

2017 -2018
Alvarado FFA
Show Team
Rules

**Alvarado Independent School District
Agriculture Science Facilities Rules and Fees
School Year 2017-2018**

The Alvarado FFA Agriculture Science facilities are located at 1301 S Parkway in Alvarado, Tx 76009. The purpose of these facilities is to provide an extension to classroom instruction, to maximize learning, and to allow FFA members a space to house their Supervised Agriculture Experience Program (SAEP) animal projects.

In order for all parties to best utilize the Agriculture Science Facilities, there are rules and regulations which must be observed and followed. To ensure compliance, Alvarado employees, including agriculture teachers, facility manager, and administrators, will monitor and manage the facility both physically and via security cameras.

Purchase of a livestock project(s) is NOT required of a student to be enrolled in an agricultural course or to participate in the AISD show and auction. Students may also enter Ag Mechanics projects or various Youth Fair projects to be a participant of the show and auction. Each exhibitor must be a paid FFA member in good standing with their respective chapter.

A. Eligibility:

For each project, the student is responsible for securing feed and ensuring the animal is cared for. **Eligibility check will be completed for the 3rd Six Weeks grading period, December 22nd 2017** (the “No pass, No play” rule is in effect). If an ineligible student has a project in the barn, the animal will have to be removed from the barn by **December 29th 2017**, before the start of the 2018 Johnson County Livestock Show and Auction. You must be enrolled in one agriscience course to be eligible to exhibit a project.

Videos

This year students are going to be required to submit weekly videos of themselves working on showmanship with their projects. These videos can be taken at home or at the ag building and will be required regardless if the animal is kept on AISD premises or at the students house. Below are the requirements regarding the weekly videos:

- Each animal must have a video submission. For example if a student has two goats they must upload 1 video per goat. They would have a total of two video submissions for 1 week.
- Must be 1 minute in length
- Must submit 1 video by Friday of each week to the appropriate Google Classroom.
- Based upon dates per species is when the time starts.
 - Sheep & Goats – October 21st
 - Pigs – November 18th
 - Heifers – July 22nd
 - Steers – July 22nd
- Must have 80% submittal before 1 week prior to leaving for show to be eligible to show with Alvarado FFA. Failure to complete video submittals will result in non-competition with Alvarado FFA.
- If you have a phone issue you will need to contact an Ag Teacher immediately.

Number of video Submissions to be eligible for majors:

- Fort Worth
 - Sheep/ Goats – 11
 - Pigs – 8
 - Cattle – 22
- San Antonio
 - Sheep/ Goats – 13

- Pigs – 11
- Cattle – 25
- Houston
 - Sheep/ Goats – 15
 - Pigs – 13
 - Cattle - 28

B. Facilities:

1. Only current FFA & Jr. members in good standing may utilize the agriculture facilities.
2. All animals that are raised in the Alvarado Ag facilities must be entered and exhibited under the Alvarado FFA Chapter.
3. Students must do the following things **before** bringing any animal onto agriculture facilities grounds:
 - obtain prior approval from an agriculture teacher and get an assigned pen
 - attend a meeting with their parent/legal guardian and agriculture teacher to review procedures and expectations.
 - understand and sign the rules agreement & attached forms
 - pay all relevant barn fees

C. Fees

When paying for any FFA fees please provide a cashier's check, check or cash for the purchase of your project. See your Agriscience instructor for details. Read the following information carefully because there have been some changes.

Please Note: Whether you are paying in cash, check or with a cashier's check, we need for the cost of the animal to be separated from all other costs. (Ex: Steer = one cashier's check for the purchase of the animal and one cashier's check for pen rent, validation tags, entries, etc.)

1. Barn fees

These which are required for each project entered into the facilities. **Rates are non-negotiable and are due prior to any animal's arrival at the facilities.** Two-year heifer projects will require a second fee after the completion of Houston Livestock Show.

Swine: \$100 per head

Sheep: \$100 per head

Goats: \$100 per head

Cattle: \$150 per head

Bunnies: \$50 per pen

2. Pens – Students are not allowed to expand or move pens without prior teacher approval. Pens should not be locked with personal locks for any reason.

