

ALPINE FFA HANDBOOK



2023-2024

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Alpine FFA

Purpose

- Alpine FFA helps student members grow into productive and successful citizens. The FFA advisor will help instill the values of teamwork, competition, dedication, commitment, work ethic and goal setting into each of our students.
- FFA is an extracurricular activity that is a privilege, not a right. Our students will be leaders in the classroom and the community, as well as during competition. As a result, the FFA members are to be held to higher standards and will represent our school system and community in a positive manner. Our members will not do anything that will embarrass their school, chapter, family, community or themselves.

Structure

- 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 November. 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 such as plant and animal sciences, horticulture, forestry, agri-marketing, etc.; hands-on supervised agricultural career experience such as starting a business or working for an established company; and FFA, which provides leadership opportunities and tests students' agricultural skills.

FFA Dues

Annual Alpine FFA dues are \$30.00. This includes dues for Local, District, Area 2, Texas FFA Association, 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 participate in activities.

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, and do not, "just belong".

~ Author Unknown

The FFA CREED

by E.M. Tiffany

- 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 the 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 an 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 at all times in order to be a credit to our organization, chapter, school and community by:

- Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion is imperative. Any dress code infraction will result in students not being allowed to participate in FFA activities.

★ Males:

- No facial hair allowed. Sideburns will be above the earlobe. Hair must be a natural color and kept neatly trimmed and presentable. No braids, mohawks, pony tails, or buns of any kind.
- No designs may be in hair or eyebrows
- Piercings of any kind will not be allowed.
- Tattoos must be covered at all times.
- Jeans/pants must be free of holes, rips and/or tears when dressed for travel and/or competition.

★ Females

- Earring piercings ONLY will be allowed . No one will be allowed any other piercings. Piercings will not be allowed to be covered with a band-aid or any type of covering. This also includes belly button piercings that could be covered with a t-shirt while swimming.
- Hair must be a natural color and kept neatly trimmed and presentable.
- No designs may be in hair or eyebrows
- Tattoos must be covered at all times.
- Jeans/pants must be free of holes, rips and/or tears when dressed for travel and/or competition

- 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

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 will wear:

White collared blouse
Black skirt – hem below the knee
Official FFA Scarf
Black Nylon hosiery
Black Shoes (low top dress shoes)
No boots, Toms, open-toed/heel
or tennis shoes
No caps
Official FFA Jacket – zipped to top

Male members will wear:

White collared shirt
Black pants or slacks
Official FFA Tie
Black socks
Black dress shoes or black boots
No open-toed/heel or tennis shoes
or tennis shoes
No caps
Official FFA Jacket – zipped to top

How to Wear Awards

- Chapter degree, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket.
- State FFA Degree or American Degree keys should be worn above the name on the right side of the jacket or attached to a standard key chain.
- No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent the highest degree earned, highest office held and the highest award earned.

Proper Use of the FFA Jacket

- The jacket is to be worn only by members.
- The jacket should be kept clean and neat.
- The back of the jacket should have only a large official FFA emblem, the name of the state and the name of the local chapter, region, district or area. The front of the jacket should have only a small official FFA emblem, the name of the individual, one office or honor and the year of that office or honor.
- The jacket should be worn on official occasions with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned.
- The jacket should be worn by members and officers on all official FFA occasions, as well as other occasions where the chapter or state association is represented. It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.
- The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.
- School letters and insignia of other organizations should not be attached to or worn on the jacket.

- When the jacket becomes faded and worn, it should be discarded or the emblems and lettering removed.
- The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a non-member.
- A member should act professionally when wearing the FFA jacket.
- Members should refrain from use of tobacco and alcohol when underage at all times when representing the FFA. In addition, members should exhibit their leadership qualities when they encounter substances including tobacco and alcohol and serve to discourage others from inappropriate behavior.
- All chapter degree, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket, with the exception that a single State FFA Degree charm or American FFA Degree key should be worn above the name or attached to a standard key chain. No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent the highest degree earned, the highest office held and the highest award earned by the member. No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket.

