

Ag-Science Centers Rules

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District

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Telge Ag-Science Center
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CFISD Police Department
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The Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Ag-Science Centers located on Eldridge Parkway and Telge Road provide a suitable and appropriate environment for CFISD ag-science students to raise animal projects for curriculum enhancement and assistance in meeting S.A.E.P. (supervised agriculture experience program) requirements. The Ag-Science Centers were designed to house CFISD market steers/swine/lambs/goats during the term of the CFISD Livestock Show/Sale. Students may request space during the summer months for non-CFISD animals, but that agreement for space will terminate two weeks before the CFISD lamb/goat/swine selections. Special permission is required for non-CFISD summer animals to stay in the Ag-Science Centers after that point. Each project is the student's responsibility. Management decisions will be a collaborative effort between and among students, parents, and ag-science teachers. Students should feed and care for their animals as recommended by teachers, industry, and manufacturer standards. Ethical treatment and feeding of animals is required at all times, and rule violations will not be tolerated. Students will observe and comply with all rules and procedures associated with the Ag-Science Centers and the CFISD Student Code of Conduct.

Ag-Science Center Rules/Procedures

A. Contract/lease Timeline Options on Ag-Science Center Agreements

(Priority will be given to students who participate in the CFISD steer/lamb/goat/swine animal selection process for the CFISD Livestock Show and don't have access to a Booster Club-run facility. Other projects will be considered on a space available basis.)

- a. Option 1: May 1 through March 31 – Used for CFISD Steer and approved non-CFISD market animals entered in Spring major shows
- b. Option 2: May 1 through Two Weeks before Lamb/Goat/Swine Selection (late September, early October – Used for non-CFISD market animals entered in summer/early fall shows through the date of HC Youth Expo
- c. Option 3: September/October through March 31 – Uses the same application form as option 1, for CFISD Swine/Lambs/Goats
- d. Barns will be closed during April to allow time for thorough cleaning and maintenance.
- e. Housing of any animals outside the above listed timelines must be cleared by the CFISD Coordinator for Ag-Science.

B. Fees

- a. Rent/Deposit Amounts Per Term of Agreement
 - i. Timeline Option 1:
 1. CFISD Steer \$80.00 rental fee plus \$75.00 refundable deposit
 - ii. Timeline Option 2:
 1. Summer Pen \$55.00 rental fee plus \$50.00 refundable deposit
 - iii. Timeline Option 3:
 1. CFISD Goat \$55.00 rental fee plus \$50.00 refundable deposit
 2. CFISD Lamb \$55.00 rental fee plus \$50.00 refundable deposit
 3. CFISD Swine \$55.00 rental fee plus \$75.00 refundable deposit

- iv. Deposits will be refunded if the project is removed, badge returned, the pen has been cleaned to the satisfaction of the ag-science teacher, and all damages have been repaired by the end of the agreement or within a week of the removal of the animal, whichever comes first. Once a deposit has been forfeited, the student may lose all privileges to obtain a pen at the Ag-Science Center for the next school year.
- v. Housing of any animals outside the above listed timelines must be cleared by the CFISD Coordinator for Ag-Science. Fees will be proportional.
- b. The Ag-Science Center fees may be used for the following:
 - i. Cleaning and pest-control supplies
 - ii. Cleaning utensils (brooms, rakes, wheel barrows, etc.)
 - iii. Dumpster fees
 - iv. Maintenance of facility
 - v. Other equipment and supplies necessary to support ag-science student activities

C. Access to the Ag-Science Centers

- a. The Ag-Science Center agreement form must be signed and notarized by all parties involved before a student's project is placed in an Ag-Science Center. The application, rental fee and refundable deposit must accompany the completed agreement form.
- b. Students must go to the CFISD Police Department office on Telge Road to pick up their Ag-Science Center ID badge and gate entry code. (The ag-science teachers will let their students know when the badges are ready for pick up.) Students may be asked to produce identification in order to verify they are authorized to be on site. Students must return the Ag-Science Center ID badge at the end of each contract/lease. **A \$10.00 fee will be charged if the ID badge is not returned.**
- c. Ag-Science Center hours are 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will be strictly enforced. Notify your ag-science teacher if you have a school event that makes adhering to these hours impossible so he/she may either suggest options or contact the Police Department to clear any access outside of posted hours.
- d. Maximum speed limit inside the Ag-Science Center property is 10 MPH. Driving or parking on unpaved areas is not permitted. **Parking in a fire zone is not permitted.**
- e. Make sure the entrance gate is closed at all times. Keep all barn doors/gates closed at all times.
- f. Security cameras are in place in order to help provide a safe learning environment.
- g. A student is only allowed to bring immediate family members to an Ag-Science Center when feeding or caring for project(s). (Immediate family includes mother, father, sister, brother, and grandparents.) No brothers or sisters under the age of 12 are allowed in the centers unless accompanied by the parent.
- h. No pets are allowed on Ag-Science Center property.
- i. Any student suspended from school or assigned to a CFISD Alternative Learning Center is not allowed on CFISD property, including the Ag-Science Center, during the length of the suspension or assignment.
- j. No personal vehicles will be left on the Ag-Science Center property overnight.
- k. No storage of personal livestock or horse trailers will be permitted at the Ag-Science Centers for longer than 48 hours. The ag-science teacher must be notified in advance and given the license plate number for the trailer. (Exception: Storage of trailers at the Telge Ag-Science Center for longer than 48 hours will be allowed during the CFISD Show/Sale, once animals housed in that barn have been moved to the Exhibit Center.)

