'S NAME	
PARENT BEST CONTACT PHONE NUM	1BER:
MOM'S WORK #	DAD'S WORK#
Parent's Email Address	
Name and phone number of relative Parent/guardian is unavailable.	or friend who can be contacted in case of emergency when
NAME	PHONE #
RELATION	
FAMILY DOCTOR	PHONE#
IMMEDIATE CARE AND TREATMENT AUTHORIZE, AND CONSENT SUCH CA MEDICALLY QUALIFIED REPRESENTA	RESENTATIVE OF THE SCHOOL, THE ABOVE STUDENT NEEDS AS A RESULT OF ANY INJURY OR ILLNESS, I DO HEREBY REQUEST, ARE AND TREATMENT AS MAY BE GIVEN SAID STUDENT BY ANY ATIVE. I DO HEREBY, AGREE, TO INDEMIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS RESENTATIVE FROM ANY CLAIM BY ANY SUCH PERSON OF SUCH JDENT.
STUDENT'S SIGNATURE	PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE
Student's Printed Name	Parent/Guardian's Printed Name
 Date	 Date