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)

Dress for the Show Ring

- 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 should be worn
- No Caps or Hats
- Hair should be pulled away from the face and look orderly.

In addition to the previous guidelines, the Alpine ISD Student Dress Code is in effect at all FFA activities and competitions.

FFA Team Events

The Alpine FFA is dedicated to teaching members how to work with other people and the value of teamwork. It is through competition in leadership, judging and curriculum events that we develop these qualities in our members. We encourage all members to try-out and participate in these teams. (Students must be enrolled in at least one Ag Science class during the school year in order to participate in the leadership and judging teams. This is a State FFA rule.)

Leadership Events (LDE) (Fall)

Creed Speaking (Jr.& Sr.)

Chapter Conducting (Jr.& Sr.)

FFA Radio Broadcasting

Job Interview

FFA Quiz (Jr.& Sr.)

Public Relations

Ag Advocacy

FFA Skills (Jr. & Sr.)

Judging Events (CDE) (Spring)

Livestock

Horse

Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) year round

Activities

One of the most important functions of the FFA is to develop leadership in our members. Here are a number of opportunities for members to meet other FFA members from across the state and practice good leadership skills. These camps and conferences offer workshops that focus on goal settings, speaking, and people skills.

Area Convention

Area Leadership Camp

State Convention

State Leadership Camp (Area and State Officers)

National FFA Convention

Alpine FFA Alumni

- The mission of the Alpine FFA Alumni 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 to the Alpine FFA Alumni is \$10.
- Prior membership in the FFA is not a requirement for membership in the Alpine FFA Alumni; anyone wanting to support the FFA, agricultural education and the future of agriculture is welcome.

Big Bend Livestock Show Association

The purpose of the Big Bend Livestock Show Association is to establish and maintain a friendly spirit between members of the Association by a friendly exchange of information and ideas on all subjects pertaining to livestock, poultry and their products. Please review BBLSA rules and regulations prior to show season, and be familiar with eligibility requirements.

School Policy and Guidelines

Members of Alpine FFA will adhere to all the rules and policies of the Alpine I.S.D. student handbook and the student code of conduct. There may be extra rules implemented by the FFA chapter that are more stringent than that of the A.I.S.D handbook.

Information

The following policies and guidelines apply to the Alpine ISD Agricultural Department and Alpine ISD FFA Chapters. 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, and violations of the AISD student code of conduct or major breaches of the FFA code of ethics.

The Ag Science teacher reserves the right to amend these guidelines as necessary. This document will be kept updated and located on the AISD 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

Alpine 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-FFAManual.aspx>

Member in Good Standing

- All FFA members will maintain a status of “good standing.” The term “good standing” shall be understood to include meeting all deadlines, volunteer service, adhering to school rules, code of conduct, and chapter bylaws.
- Members who do not remain in good standing will face consequences decided upon by the Ag Science teacher and the campus administrator.
- Any member who is not in good standing will not be permitted to travel on any overnight trips with the chapter.
- A senior who is not in good standing will not be given nor wear an FFA cord at graduation. Seniors must remain in good standing until the graduation ceremony begins.
- Any member who receives an assignment to DAEP will forfeit the status of good standing.

Respect

FFA members will address all elders with respect. Consequences will be determined by Chapter Advisor.

General Expectations

Access to Alpine ISD Ag Barn Facility:

To protect the safety and security of AISD students and animal projects, only individuals with direct connection to a Alpine FFA student will be granted permission to access the facility.

Open Communications

Please maintain open communication with your Ag Science teacher regarding your participation in the program. Every effort will be made to ensure consistent communication with everyone in the program. First and foremost the goal is to make sure the students have a positive learning experience, and it is encouraged that you bring any situations or problems that are negatively impacting our students through the proper chain of command. Gossip and assumptions can be very negative and it is encouraged for everyone to avoid both.