- I. **Telge Ag-Science Center only:** Immediately after admittance to the first gate on Telge, students must proceed directly to the second gate that allows them to enter the Ag-Science Center itself. Students are prohibited from driving or walking in areas other than the Ag-Science Center.

D. Pen Assignments and Feed/Tack Storage

- a. Students will be assigned pen locations by their ag-science teacher. One project per student will be housed. Additional projects will be allowed only on a space available basis. A student is allowed only one pen per animal. Students are not allowed to remove dividers in order to make a pen larger or combine pens.
- b. Cattle will be assigned pens that are approximately 12' by 12'. Goats and lambs will be assigned pens that are approximately 6' by 6' (depending on the number of animals requesting housing, some 6' by 12' pens may be assigned, with lambs having priority for the larger pens). Direct water access via pipes to the pens is not guaranteed. While swine will have priority to pens with direct water access, all students/parents should be prepared to provide their own water container (water to fill these containers is readily available at the washing stations). Students are not allowed to make any alterations to water pipes.
- c. Students will not move animals from one pen to another without permission of their ag-science teacher.
- d. Pastures are available for grazing and/or working with the animals. Please note that one of the pastures will be designated for the smaller animals only—no cattle will be allowed in that pasture to provide a safe option for students/animals uncomfortable around cattle. The other pastures will be open to all animals.
- e. Bedding will be shavings only! Students may place personally owned mats under the shavings, but not sand or any other material. Hay may be added to the shavings during the cooler months under the supervision/approval of the ag-science teacher.
- f. Fans may be used if they and their cords are strapped to the top rail of the gates. Ag-science teachers have the right to request fans be moved or removed if they feel they are a safety hazard. No heaters, heat lamps, or misters are allowed. Students may strap wood or tarps to the sides of the pens to block the wind during the cooler months under the supervision/approval of the ag-science teacher.
- g. No mechanical, wooden, electrical or metal structures may be placed in pens without ag-science teacher's approval.
- h. Students may only use the tack rooms, cabinets, or feed pens allotted for their school and this will be assigned by the ag-science teacher. Boxes, equipment, or animals must not obstruct passageways, walkways, and doorways. Routine and emergency traffic must have clear access and free travel.
- i. Feed must be stored in a sealed, approved, and locked container. Only one container, no larger than a 55 gallon drum, will be allowed per student. No hay will be stored at the Ag-Science Center unless in a container and placed in the designated feed/tack area.
- j. No show boxes may be stored at the Ag-Science Center. Valuables should be brought to and from home as needed.

E. Animal Care

- a. All animals must be fed, watered, and pens cleaned daily according to an established schedule set by the student and the CFISD ag-science teacher.
- b. Do not feed, water, or move another students' animal(s) without their permission.
- c. Students should not borrow or use another student's feed/tack without their permission.

- d. When an animal is not in its stall, droppings are to be cleaned up promptly and taken to the designated shavings/manure pile. All other trash will be placed in the appropriate trash dumpster placed on site.
- e. No project animal(s) should be left unattended in the aisles. Cattle, lambs, and goats must be haltered and controlled except while in pens or turnout pasture.
- f. No animal will be allowed outside the fenced perimeter.
- g. Bathe animals only in the proper wash racks. After using the wash rack, clean the area (shampoo bottles, droppings, etc). Turn water faucets off; do not depend on nozzles. Hoses must be rolled up after each use.
- h. Manure buckets are not allowed to be kept in the aisles. Dirty shavings and manure are to be taken to the designated shavings/manure pile.
- i. Dump water containers at wash racks only.
- j. ***Students must place all biohazard materials (syringes & needles) in the biohazard receptacles provided in each barn.***
- k. Each exhibitor is responsible for deworming and giving shots on a regular basis. (Used syringes should be disposed of in the biohazard containers near the tack rooms.) If an animal becomes ill, immediate attention must be obtained from a veterinarian and the ag-science teacher contacted.
- l. If an animal has a contagious disease, the animal may be quarantined, per veterinarian or ag-science teacher recommendation.
- m. Any castration, dehorning, or other medical attention must be administered by a veterinarian.
- n. All equipment has its proper place. Put it back in its place when you finish using it. (Keep the place neat.) In the event you break a broom, pitch fork, wheel barrel, etc. owned by CFISD, you must inform your ag-science teacher immediately.