3. Hours - The agriculture facilities' hours are open 24 hours a day

- i. Please note, agriculture science teachers may not always be available during the facility hours to answer questions. If there is an emergency, please contact a local veterinarian and leave a message for the student's Ag science teacher. Veterinarian numbers are posted at the barn

4. Feed and Tack Storage – There will be a storage container beside the wash rack. Students will keep their feed and supplies in a barrel. This barrel should be locked with a personal lock and labeled with the student's name. Hay is to be stored in the storage room beside their barrel. Valuables that do not fit in the barrel should

be brought to and from home as needed. Barrels not properly labeled are subject to the lock being cut and the materials becoming property of Alvarado FFA. Alvarado FFA is not responsible for any items that may become stolen.

5. Guests – Are only permitted at the facility when a parent or legal guardian accompanies student and guest. Parents, guardians, or guests who cause a disturbance will lose their privileges to enter the agriculture facilities.

6. Arena –Animals should never be left unattended in the arena.

7. Duties – students are required to sweep in front of their assigned pens twice a day. Students should sweep aisles in front of their pen to the pen/wall across from theirs, 1 pen in each direction, and remove any debris that was swept up. Students will also get a rotating duty in a common area that should be done daily.

8. Tack – Tack, show boxes, or buckets should not be left hanging on the outside of pens or in aisles.

9. Facility Clean Up - The appearance of the agriculture facilities is a priority. There will be periodic “Ag. Facility cleanups” which are **mandatory** for students with animal projects housed at the facility. If students are unable to attend for any reason, they are responsible for finding a suitable replacement. Failure to attend a mandatory cleanup will result in a deduction of 2 points and/or a \$50.00 penalty fee.

10. Any student evicted from one the facilities will not be allowed to utilize the facility or supplies.

11. Pets are not allowed on agricultural facility grounds, including dogs, cats, etc.

C. Care of Projects:

1. Animal Care – Students are responsible for proper care of his/her animal. This includes adequate nutrition and hydration for proper growth, the development of the animal project, and cleaning the pen and surrounding area. When owners are unable to be contacted, the Alvarado agriculture teachers reserve the right to seek treatment for any animal found to be in need of immediate emergency care. The owner will be responsible for any costs incurred.

2. Cost – Students are responsible for all costs associated with the raising of a livestock project; including but not limited to the purchase, feeding, general upkeep and veterinarian care during their SAEP project period.

3. Medicating – If medication is prescribed for an animal from the veterinarian, the student, parents/guardians, or the student’s Ag. Teacher (with consent from the parents/guardians or student) can give the shot(s) as prescribed from the veterinarian. Please see: Animal Health Care Guidelines.

4. Students/parents may not feed, move, water or provide any care to another student’s project without prior permission from the animal’s owner or Ag science teacher.

5. Stall Care - The pen is to be maintained with adequate approved shavings. The pen should be changed when soiled as to ensure the health and wellbeing of the animal project. All soiled bedding is to be promptly and properly disposed of in the designated area.

6. Wheelbarrows must be emptied into designated area and returned to their place of storage.

7. Animal Death - It is the parent/student responsibility to remove an animal that dies within 2 hours of being notified. If the carcass is not removed within the 2 hours, it will be removed by Alvarado teachers and the parent/student will be billed.

D. Safety and Discipline:

1. Agriculture Science Facilities are a part of Alvarado Independent School District. Therefore, all rules and regulations found in the student handbook and the student code of conduct apply. Any activities which endanger the health or physical wellbeing of students, parents, teachers, facilities, or animals will not be permitted.

2. Point system – to ensure the cleanliness and safety of Alvarado's agriculture facilities, a point system will be utilized to enhance the management of all student animal projects. The point system will start May 1 each year, regardless of when animals may enter the facility.

- Students begin at 10 points. This is on a "per student" basis regardless of the number of animals a student is raising at the facility.
- Each guideline and/or rule that a student fails to follow will result in a point value deduction from the student's current total by Ag Teachers or administrators.

Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

.5 deduction infractions:

- Failure to feed and/or record feeding by 8:00 am / 9:00 pm
- Failure to empty wheelbarrow
- Failure to perform scheduled duties
- Parking in unauthorized locations
- Propping open facility gates and doors
- Bringing unapproved guests to the barn
- Failure to clean up after their animal (includes when walking your animal around)

.5 – 1.0 deduction infractions:

- Writing inappropriate comments on barn sheets
- Taking/Posting pictures of another student's project(s) or of student(s)
- Failure to attend a mandatory barn cleanup

Discretionary infractions will be based on severity

- Reckless driving
- Fighting, harassment, or disrespect toward other students, parents, or ag teachers

1. Points can be made up by participating in a scheduled barn cleanup at the agriculture science facility. Barn cleanups for points will be held twice a semester.

Students may earn a maximum of 1 point per recognized barn cleanup.

- Students and parents will be notified via email when a student falls to 7 points.
- Students and parents will be notified when the student falls below 5 points, and a meeting will be scheduled with student, parent(s), ag teacher, and administrator.
- Students falling to or below 3 points will no longer be eligible to make up points.
- When students lose all points, they will be evicted from the Ag. Facility.
- Students losing all points will lose facility privileges for one calendar year from the date of eviction

E. Removal of Projects

1. Upon eviction a written notice will be sent to student and parents with a maximum of seven calendar days to remove the animal from the facility. (If the animal is not removed within seven calendar days, the animal will be removed at the student's expense and sold at a local auction.)

2. Eviction from an agriculture facility will result in forfeiture of barn fees.

3. Major infractions of school, facility, or student code of conduct rules that result in DAEP or expulsion will result in eviction. Students will have seven calendar days from date of assignment, to remove their animal from the facility. Students may not enter any facility while serving an assignment in DAEP or a suspension. If a student wishes to return to the facility after serving their disciplinary assignment, the student will maintain their

previous point balance. After return, students are not eligible for competition until the probationary period has been satisfied.

4. The student is to remove all projects from the agriculture facility within 7 calendar days after their last respective show unless otherwise directed by an agriculture teacher. This rule applies to all animals, including heifers. If the following do not occur then fees may be assessed to the student: 1) \$100 – animal is not removed by the end of the 7th calendar day. 2) \$100 – animal pen is not cleaned and approved by an Ag teacher by the end of the 7th calendar day. 3) Lockers not cleaned out by the end of the 7th calendar day are subject to loss of contents and a \$50.00 fine.

5. In addition to the above, the Agriculture Program reserves the right to remove any animal from the facilities if any one of the following conditions exists:

- i. Animal Abuse or neglect in any form
- ii. Diseased or infected animals
- iii. Animals that are unsafe to handle
- iv. Animals not being fed for show purposes
- v. Student is no longer involved in the program
- vi. Animals raised at the facility and are entered in a show under any group other than the Alvarado FFA chapter will lose their facility privileges for one calendar year.

F. Other

1. Neither AISD, its employees, volunteers, nor the FFA are responsible for damage or loss to personal property, injury of members, animal projects, guests, or family of participants.

2. Disaster Plan - AISD and/or its employees are not responsible for any evacuations or care of FFA animal projects through a disaster of any type (natural, chemical, national security, etc.). The movement or evacuation of any FFA animal project is the responsibility of each individual animal owner. In the event that an animal is left in the Ag Facility and dies, the remains will be removed at the expense of the owner.

3. Student projects may be used by agriculture teachers for livestock judging practices or to teach skills such as weighing, leading, or vaccination.

4. Chain of Command – When a problem or concern arises, the proper way to resolve it is by following a set chain of command. Chain of command is as follows:

1. Supervising Ag Science Teacher
2. Campus Assistant Principal
3. Campus Principal
4. Central Office

5. In addition to the payment of the project, students need to turn in an entry form, a W-9 with student information, a signed show rule agreement, a signed animal health care guidelines, and a signed barn rule agreement (if the project is kept in the barn) to their ag science instructor prior to selection.