Misconduct

Any infraction of district rules, policies or guidelines as set forth in the AISD Student Code of Conduct, AISD Student Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Contract, and/or the Alpine FFA 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 the Ag Science teacher for determining consequences for inappropriate behavior.

NO Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

Use of illegal substances of any kind by an FFA member will not be tolerated.

We are not in the business of listening to hearsay or gossip. We will enforce this policy based on citation or arrest by law enforcement, or any act witnessed by a school employee or administrator. This policy is in effect from August 1 until July 31 each year. All incidences that are brought before the advisor or administrators will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken. The Alpine FFA will adhere to the Alpine ISD Extracurricular Drug Testing Policy.

Theft

Theft of any kind by an FFA member will not be tolerated.

We will enforce this policy based on citation or arrest by law enforcement, or any act witnessed by a school employee or administrator. This policy is in effect from August 1

until July 31 each year. All incidences that are brought before the advisor or administrators will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken.

The consequence will be determined by the FFA advisor and the A.I.S.D. administration. The consequence will be, but not limited to, a member not being able to hold any office at the chapter level or above.

Computer Use and Social Media

Social Media: Any negative public comments (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat etc.) may result in removal from the barn and/or the program pending any possible disruption to the school setting. This decision shall be made by Agriculture Science Teachers and Campus Administration.

Netiquette

- Members should always use the Internet, network resources, and online sites in a courteous and respectful manner.
- Members should also recognize that among the valuable content online is unverified, incorrect, or inappropriate content. Users should use trusted sources when conducting research via the Internet.
- Members should also remember not to post anything online that they wouldn't want parents, teachers, or future colleges or employers to see. Once something is online, it's out there—and can sometimes be shared and spread in ways you never intended. **If any type of social media is used inappropriately, the member is subject to disciplinary action by the advisor which may or may not include dismissal from the chapter.**

Personal Safety

- If you see a message, comment, image, or anything else online that makes you concerned for your personal safety, bring it to the attention of an adult (teacher or staff if you're at school; parent if you're using the device at home) immediately.
- Users should never share personal information, including phone number, address, social security number, birthday, or financial information, over the Internet without adult permission.
- Users should recognize that communicating over the Internet brings anonymity and associated risks, and should carefully safeguard the personal information of themselves and others.

Cyberbullying

- Cyberbullying will not be tolerated. Harassing, dissing, flaming, denigrating, impersonating, outing, tricking, excluding, and cyberstalking are all examples of cyberbullying. Don't be mean. Don't send emails or post comments with the intent of scaring, hurting, or intimidating someone else.
- Engaging in these behaviors, or any online activities intended to harm (physically or emotionally) another person, will result in severe disciplinary action and loss of privileges. In some cases, cyberbullying can be a crime. Remember that your activities are monitored and retained by others.

Earning a Letter

FFA Letter Jacket/Letter Program Students of Alpine FFA may earn a letter jacket or a letter in FFA. A student may earn a letter jacket or letter by meeting the following criteria:

1. Have a minimum of 3 semesters of FFA membership
2. Accumulate a minimum of 200 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
Invitational contests	10 points/activity
Volunteer Service activity	10 points/activity
CDE/LDE practices	10 points for perfect attendance

*(before/after school practices)

SAE project: 1 project/year 25 points (Students with multiple projects can only count once)

Alpine Junior FFA

- Jr. FFA membership is open to Alpine ISD students in grades 3-8. Dues for Jr. members will be \$25.00.
- Joining the Jr. FFA allows the member to participate in local meetings as well as showing at major stock shows under the supervision of the Alpine Independent School District Agriculture Teachers.
- Jr. FFA members are not enrolled in a high school Agriculture class and are not allowed to participate in LDE's or CDE's.
- Jr. FFA students and parents will participate in all fundraising activities as deemed necessary by the Ag Science teacher. Jr. FFA members/parents who do not participate in fundraising activities or adhere to all rules and stipulations may be dismissed from the program.
- Jr. FFA members will attend the annual FFA banquet or will not be allowed in the program the following year.

