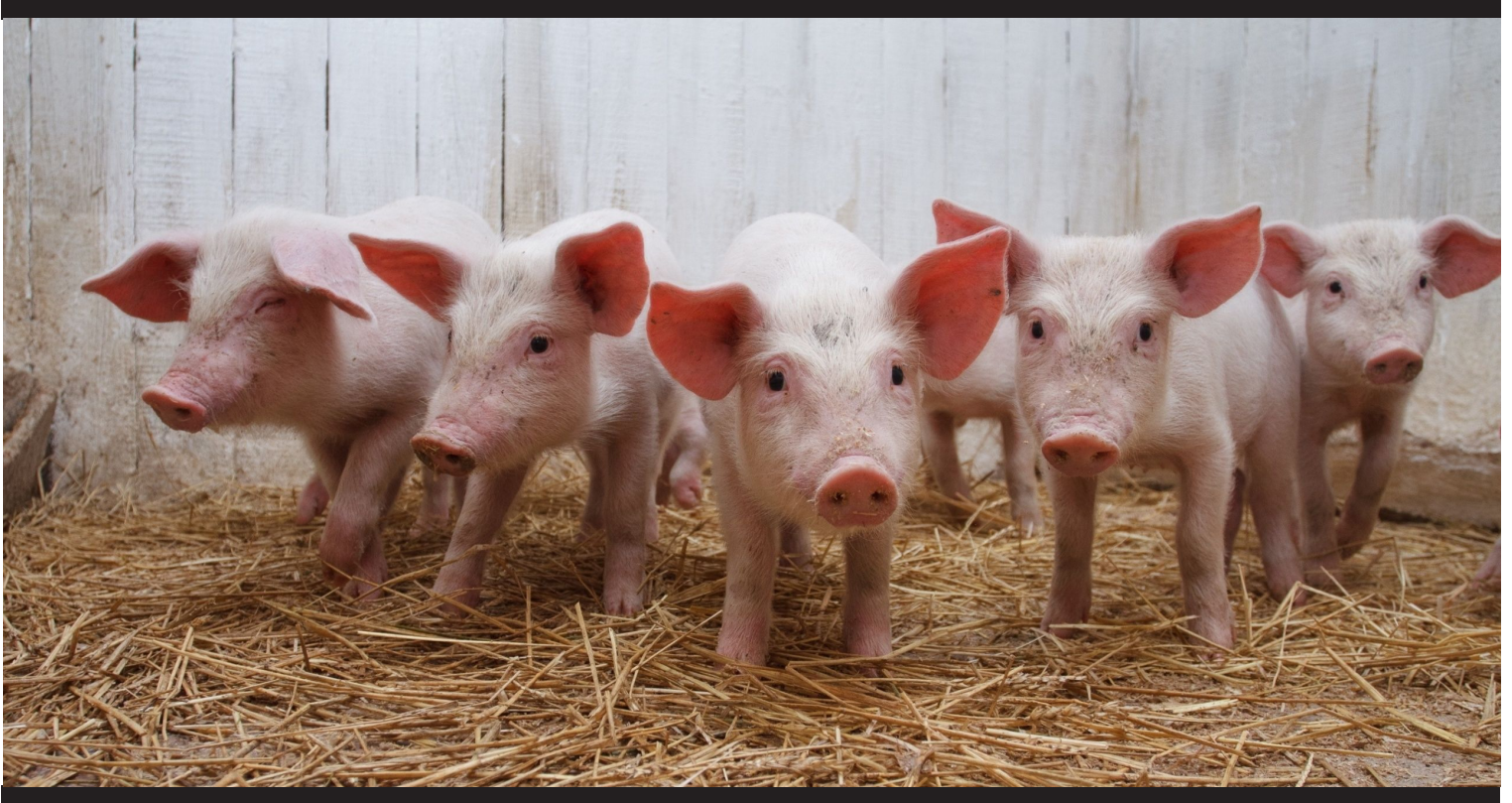




NORTHSIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



# 2023-2024 Agriculture Science & Technology Academy Policy Handbook

**Northside Independent School District**

**AGRICULTURE SCIENCE &  
TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY  
HANDBOOK  
2023-2024**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Agriculture Science & Technology Academy is to provide a hands-on, rigorous education that will equip students for their postsecondary choices. We will focus on responsibility, integrity, and leadership development through our courses by providing students real world experiences in the many fields of Agriculture.

## INTRODUCTION

### To the Agriculture Science Student:

We are glad to have you at the Ag. Science and Technology Academy and we sincerely hope that your experience here is rewarding. This handbook will answer many questions that concern the coming year. There will be additions to this handbook during the year. We hope you will refer to this as the need may arise.