IMPORTANT

All Paperwork & money will be due on **November 1st 2017**. This includes:

- W-9 form
- AISD entry forms (ALL PROJECTS)
- Money for project(s)
- Money for pen rent (if required)
- Facility Rules signed by both the FFA student and parent(s)
- Health Care Guidelines signed by both the FFA student and parent(s)
- AISD Livestock Show and Auction Rules signed by both the FFA student and parent(s)

BARN CLEAN UP DATES FOR POINTS:

Fall Semester: 10/18/2017 & 12/17/2017

Spring Semester: 4/18/18 & _____

Alvarado Independent School District Agriculture Science Facilities Usage Agreement

By signing this document, I agree to the following terms:

Student Parent/Guardian

Initials: Initials:

_____ All communication with agriculture science staff, in person, phone, text, email, etc... shall be conducted in a professional manner. Preferred communication form is via school email unless there is an emergency. Please realize that every effort will be made to assist, but Ag. teachers may not always be available.

_____ In the event of an emergency, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and student to contact a veterinarian.

_____ At no time should anyone but an Ag teacher enforce barn rules.

_____ Any presumed violations of barn rules should be reported to the student's teacher(s) in the form of email.

_____ Follow the chain of command as set forth in the Agriculture Science Facility Rules.

_____ Bullying/Harassment in any form will not be tolerated.

_____ Only handle, maintain, and take/post pictures of your/your student's project unless permission has been granted by the other party.

_____ No Alcohol or Tobacco use will be permitted on AISD property.

_____ Failure to comply with this agreement will result in the revocation of facility access for the offending parent/guardian and removal of points for the student.

_____ **I agree to abide by the rules and criteria set forth in the Alvarado ISD Facilities Rules that I have received, read, understood, and signed. I agree to pay all relevant fees associated with the expense and upkeep of my/my student's project animal. I agree to indemnify Alvarado ISD, Alvarado ISD's employees and volunteers of liability for any injury that my child, my guests, or I may sustain by participating in activities at the Alvarado ISD agriculture facilities, and I agree to monitor myself/my student for compliance with the above stated rules.**

This document is binding and non-negotiable.

Student Signature

Date

Student Name (Printed)

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Parent /Guardian Name (Printed)

2016-2017 Animal Health Care Guidelines
Guidelines for administering medication to Alvarado ISD Agriscience/FFA program animals.

1. If an animal is sick or appears to have symptoms, with parent/student approval, the agriscience teacher can administer a drug of choice that is over the counter. If symptoms persist for an extended amount of time, it is recommended that a veterinarian is consulted.

Example: Medication that can be bought at the local Tractor Supply, CVS, etc.

2. If in the agriscience teacher's judgment, the animal needs prescription medication, the following procedures must occur:

- a. Agriscience teacher must notify student/parent.
- b. Veterinarian should be contacted. The veterinarian can prescribe over the phone and send an e-mail clarifying the prescription, or if available, they can make a house call. If a house call cannot be made, the animal can be loaded into a trailer and hauled to the veterinarian.
- c. If medication is prescribed to the animal, the agriscience teacher can then administer or assist the student/parent in administering the medication as directed by the veterinarian.
- e. A copy of the prescription medication must be kept on file in the agriculture facility office.

3. If an agriscience teacher is not available, and a student/parent contacts a veterinarian that then prescribes medication for the animal, the following procedures must occur:

- a. The student must notify the agriscience teacher about the animal being seen by a veterinarian.
- b. The student must let the agriscience teacher know what the veterinarian has prescribed.
- c. The student must give a copy of the prescription to the agriscience teacher.
- d. A copy of the prescription medication must be kept on file in the agriculture facility office.
- e. The agriscience teacher can help administer the medication if needed.

I as a parent/guardian give consent for the agriscience teacher(s) to administer over the counter and prescription drugs to my child's animal(s).

Yes _____ No _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent's Written Name: _____

Student's Written Name: _____

Alvarado Campus _____