Facilities Care and Respect

- We have been provided very nice and very expensive facilities and equipment. If you choose to keep your animal(s) at the Alpine ISD Ag Barn Facility or to use Alpine ISD equipment (clippers, pens, etc.), you need to respect and take care of it.
- Persons responsible for intentional damage/vandalism (to the property or equipment of the facility, district or other students) will be held financially responsible for repair of the damage, disciplinary actions will be taken, and project removal from the barn will occur.

AISD Equipment

- Any equipment owned by Alpine ISD is to be used by AISD Ag Science teachers or under the direct supervision of AISD Ag Science teacher. Equipment is not to leave the Ag Barn facilities unless being used by the Ag Science teacher or a student/parent has been granted permission to use the equipment off site. This may include but is not limited to: show boxes, fans, stall set-ups, blowers, hoses, dividers, pig boards, trim tables, chutes, trailers, cages etc.
- Trailers and cages will be used for school activities only.
- Trailers and cages may be used by non-school personnel but must be checked out before being used. Trailers must be returned in the same condition as when checked out. Any problems arising during use will be the responsibility of the person using the trailer or cage.

Animal Selection

- All projects kept at the Ag Barn facility must be approved by the Ag Science teacher. If a student wishes to select their own animal they must receive pre-approval from the Ag Science teacher. This will be allowed only under certain circumstances and is up to the Ag Science teacher's discretion. If you wish to keep your project at an outside location, approval and a signed agreement between the parent/student and Ag Science teacher must be made.
- NO PROJECT will be shown under the Alpine FFA chapter without the consent of the Ag Science teacher

Outstanding Debts

All outstanding debts, i.e., vet bills, feed bills, etc. incurred by the student in the raising of the project must be paid before the instructors can release payment from the sale of the project.

AISD Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct

The AISD Agriculture Science Ag Barn Facility is an extension of Alpine ISD; therefore, all rules and regulations found in the AISD student handbook, and the Student Code of Conduct apply. This includes during the summer months, holidays and weekends.

Project Management

- The animal Supervised Ag Experience Project (SAEP) is the student's responsibility. All project management decisions will be made by the student/parent in cooperation with the supervising Ag Science teacher.
- The Ag Science teacher will closely monitor all show rules. Ethical treatment of projects is required at all times and rule violations will not be tolerated. Any unethical treatment to an animal will result in immediate removal of the student from the Alpine FFA program. This includes animals kept at the Ag. Barn as well as animals kept at other locations.
- The student's Agricultural Science teacher must approve all projects before purchase including personally owned animals.
- The instructor must be actively involved in the selection process, or the project may not be eligible for the following:
 - to participate in livestock shows sponsored by Alpine FFA.
 - to be housed at the Alpine ISD Ag barn facility.
 - to be affiliated with any Alpine FFA program.

Alpine Independent School District Livestock Show Rules & Guidelines:

- All entry forms for Alpine FFA sponsored shows will be filled out at the Major Livestock Show Meeting. The date and time of this meeting will be announced through email. It is the parent's responsibility to fulfill this obligation.
- Membership on the Alpine FFA Show Team is considered a privilege; therefore the following rules must be followed. Any Alpine 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 the Alpine Independent School District and therefore all participating students must be actively enrolled in a AISD school to participate.
- 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 the Director of CTE.
- All students selling an animal at the local or state level are required to write thank you notes to the donors. Students will not receive their checks until all thank you notes are written and approved by the Ag Science teacher. If the thank you notes are not in by the deadline the student will not be in good standing with the chapter and they will be held a day longer for every day that the deadline is missed.
- The stock show experience is fast-paced and requires a lot of hard work on the part of everyone involved. To have a successful, positive experience, everyone must work as a team.

General Expectations

- All students are expected to follow the Alpine ISD student code of conduct and any co-curricular or extracurricular guidelines set forth by Alpine ISD.
- All students showing with the Alpine ISD FFA are expected to follow the rules and guidelines of the major stock shows. All shows provide a catalog/guidelines

book via their website. Should you violate a rule, you will be subject to the consequences.

