

Wimberley ISD Agricultural Project Center

2024-2025 Animal Project Responsibilities

May be subject to change at any time

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian:

We want this to be a positive rewarding experience for all of our students! This agreement is intended to address the responsibilities that the FFA member and his/her parent or guardian accepted when the student decided to raise a show animal and keep it at the WHS Ag Farm. Listed below are our contact numbers in the event that we need to be notified of any information:

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STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. **Must have or obtain Quality Counts Verification with identification number IF showing at a major.**
2. **Place NO animal in the WHS Ag Farm without permission.**
3. Alter **NO** physical facilities **without permission** from the agriculture teacher.
4. Follow all rules and regulations of the WHS Ag Farm and WISD. (**Same rules apply as if you were on campus, i.e. No Tobacco, No Alcohol, No Profanity, No Firearms, etc.**)
5. It is **required** that you keep your feed in a sealed container, trash can, or Rubbermaid style container. This will minimize insect and rodent issues in the barn.
6. **Feed, water, exercise, and care for the animal(s) every morning before 9 am and evening after 3:35 pm.**
7. **Animals should be exercised and out of their pens; a minimum of 30 minutes each day.**
 - a. Swine exhibitors are **required** to walk their animal(s) a minimum of 30 minutes on Tuesday and Thursday afterschool (4:15 - 4:45 pm) every week with their supervisor present. There will be a sign-in sheet to keep track of all students who abide by this rule. **IF** a student is **not** able to make it on both days, they are required to make it at least one of those days with the approval of their swine supervisor.
 - b. Cattle exhibitors are **required** to walk their animal(s) a minimum of 30 minutes, work their hair, and rinse everyday.
8. In the event that the student is unable to feed their animal(s), it is the student's responsibility to arrange for their animal(s) to be fed. Feed other students' animals **ONLY** when they ask you to do so. Let the Ag teachers know if someone else is feeding your animal(s) for you.

9. **Clean the pen on a daily basis. Replace old/dirty bedding with new clean bedding once a week.** This will reduce parasites, diseases, and odor problems. **If there is a parasite issue such as mites, you are responsible for prolating your animal(s) and designated area/pen.**
10. **Swine exhibitors are required to put on booties or a step solution before entering the swine barn.** These will be placed by the front door of the swine barn. This will help reduce the spread of diseases from other areas your shoes might have been. Anyone caught in the swine barn without booties or step solution used will be subject to a strike.
9. Be respectful of and approachable to all Agricultural Science teachers in the district.
10. **Place old/dirty bedding in the assigned area only.**
11. **Lower Swine Barn:** If you are assigned pen(s) in the lower barn you must **stay** in the lower barn. You or your animal(s) may **not** be in the upper barn at any time (this will help with parasites and diseases).
12. **Upper Swine Barn:** If you are assigned pen(s) in the upper barn you must stay in the upper barn. You or your animal(s) may not be in the lower barn at any time (this will help with parasites and diseases).
13. **All animals being housed on the WHS Ag Farm must be shown through Wimberley FFA.**
14. Must take out trash in the barn your animals are being housed in **when assigned. Assignments will be posted in the barns every week with a sign-in sheet. If not followed through, a strike will be enforced.**

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PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Please note during school hours (8:15-3:35) parents need to check in at the office prior to coming to the Barn/Ag Building and display a visitor's badge. If you are dropping something off, please leave in front office or have one of the front office staff notify us that you are on the way.

1. Make no alterations to physical facilities without written permission.
2. Provide or arrange transportation to and from the WHS Ag Farm on a daily basis. Maximize time spent with your child and his/her project.
3. Make sure the student feeds, waters, exercises, and cares for his/her animal every day.
4. In the event that the student is unable to feed their animal(s), it is the student's responsibility to arrange for their animal(s) to be fed.
5. See that student follows **ALL** rules set up for operation of the facility by the Agricultural Science teachers.
6. **Understand that failure to comply with all the rules and responsibilities and regulations will result in the banning of the student and removal of the animal from the farm. The animal will be sold and the earnings will be forwarded to the student after all unpaid fees are satisfied. Furthermore, the student will not be permitted to keep an animal at the farm in the future.**
7. **School trailers for use by authorized personnel.** Any individual who is not a district employee will be required to complete a trailer checkout form and provide driver license as well as insurance info. before the trailer leaves the Ag Farm. Trailers are required to be returned clean.
8. **Understand that Agricultural Science teachers, as representatives of the District, have ultimate authority on the WHS Ag Farm facility.**

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2024-2025 Center Agreement

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by the following rules and guidelines for the Project Center:

