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POLICY MANUAL

2024-2025

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August 15, 2024

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 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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2024-2025 SCHULENBURG FFA OFFICER TEAM

President: Madyson Walker

Vice-President: Keeley Warnken

Secretary: Kyrroll Prihoda

Treasurer: Kaylee Beyer

Reporter: Haley Schramek

Sentinel: Colton Knigge

Student Advisor: Morgan Steinhauser

Historian: Klare Segura

Horizon District Officer: Kyrroll Prihoda

Area XI Officer: 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-19 until 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 **MUST** 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. **Students are only eligible to win 1 of the prizes.** **Students are only entered for actual items sold. "Buyout" items DO NOT count towards the raffle.**

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 a drive thru 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)	10 points @ SJLS, 15 points @ Major Show
Show Projects (limit 4)	10 points @ SJLS, 15 points @ Major Show
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

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

Leadership: Includes LDEs, CDEs, Speaking Events, and Ag Science Fair

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	Awards, above local level
Approved Community Service	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)**.**

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.

- **Email Updates:** 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!
- **Schulenburg FFA's webpage:** 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
 - Forms that FFA members and Jr. FFA members are required to turn in
 - SJLS Updates
 - Information on the Stock show Supporters
 - 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 chartered 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 \$20.00 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.ffa.org

www.area11.ffa.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

- 13** First Day of School
- 23** Fayette County Fair (C. Heifers)
- 24** Fayette County Fair Commercial Sale
- 29** Young Farmers Hay Show Auction at Fayette County Fair
- 30** FB Concession (V)
- 31** Fayette County Fair (Dairy, Goats, Sheep)

SEPTEMBER

- 1** Fayette County Fair (Heifers)
- 2** School Holiday
- 5** FB Concessions (JV)
- 9** FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting
Supporter Meeting 6:30pm
- 12** FB Concessions (JH, JV)
- 14** Colorado County Fair Livestock Judging
- 15** SJLS Broiler Order DUE
- 16** Horizon District Greenhand Meeting
- 20** FB Concessions (V)
- 21** Washington County Fair Livestock Judging
- 24** Young Farmer Meeting
- 27** FB Concessions (V)

OCTOBER

- 4** Waller County Livestock Judging
- 5** Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Judging
- 6** HOT Livestock Judging
- 7** SJLS Tag-in 4 to 5:30 pm
- 7** SFT Livestock Judging

11 Austin County Forage Contest

- 12** State Fair Dairy Judging
- 12** Austin County Livestock Judging
- 14** FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting
Supporter Meeting
6:30pm
- 15** HLSR Calf Scramble Apps online
- 15** Area XI Greenhand Camp
- 15** Jr. FFA Due Deadline
- 16** Young Florist of Texas - Caldwell
- 18** Brazos Valley Fair Livestock Judging
- 22** Fall Fundraiser Orders and Money Due
- 22** Young Farmer Meeting
- 22** Major Show Lamb/Goat Validation-
LaGrange
- 23-26** National FFA Convention
- 27** Trick or Treat Around the Track
- 29** Major Show Heifer Validation -
LaGrange

NOVEMBER

- 1** Horizon District LDEs
- 2** Aggiefest
- 4** Major Show Sign Up
- 11** FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting
Supporter Meeting
6:30pm
- 23** Area XI LDE Blinn – Blinn Brenham

DECEMBER

- 6-7** State LDEs
- 9** FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting Supporter Meeting
6:30pm
- 11** SJLS Rabbit Tattoo (By appointment)
- 13** SJLS Broiler Hatch Date
- 14** SJLS Pre Show

JANUARY

- 10** Elite Conference and Mid-Winter
Conference - Brenham
- 13** FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting Supporter Meeting
6:30pm
- 13-14** SJLS Work Days
- 23-25** Schulenburg Jr. Livestock Show
- 28** Young Farmer Mtg. 7:00pm Ag Building