- All Alpine ISD policies regarding travel, transportation and student behavior will be enforced.
- Everyone is expected to work as a team to load and unload animals, set-up and tear-down pens, weigh animals, etc. Alpine ISD FFA works as a team to encourage and help one another, which means you are expected to watch the other students show, etc. We will travel as a group as much as possible and work together to make it a positive experience for all the students. If there are extenuating circumstances where you cannot work with other FFA members, please communicate with the sponsoring Ag science teacher.
- All animals must be validated and all validation rules must be followed.
- All species will pen together at major shows. Meaning your animal will be penned with Alpine ISD 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 the Ag Science teacher. No student will have part of the pen assignments. Animals will be penned accordingly for ease of show and ease of unloading/loading.
- Payment for stock show entries is expected at the time of registration. Your registration will not be submitted until payment is made. A Major Show deadline for all species will be announced, this is mandatory for you to attend and all payment and paperwork is to be completed at this time or the student will not be entered for the show(s).

Other:

- An exhibitor or a member of the exhibitor's family must be present to load animals before leaving for a show.
- Students are expected to perform duties at the livestock show. This includes but is not limited to set-up, cleanup, etc. as set forth by Ag Science teacher.
- Parents/students may be asked to leave any AISD 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.
- Students who choose to attend livestock shows outside of the designated school shows must follow all Alpine ISD FFA, and show team guidelines as they still represent our organization. Any decisions or instructions made by the Ag Science teacher at a school-sponsored show are final. Any concerns should be addressed through the chain of command prior to leaving for an event or upon immediate return following an event.
- Any visitor accompanying a Alpine Independent School District FFA student and/or parent and attending a Alpine ISD sponsored event or activity, must adhere to appropriate conduct outlined in this document.

Parent Responsibility and Expectations

Alpine ISD and campus administration reserve the right for discretionary interpretation of the contents in this guide. Any disciplinary action or violation of this document will

be at the sole discretion of Alpine ISD and campus administration.

Parent Responsibilities

Your assistance as a parent of the livestock show team is very important and valued. To help promote teamwork, good showmanship and success the following must be adhered to:

- Review show team guidelines, show rules, and contents of the Alpine FFA handbook with your child frequently.
- Ensure your child accurately completes and turns in all registration paperwork and other required forms on time.
- Support the decisions and instructions given by FFA advisors, 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 student is on time to all required meetings and that they follow all show team contract guidelines.
- All animals must be validated and all validation rules must be followed. It is the responsibility of the parents to check the accuracy of the validation.
- Use of alcoholic beverages is forbidden on school property, including the Alpine ISD Ag barn facility. In addition, please remember that stock shows and other FFA events are family experiences and also an extension of school grounds when attending under Alpine ISD FFA. 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/students may be asked to leave any Alpine 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 Science teacher at a school-sponsored show are final. Any concerns should be addressed through the chain of command prior to leaving for an event or upon immediate return following an event.

Terms, Conditions and Consequences:

REMINDER: ALL terms and conditions are subject to change. The contents of this manual are at the sole discretion of campus administration and the Director of CTE. This document will be kept updated and located on the AISD district website. It will be the responsibility of students and parents to utilize the district website to obtain and/or refer to the most current version of this document.

The Agriculture Program reserves the right to remove any animal from the facilities 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 is no longer involved in the program
- Student expelled or withdrawn from AISD
- Student Placed in DAEP (Alternative Education Program)

If the student fails to abide by any of the above-mentioned rules or guidelines set forth in this document and other Alpine ISD district policy, actions will be taken to remove the animal and/or ban any future Agriculture facility privileges. The student is subject to disciplinary action for failure to comply with these rules/guidelines.

FFA Activity Fund Procedure

The Alpine FFA Chapter will be implementing new regulations regarding the payment of expenses related to travel for various events and functions. This will apply to camps, conventions, banquets, stock shows and any fees incurred in the daily operations of the chapter.