F. Conduct/Discipline

- a. The Ag-Science Centers are located on CFISD property; therefore, **ALL DISTRICT POLICIES APPLY TO EVERYONE.** This includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Tobacco, drugs, alcohol, fireworks and weapons are strictly prohibited. **If an item is not allowed on your high school campus, it is not allowed at this center.** This includes items such as pocket knives. If you feel you need an item such as this to tend to your project, you need to contact your ag teacher for alternatives/options.
 - ii. No glass containers are allowed as broken glass can cause severe damage to a student or project.
 - iii. Any illegal acts will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
 - iv. Ag-Science Center dress code requires that everyone on the premises dress modestly.
 - v. Loitering after project activities are completed is not allowed.
 - vi. Any disrespect of ag-science teachers or CFISD officials will not be tolerated.
 - vii. The student shall respect the value of the CFISD Ag-Science Center. Any defacing of property or deliberate damage to equipment will mean immediate dismissal from the center, referral to the assistant principal, and restitution for damages.
 - viii. Do not stand or sit on gates. This may damage the hinges and prevent proper closure.
- b. CFISD Administration and/or CFISD ag-science teachers will determine and process any violations of the rules. Violations of the CFISD student code of conduct, District policies, or other rules/procedures listed in this document will result in disciplinary action.
 - i. First Offense: Written warning issued by an agriculture teacher.

- ii. Second Offense: Teacher and/or Administrator/Student/Parent Conference
 - iii. Third Offense: Eviction of project from the Ag-Science Center. After eviction, the student will have 48 hours to remove his/her project. If the animal(s) are not removed within 48 hours, the animal(s) may be sold and the proceeds deposited in an ag-science activity fund.
 - iv. **Major infractions of school, facility or student code of conduct rules while at Ag-Science Center may result in immediate eviction, as deemed appropriate by CFISD administration.**
 - v. **Students evicted from an Ag-Science Center may also be banned from housing projects there in the future and/or additional disciplinary action by campus administration.**
- c. Ag-science teachers reserve the right to immediately 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. Student is no longer involved in the ag-science program.

G. Liability

- a. Neither CFISD, individual FFA chapters, CFISD ag-science teachers, nor any school official shall be held responsible for injury to or death of any project animal while it is on school property or any other property. **Students and parents are advised to consider purchasing insurance through an outside agency.** Sick, injured, or dead animals will be reported immediately to the student's ag-science teacher. (See contact list included.) If an animal dies at the Ag-Science Center, the student/parent is responsible for removing the animal carcass from CFISD property immediately after notification.
- b. Neither CFISD, individual FFA chapters, CFISD ag-science teachers, nor any school official is liable for injury to a student or the student's allowable immediate family members while at the Cypress-Fairbanks Ag-Science Center.

H. Concerns/Emergencies

- a. **The ag-science teacher is to be contacted first with any non-life-threatening questions or concerns. Students/parents may also contact the Career & Technical Ed office at 281-897-4036.**
- b. **Crisis situations** requiring immediate police, medical, or fire department response should be reported immediately to the CFISD Police Department at **832-237-2373** and/or **911**.
- c. **Non-crisis situations** should be reported to the CFISD Police Department at **281-897-4337**. Non-crisis situations may include, but are not limited to, animal project emergencies (if an ag-science teacher cannot be reached), loss of electricity or water, facility hazards, or access difficulties.
- d. If there is an imminent threat of bad weather or police activity in the area, the restrooms and/or tack rooms may be used to shelter in place. Students should not be in the pastures/fields in the event of lightning.
- e. Multiple fire extinguishers are available near entrances and tack rooms for minor emergencies. Any use of a fire extinguisher should be immediately reported to the CFISD Police Department at **832-237-2373**. In the event of a major fire, all persons should immediately exit the facility and contact the CFISD Police Department at **832-237-2373** and/or **911**.
- f. Ultimately it is the student's/parent's responsibility to secure and/or remove their animal project when there is the threat of a natural disaster, such as wildfires,

flooding or severe storms/tornados/hurricanes. The priority of CFISD will be to protect all persons. Students/parents should use utmost care when accessing these facilities/animal projects in the midst of events such as those listed. Event-related precautions being taken by CFISD will be communicated via www.cfisd.net, <http://lsa-cfisd.wikispaces.com>, and/or the ag-science teachers.

Additional rules may be added or current rules subject to change as deemed necessary.

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