- I will properly feed and care for my animal as directed by the Agricultural Science teacher(s). If the teacher(s) notifies me that I am not properly caring for my animals, I will remove the animal from the premises within one week.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to arrange for my animal(s) to be fed if I am unable to feed them.
- I will not willfully destroy anything on the premises; I understand I will be held responsible for any destruction that I may cause, other than fair wear and tear on pen space.
- I will not hold Wimberley ISD liable for any injury to or loss of my animal, or to myself, or to anyone who is with me while I am on the Project Center property.
- I will keep my pen clean to control odor and dispose of waste in the designated area and I will clean my pen **daily**.
- I understand that wood shavings (**NO** tractor supply, Sun Coast, and Kings Feed Shavings) or sand are the **recommended** bedding material, and any other bedding material must be approved by an Agricultural Science Teacher, or you will be asked to remove the bedding material.
- I understand that parking is only allowed for students who have an animal housed at the project center.
- I understand that the project center is not a social setting; loitering is grounds for a strike at the discretion of the Agricultural Science Teachers. Any students who do not have projects at the farm will need to be cleared by the Ag Teachers prior to entering the farm. Any student caught with unauthorized people on the farm could be subject to removal.
- I will keep the lights on and properly close all gates when I leave the center and I will return shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, and other tools and equipment to designated areas.
- I understand that all WISD rules apply to me and anyone that is with me at the center at all times (**ie. dress code, tobacco, alcohol, etc.**).
- I understand that horses and dogs are **NOT** allowed on premise, unless approved by an Agricultural Science Teacher.
- I understand that entering the premises after **10:00 p.m. or before 6:00 a.m.** may be questionable behavior.
- I understand that I am not to interfere with anyone else's animal at the Project Center.
- Pen rent pays for the use of the facilities and assists with any cost of repairs to the facility. **Please note that any veterinarian costs are at the expense of the owner.**

- If I am raising an animal intended to be shown, I understand that it is my responsibility to arrange proper care and handling of my animal(s) to ensure my animal is ready for the Hays County Livestock Show or Major stock shows.
- **I understand that if any of the above requirements are not met or are broken; this will be grounds for having my animal(s) removed from the premises at the owner's expense.**
- I will promptly and properly remove all animals and clean my pen/designated area at the completion of the show season. If I do not remove the animal(s) within the timeline outlined in the “**3 Strike Policy**”, the animal(s) becomes the property of Wimberley ISD, and I forfeit all privileges. In addition, this will be grounds for the loss of privilege of future use of the feeding center.

“3 Strikes” Policy



If proper care is not taken of the animal(s), pen, and farm equipment by a student, this policy is in force:

Strike one- The student will be warned. A letter/email will be sent home to be signed by the parent(s) and student. The letter/printed and signed email should be returned within 5 days to one of the Agricultural Science Teachers.

Strike two- A letter/email will be sent home to be signed by the parent(s) and student. The letter/printed and signed email should be returned within 5 days to one of the Agricultural Science Teachers. The parents will also receive a phone call to make sure the situation is understood. A fine of 75 dollars will be due after receiving strike two.

Strike three- The student’s animal(s) and any personal property of the student will be returned to the student. All monies paid for the animal(s), pen rent, entry fees, validation fees, etc. will be forfeited and all responsibilities of the Agricultural Science Teachers and WISD will dissolve.

Pen Fees:

The pen fee below includes pen rental per pen. Pen rents will be paid in a lump sum no later than Friday September 20th, 2024. Any animals who are in pens that have not been paid will be subject to removal.

Swine Pen.....	\$75.00 per pen
Sheep Pen.....	\$75.00 per pen
Goat Pen.....	\$75.00 per pen
Cattle Pen.....	\$100.00 per pen

In addition, each student will ONLY be allowed 3 pens per species. Due to limited space, we are having to implement this rule. If a student is wishing to have additional animals they will be responsible for dividing their pens to accommodate their animals. They will need to contact the Ag Teachers prior to doing so. It will be at the discretion of the Ag. Teachers to issue additional pens, if they are available. The contract page will need to be returned prior to moving any animals into the farm. Payment will be due no later than September 20th, 2024 unless prior arrangements have been made with the Ag Teachers.

- I understand that if I do **not** clean my pen within the timeline specified below, and participate in barn clean-up on a scheduled date set by Agricultural Science Teachers; I will forfeit my pen reservation for the following year.
- **I understand that all animals should be out of the farm and pens cleaned no later than April 14th, 2025 with the exception of cattle. Any animals besides cattle remaining on the farm after April 14th will be subject to a \$30.00 fee per week.**

- Participation at barn clean-up on a scheduled date set by Agricultural Science Teachers.

*Any extenuating circumstances for failure to participate in barn clean-up must be made available and approved by Agricultural Science Teachers prior to the day of barn clean-up.

Those who are not cleared will be issued a strike and a \$100 fee for not attending scheduled mandatory barn clean-up*

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RETURN THIS PAGE & KEEP THE AGREEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR YOUR RECORDS

I, the parent or guardian of _____, do hereby agree to see that the above named student and I abide by the rules and guidelines of the Project Center. I understand that at any time the rules and guidelines are not met or are broken, the student will be banned from the Project Center, and the animal will be removed or sold.

In addition, by submission of this form, I acknowledge receipt of the Animal Project Responsibilities and the Center Agreement.

Student Signature:

Parent or Guardian Signature:

Date: _____

Payment: _\$ _____

For use by Agricultural Science Teacher(s) Only.

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Strike two- A letter was sent home to be signed by the parent(s) and student. This letter should be returned within 5 days to one of Agricultural Science Teachers. The parents received a phone call to make sure the situation is understood on _____ . (date) With a 75 dollar fine

Strike three- The student's animal(s) and any personal property of the student was returned to the student. All monies paid for the animal(s), pen rent, entry fees, validation fees, etc. were forfeited and all responsibilities of the Agricultural Science Teachers and WISD are dissolved as of this date, _____ .

Assigned pen(s): Swine _____ Sheep _____ Goat _____ Cattle _____