Each student will have the opportunity to participate in fundraising activities. A record of the total amount of profit generated by each student will be kept. The amount of money each student can spend out of the activity account will be determined by the amount of money that student has generated through fundraising activities.

If a student wishes to spend more money than they have accumulated, then they will be responsible for the difference. This will mainly affect motel rooms for stock show travel. Each student's motel rooms will be paid for based on the amount of money that student has accumulated through fundraising. If a student has not raised enough money to cover the entire cost of the motel rooms for each event, then the student or their parents will be responsible for the remainder of the costs.

Camps and convention registration fees will fall under the same rules.

Degrees of Membership

- Greenhand Degree
This is typically the first degree the freshman year. The following
- Chapter Farmer Degree
- State Degree (Lone Star Farmer Degree)

Remember that it is an **honor** to wear the blue corduroy jacket and the official dress representing the legacy of the FFA. Wear it properly - and with pride

Officer Progression

- Officer progression is Chapter Officer, District Officer, Area Officer, State Officer, and National Officer.
- Students in grades 10-12 may serve as a chapter officer.
- District officers may be students in grades 10-12.
- Students may serve as an area officer during their senior year.
- Students may serve as state officers during their first or second year post graduation.
- Students may hold only one office above the chapter level and still may serve as a chapter officer. Students may serve as a chapter and district officer multiple years. Students may serve as an area and state officer only one year each.

Disclaimer:

The Alpine FFA policy does not cover all situations that may arise. It serves as a guideline for the expectations of an FFA member's behavior. All final interpretations of this policy are to be made by the FFA Advisor.

What is FFA? (FAQs)

1. What is FFA?

FFA is a dynamic student-led leadership development organization for students of agricultural education. The FFA changes lives and prepares students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

2. What does F-F-A stand for?

F-F-A stands for Future Farmers of America, which is the official name of the organization, but we don't use the full name and instead operate as the "FFA" because Future Farmers of America implies that we are all preparing to be farmers. Agriculture is much broader than farming and ranching. Members study things such as horticulture, aquaculture, food sciences, accounting, wildlife management, mechanics and engineering.

3. Are FFA members going to be farmers?

Yes and No. Agriculture is a very broad field of study. Members study things like landscaping, floriculture, animal science, computer applications, accounting, environmental science, mechanics and engineering. Regardless of an FFA member's career choice, the FFA provides opportunities to build and apply math, science, technology and leadership skills to their life.

4. What is the difference between 4-H and FFA?

We do many of the same things and have lots in common. The 4-H is part of the cooperative extension service and is coordinated by local extension agents through county government and by volunteers. 4-H is not limited to agriculture, but takes in things like family and consumer sciences and other areas as well. The FFA is an integral part of the school's agricultural science program. Each local program is led by an agricultural science teacher who works for the school. FFA members apply what they learn in the classroom in FFA activities through school activities.

5. Are there any jobs in agriculture?

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, at least 22 million people in the United States work in one of over 300 careers that exist in the field of agriculture. While most people think of farming when the word agriculture is mentioned, there are agriculture-related jobs in veterinary science, marketing, food processing, retail sales and timber harvesting. It is estimated that one in five people in the U.S. work in agriculture-related jobs.

6. How old do kids have to be to be in FFA?

It depends on your local school district- at what grade level agricultural science courses are offered. The earliest any school district can offer these classes is the seventh grade level. Some local chapters have a junior FFA program to allow younger students to affiliate themselves with the local chapter to exhibit livestock. Students must be at least eight years old and in the third grade to participate in the junior FFA.

7. Does everyone have to raise a cow or pig in FFA?

No. Every FFA member must have a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program. An SAE is a project or enterprise that gives members hands-on training and a chance to apply what is learned in the classroom. Livestock projects are very popular, but there are many options: placement in an agricultural job, internships, experimental work in agriscience, horticultural projects and crop projects are just a few.