FEBRUARY

- 6** SALE Dairy CDE
- 7** SALE Wildlife CDE
- 8** SALE Public Speaking
- 10** SALE Horse Judging
- 10** FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting Supporter Meeting
6:30pm
- 13** SALE Poultry CDE
- 14** SALE Floriculture CDE
- 15-22** National FFA Week
- 17-21** Schulenburg Online CDE
- 23** SALE Livestock CDE
- 24** Seven Lakes CDE
- 25** Young Farmer Meeting
- 27** Waller FFA Livestock Judging

MARCH

1 SJLS Record Books Due
5 HLSR Poultry Judging
8 HLSR Floriculture
9 HLSR Rodeo Cup
10 HLSR Horse Judging
10-14 SISD Spring Break
15 HLSR Wildlife CDE
15-16 HLSR Public Speaking
16 HLSR Dining Duets
17 HLSR Livestock Judging
18 Chapter Officer Applications Available
20 HLSR Vet Science CDE
25 Rodeo Austin Livestock Judging
25 Young Farmer Meeting
26 Glen Rose Invitational CDEs
27 TSU Invitational CDEs
28 Rodeo Austin Poultry Judging
29 TAMU Clinics
XX Taylor Katy FFA CDEs
XX Matagorda County Livestock Judging
XX HLSR Dairy Judging
XX Katy FFA CDEs

APRIL

1 Area XI Wildlife Contest
2 HOT Invitational CDEs
2 Hill County Spring Judging
4 Chapter Officer Applications Due
7 Drive Thru Dinner
9 Area XI CDEs (TSU)
10 SHSU Invitational CDE

10 Area XI CDEs (SHSU)

11 Area 10 Dairy Invitational CDE
12 Area XI CDEs (TAMU)
14 FFA/Jr. FFA Meeting Supporter Meeting
6:30pm
14 Horizon District Spring Events
15 Chorus and Convention Media
Application deadline
20 Easter
22 Young Farmer Meeting
24 State CDE (TSU)
25 State CDE (SHSU)
26 State CDE (TAMU)
28 State Wildlife Contest

MAY

2 FFA Banquet
2-3 State CDE (TECH)
9 Area XI Speaking Contests
10 Phase 1 Area XI Officer Elections –
Schulenburg HS
13 End of Year Trip (HS)
15 Phase 2 Area XI Officer Elections
16 Area XI Convention
22 Last Day of School
23 Graduation
29-31 State Leadership Conference

JUNE

2-6 State Degree Check
XX Area Leadership Conference
XX Horizon District Leadership Conference
30 State Convention – Fort Worth

JULY

1-4 State Convention – Fort Worth
21-25 Ag Teachers Conference –Corpus
Christi

*****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 PROCEDURES

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 your 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.

1. 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.
2. 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!

Schulenburg Jr. FFA Emergency Information

This form must be completed by the parent/guardian of each member. 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 JR. FFA ACTIVITIES.**

STUDENT'S NAME _____ GRADE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S
NAME _____

CELL PHONE # _____ PARENTS HOME # _____

MOM'S WORK # _____ DAD'S WORK# _____

Parent's Email Address _____

Name and phone number of relative or friend who can be contacted in case of emergency when Parent/guardian is unavailable.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

RELATION _____

FAMILY DOCTOR _____ PHONE# _____

IF, IN THE JUDGEMENT OF ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCHOOL, THE ABOVE STUDENT NEEDS IMMEDIATE CARE AND TREATMENT AS A RESULT OF ANY INJURY OR ILLNESS, I DO HEREBY REQUEST, AUTHORIZE, AND CONSENT SUCH CARE AND TREATMENT AS MAY BE GIVEN SAID STUDENT BY ANY MEDICALLY QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE. I DO HEREBY, AGREE, TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE SCHOOL AND ANY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE FROM ANY CLAIM BY ANY SUCH PERSON OF SUCH CARE AND TREATMENT OF SAID STUDENT.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

Student's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Date

Date

Paid Jr. FFA membership Dues on : _____

Check # _____ or Cash Amount: _____

Advisor: _____