### Parents:

We are well aware that many of you are not quite sure what to expect from the Ag Science Academy. This booklet was prepared to answer as many questions as possible for the student and parent.

We feel that the Agriculture Science Academy is probably one of the best programs offered today. We offer not only classroom work, but field work also. We teach leadership, cooperation and responsibility. These are traits we want all our young people to acquire.

Therefore, we ask for your help and cooperation in the coming year. Let's all work together and learn together.

## GENERAL RULES

- Only those students who apply and meet the criteria may attend the Ag Science Academy. During their 4 year commitment, students understand it is a privilege to attend this school and are enrolled conditionally. Failure to maintain satisfactory attendance and grades can result in removal from the program. Any discipline incident violating the student code of conduct can also be grounds for removal from the program. Removal from the Ag Science Academy is at the sole discretion of the Ag Science Administration and cannot be appealed, regardless of the student's home campus.
- Each student enrolled in the Agriculture Science Academy will have their FFA dues paid for by the school. Therefore, each student will be an active member of the ASTA FFA.
- Each student must carry out an approved supervised agricultural experience project (SAEP) yearly while enrolled in the Ag Science Academy.
- Shop safety procedures will be enforced as directed in the Northside Independent School District Policy Guidelines.
- Only students who are enrolled into the Ag Academy will be allowed to take agriculture academy classes.

## SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROJECT

### Specific Requirements:

Each student must carry out an approved supervised agricultural experience project (SAEP) yearly while enrolled in the Ag Science Academy.

### 75.214 Career & Technology Education Course Requirements

- (e) The SAEP shall relate directly to agriculture science and shall be for the purpose of reinforcement, in-depth study or enrichment related to classroom instruction; however, the use of time during the school day for activities such as the feeding and grooming of animals for show purposes is prohibited. The preceding limitation does not prohibit activities that are designed to assist students in mastering the course essential elements. The SAEP requirement for students enrolled in the Ag Science Academy may be satisfied by one of the following four methods or a combination of the four:
  1. Agricultural Entrepreneurship/Ownership
  2. Research/Experimental
  3. Foundational
  4. Paid/Unpaid Placement

## LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

When selecting an animal project, it is critical that the student have the parents' advice and support. There are many things to consider:

- Can the student and/or parent afford the project?
- Where the project will be kept?
- Transportation to feed and care for the project
- Transportation of the project when necessary
- Time involved
- Risk of losing money

You must keep in mind that these projects are a gamble and they can become a total loss. All this must be considered. The risk can be reduced by hard work and desire to learn and apply your knowledge.

### Livestock Project Requirements:

- The animal(s) purchased for student SAEP must be an animal designated for either breeding or slaughter purposes.
- All projects must be approved by an ASTA Coordinator
- Family domestic animals do not meet the required project criteria.
- Eligibility will be based on the district UIL calendar.
- Livestock Projects may be one or more of the following:
  - a. Goats
  - b. Lambs
  - c. Swine
  - d. Poultry
  - e. Cattle

## **Purchase of Animal Projects:**

- The selection and purchase of an agriculture science project is a cooperative effort involving the student, parent, and teacher. The agriculture science teacher's role is advisory only. The teacher will not dictate what to buy, how much to spend, or from whom the purchase is to be made.
- The purchase of projects for agriculture science should be coordinated with the agriculture science teacher before projects are selected and purchased.
- The student and parent are responsible for the purchase of any and all agriculture science projects. See (c) Ag Teachers Responsibilities.
- Projects purchased for the purpose of showing must meet the requirements of the show(s) intended. The agriculture science teacher will assist in providing the student and parent the necessary information regarding the care and grooming of the projects for each show.
- All projects must be owned by the student. All projects must be entered in a student record book in order for the project to be eligible for a show.
- The student is responsible for validations and entries at all shows.
- The parents and students will make arrangements for transportation when selecting projects.

## **PROJECT SUPERVISION**

1. The *student* is responsible for:
  - the daily care of his/her project.
  - informing the agriculture science teacher regarding any problems and/or progress of his/her project.
2. The *parent* is responsible for:
  - the general supervision of the project on a day-to-day basis.
  - communication with the agriculture science teacher should a question or problem arise concerning the project or the student's performance of his/her responsibilities.
3. Agriculture Science Teacher:
  - Any problems that occur with livestock or poultry projects should be handled during the normal working hours when possible. The agriculture science teacher is not required by Northside Independent School District policy to make emergency calls for the purpose of treating sick or injured animals during the evening hours. However, the agriculture science teacher may assist with such problems at his/her discretion.
  - The agriculture science teacher will visit each supervised experience program as required by Texas Education Agency rules.
  - All projects purchased by the agriculture science teacher to be used for the project program and bought for a specific student, must have signed approval form stating that the agriculture science instructor will act as the student's purchasing agent.

