***Texas FFA Association***

***Policy Handbook***

***Section 2: Junior Membership***

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***2.1 Operational Premises***

(a) The FFA Organization is an integral part of agricultural education, a leadership development

program for students of agriculture, food and natural resources instructional programs. FFA

programs are intended to be applied activities related to the classroom and laboratory

instructional programs. Thus, membership guidelines should reflect this philosophy and support

enrollment in agricultural science courses. The organization of a Junior FFA chapter is entirely

optional, with the need of such an organization to be determined by the local FFA chapter.

***2.2 Constitutional Authority***

Texas FFA Constitution, Article V. Section B.- Junior Membership --Active chapters of the

Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America may form Junior FFA

Chapters for the purpose of enhancing and encouraging the education of younger students who

are interested in the agricultural industry. Membership in the Texas Junior FFA organization

shall consist of students enrolled in public schools or accredited private schools who are in the

third grade and eight years old and may continue until they become eligible to enroll in the

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources instructional program. Junior members must be

affiliated with a chapter in the school district in which they are enrolled or with a duly chartered

chapter in an accredited private school in which they are enrolled as a full-time student unless

the school district approves a waiver for out of district students. School superintendents must

approve and certify in writing out of district students to participate in the junior FFA program(s)

of their district. Such waivers must be submitted annually. Each Junior FFA Chapter shall

submit yearly a roster to the State FFA Association that includes the name, date of birth, age,

grade, and address. Each local chapter can set and collect dues. State dues in the same amount

as active FFA membership dues shall be collected.

***2.3 Membership Opportunities***

(a) The membership year begins September 1 and ends August 31. Students initiate junior

membership by participating in whatever location function is designated by the local advisor as a

qualifying activity or event to initiate membership. (Examples: attend meeting, validate livestock

under auspices of chapter) Local chapters may develop requirements in excess of state

requirements for students to remain in good standing with the local chapter. Once a student is

eligible to enroll in an agriculture, food and natural resources class of any kind, he or she is not

eligible for junior membership. Middle school students enrolled in agriculture, food and natural

resources classes must be submitted as active members (Discovery Degree members for local

credit classes).

(b) Junior FFA is designed to encourage involvement in agricultural science education. To this

end, chapters are encouraged to develop and participate in local activities that promote leadership

development and agricultural education for its junior members.

(c) Junior FFA members are not eligible to participate in events in which Texas FFA Association

has direct oversight including but not limited to leadership development events, career

development events, speaking development events, state FFA rodeo, talent and agriscience fair.

Junior membership activities shall include exhibition of livestock and poultry projects. Local,

county, regional and statewide shows and other agricultural education partners may include

junior members in other events such but not limited to agricultural mechanics shows and judging

competitions.

(d) Junior members are not eligible to cast a vote or participate in the discussion related to the

official business of the Texas FFA Association or of any district, area association, do not count

toward membership totals for delegate allocation and should not be listed on active membership

rosters.

***Wimberley FFA Junior Membership***

Jr. FFA dues ($30.00) must be paid in full by October 15th of each year and submit the records needed for the State FFA office prior to November 1st.

Exhibition of Major Show livestock and poultry requires Jr Membership or HS FFA membership prior to December 1st of the current year thru their local FFA Chapter.

Membership will be permitted by the Local FFA Advisors in accordance with the guidelines of our Wimberley ISD school policies and FFA Handbook.

Parents and Junior Members will follow all guidelines/rules required by HS FFA members in the exhibition of livestock.

FFA Advisors will assist parents with the transportation and overseeing of all livestock projects. Parents will maintain contact with the FFA Advisors for livestock and poultry entries and deadlines.

Parents should stay current with their email address on the FFA Chapter email out.

Parents/exhibitors should stay current with their show rules and deadlines.

Because Junior FFA members are not in the high school agriculture classes and Advisors do not daily access to the Jr members, Parents/Jr Members should be attentive to all show rules and information. Parents can find updates at ***https://wimberley.ffanow.org/chaptercalendar.aspx?ID=19410***

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Membership in the Texas Junior FFA is open to students in grades where agricultural science courses are not offered. Junior FFA members must be at least eight years old and in the third grade. Please read Junior FFA Policy for specific details regarding membership and eligibility.