8. Do you have to be a cowboy to be in FFA?

Western wear is popular among many FFA members, but is definitely not a requirement. FFA members come with all kinds of styles and interests. From big cities like Houston and San Antonio to small towns all across Texas, what brings FFA members together is their interest in agriculture, leadership and community service.

9. What's up with the blue corduroy jacket?

The blue corduroy jacket was adopted as the official dress after the Fredericktown, Ohio chapter had the blue jackets made for their local chapter in 1933 and came to the National FFA convention wearing them. The delegates at that convention voted to make that the official jacket, and they have been part of the official uniform ever since.

10. I owned an FFA jacket at one time and would like to purchase another. Is this possible?

Yes. All such purchases may be made through the National FFA Organization's supply service--FFA Unlimited. This contact may be made by sending an inquiry to ffaunlimited@ffa.org or calling the National FFA Center main number, 317-802-6060, and asking for the supply service. Purchase of replacement jackets by former members must be approved by the State FFA Advisor. Approval is contingent on the verification of previous membership and on the agreement by the purchaser that the jacket is being purchased for display purposes only--not to be worn.

11. How many members are in the Texas FFA?

Texas FFA is proud to have one of the largest state memberships within the National FFA Organization. Texas FFA membership has steadily grown toward a new membership record with over 130,000 members in 2021-2022.

ALPINE FFA

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. GENERAL

The name of the organization shall be the "Alpine FFA Chapter". This chapter shall abide by the rules and regulations in the constitution and by-laws found in the latest edition of the National Official FFA Manual.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

1. The officers of this chapter will be as follows; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. The officers shall perform the duties of their offices as described in the National Official FFA Manual.
2. To hold an office in the Alpine FFA Chapter, the officer must be enrolled in an agricultural science class both semesters of the year that the office is being held. Failure to do so will result in the officer relinquishing that office.
3. Officers will be selected based on the following criteria.
 - A. Current year involvement.
 - B. Ranking by outgoing Sr. Officers (1 – 6 point basis in order of precedence as stated in the manual)
 - C. Popular vote of Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior FFA members. Each member gets 2 votes. (Graduating seniors do not get a vote)
 - D. In the event of a tie; runoff will be decided on a 1 vote per member basis and will include the Sr. officer ranking for each candidate in the runoff.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:
 - A. The member is expected to attend local chapter meetings while enrolled in the school where the local chapter is established.
 - B. The member shows an interest in and takes part in the affairs of the chapter.
 - C. In order to benefit from Chapter funds, members must be active in fundraising projects.
 - D. The member must pay current National, State, Area, District and local dues regularly and acts in a manner

consistent with the ideas of the organization.

E. Members must be enrolled in an agricultural science course to maintain membership.

F. Membership and all privileges there of may be revoked immediately by officers and advisors if a student conducts himself/herself inappropriately while participating in any FFA activity so as to bring disgrace to this chapter.

2. Honorary Chapter FFA Degrees may be confirmed each year.

ARTICLE IV. ANNUAL CHAPTER AWARDS GIVEN AT PARENT /MEMBER BANQUET

1. Certificates of merit will be given to members for outstanding performance in the various phases of agriculture career and technology work.
2. Eight major awards shall be given to a male and female; Outstanding Freshman (Star Greenhand), Outstanding Sophomore (Star Chapter Farmer), Outstanding Junior, Outstanding Senior.
 - a. Awards will be based upon Student involvement in FFA activities. Students will need to participate in at least 3 of the following events:
 - i. LDE Contests
 - ii. SAE Project
 - iii. CDE Contests
 - iv. Area II Leadership Camp
 - v. Area II Convention
 - vi. State FFA Convention

ARTICLE V. CONVENTIONS

1. Alpine FFA shall attend the District 1, Area 2, and State FFA Conventions.
2. Attendees will be selected from the active membership.
3. State convention attendees must serve in some capacity at the convention to attend or be an award recipient or a participant in some form of competition at the convention. Graduating seniors may attend the convention only if they are receiving an award or participating in a contest or running for a state office.
4. All members wishing to attend the State convention must fill out an application.
5. Attendees will be selected on the following criteria but not limited to.
 - A. Grade eligibility
 - B. Leadership Development Participation
 - C. Career Development Participation
 - D. Stock Show Participation
 - E. Other School Involvement
6. Attendees Responsibilities:

- A. Attend all sessions of the convention.
- B. Attendee must wear official dress to all sessions unless the advisors specify different.
- C. Attendee will be representing Alpine FFA, Alpine High School, Alpine I.S.D. and the community of Alpine. Therefore, all rules that apply at school will be in effect on the trip.
- D. Attendees Failure to follow school handbook rules will result in a one - way bus ticket home. (At parents expense) parents and school officials will be notified.

7. Convention Provisions:

- A. Travel to and from the convention will be provided by Alpine I.S.D.
- B. Motel accommodations will be paid (when possible). This does not include room service, telephone, or pay per view movies.
 - C. Convention registration fees will be paid.
 - D. One meal a day (supper) will be paid while at the convention (funds permitting).Attendees need to plan money for other meals, souvenirs, and any other personal expenses.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

1. The chapter meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of February & March when no meeting will be held due to major stock shows.

The months of June, July, and August will not have meetings due to summer break.

2. The executive committee (Chapter Officers & Advisor) shall have power to act on any matters that need to be disposed of before a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

1. The proposed amendments must be approved by 2/3's of the current officers and by 2/3's of the active members of the Alpine FFA Chapter.

2. The proposed amendments must be posted on the bulletin board at least seven days prior to the regular meeting of the membership at which it is to be presented

Alpine FFA Medical Release Form

This form must be completed by the parent/guardian of each member. This form is required of all members of the FFA. 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 _____ GRADE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE # _____

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

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS

INSURANCE CARRIER _____

PHONE # _____

NAME OF INSURED _____

ID NUMBER _____

GROUP # _____

PLAN # _____

Alternative Emergency Contact 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 judgment 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 to 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 / DATE

_____ PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE / DATE

Alpine FFA Field Trip Permission Form

FOR PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL SANCTIONED EVENTS DURING THE 2022-2023
SCHOOL YEAR AS A MEMBER OF THE ALPINE FFA / AG SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

STUDENT _____ GRADE _____

PARENT'S 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 provided by Alpine ISD transportation.

1. All students must abide by state, district and campus policies at all FFA/AGRISCIENCE 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 parents' expense with no reimbursement of funds.
4. I agree to, and hereby, release Alpine 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 are available. This form must be signed and returned to the sponsor before the student will be permitted to participate in any activities of this organization.

_____ Student's Signature / Date

_____ Parent's Signature / Date

Date Received _____

Alpine FFA Student and Parent Acknowledgment

- My student and I accept responsibility for accessing, reading, and following the policies in the Alpine ISD FFA Policy Handbook on the Alpine ISD website.

- I understand that the Alpine ISD FFA Policy Handbook and the Alpine 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 the disciplinary consequences outlined in both documents. If I have any questions regarding the Alpine ISD FFA Policy Handbook, I will contact the high school Ag Science teacher.

- I understand what is expected of a member in good standing. If I do not remain in good standing, I may be unable to participate in FFA activities.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

ALPINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FFA POLICY

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Student Name)

- 1) I have read and am familiar with the Alpine FFA Policy.
- 2) I understand that participation in extracurricular FFA activities requires abiding by the rules and policies put forth in the Alpine FFA Policy.
- 3) I agree to abide by the rules and policies put forth in the Alpine FFA Policy.
- 4) I understand that I must be in good standing.

Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Parent/Guardian Name

- 1) I have read and am familiar with the Alpine FFA Policy.
- 2) I understand that participation in extracurricular FFA activities requires abiding by the rules and policies put forth in the Alpine FFA Policy.
- 3) I agree to abide by the rules and policies put forth in the Alpine FFA Policy.

Signature _____ Date _____