- Supervision of the students at out-of-district shows by school personnel may be provided. The number of agriculture science teachers assigned supervision responsibilities at out-of-district shows will be determined by the school principal based on need.

## **USE OF DRUG PROCURING AND MEDICATION**

The agriculture teacher or the Northside Independent School District will not be held liable for injury to livestock or poultry while assisting the student with their project. This includes such things as giving medication, castration, dehorning, docking, worming, trimming, and any other activity directly involving the agriculture science teacher with student's animals.

## **PROJECT LOCATION**

Because the student and his/her parents are responsible for the daily care and supervision of the student's project, projects must be located in an area that is both convenient to the student and conducive to the care and well-being of the project. Poor selection of a location will handicap the student in his/her efforts to fulfill his/her responsibilities.

## **LIVESTOCK SHOW PARTICIPATION**

- To show a animal, a student must be a member of the FFA Chapter and enrolled in an agriculture science class.
- In order to participate in a livestock show, students must be considered academically eligible by NISD UIL Rules.
- Students whose projects are not ready or are not of sufficient quality to participate in a major show will not be allowed to show. This decision will be made by the agriculture science teacher.
- The agriculture science teacher will prepare an approved list of eligible students authorized to attend all livestock shows.
- Parent permission forms for out-of-district shows must be signed by parents and returned to the agriculture teacher before the student leaves for these shows.
- The parents and student will make arrangements with the agriculture teacher for supervision, travel, housing and transportation of animals to the major shows in which students enter as a team. See Teacher's Responsibilities.
- Students and parents will be responsible for travel to and from livestock shows and for transporting their animals to and from these shows.
- The student code of conduct will be enforced while the student is representing the school at all non district competitions.

## AG. SCIENCE FAIR

In the Agriscience Fair students use the scientific process as they reinforce skills and principles they have learned in agriscience courses. They conduct research projects and prepare a scientific report and display for judging at the state level. Ag Science Fair projects must fall under one of the following categories:

- Animal Systems
- Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems
- Food Products and Processing Systems
- Plant Systems
- Power and Structural and Technical Systems
- Social Science

### Project Requirements:

- All Ag. Science Fair Projects must be approved by the Ag Coordinator.
- All Ag. Science Fair Projects being utilized as the student's sole SAEP, must be exhibited at an approved contest.
- Show entries are the responsibility of the student, under the guidance of the Ag instructor.
- Students must attend monthly project meetings.
- An SAEP record book must be kept in relation to this project.
- To compete in a science fair, a student must be a member of the FFA Chapter and enrolled in an agriculture science class.
- In order to participate in a science fair, students must be considered academically eligible by NISD UIL Rules.

### Project Supervision:

The *student* is responsible for:

- the daily care of his/her project.
- informing the agriculture science teacher regarding any problems and/or progress of his/her project.

The *parent* is responsible for:

- the general supervision of the project on a day-to-day basis.
- communication with the Ag. Coordinator should a question or problem arise concerning the project or the student's performance of his/her responsibilities.

Supervision of the students at out-of-district shows/contests by school personnel may be provided. The number of agriculture science teachers assigned supervision responsibilities at out-of-district shows will be determined by the school principal based on need.

## AG MECHANICS PROJECTS

The Agricultural Mechanics SAE is a fabrication project that applies skills taught in the Agricultural Engineering Pathway. Students enrolled in Agricultural Mechanics courses will complete a fabrication project, and will have the opportunity to exhibit eligible projects at local and state Agricultural Mechanics Shows, with instructor approval and proper entry.

### Project Requirements:

- NISD Safety Protocol will be followed at all times in the shop
- All projects must be approved by the instructor
- Students must attend monthly project meetings
- A record book will be kept by each student
- Show entries are the responsibility of the student, under the guidance of the instructor
- Upon completion of the project and/or its final show, it must be removed from ASTA facilities within one week.
- If an Ag Mechanics project is a student's sole SAEP, it must be exhibited at at least one recognized show, following all guidelines above.
- To show a Ag Mechanics project, a student must be a member of the FFA Chapter and enrolled in an agriculture science class.
- In order to participate in a Ag Mechanics show, students must be considered academically eligible by NISD UIL Rules.

### Project Supervision:

The *student* is responsible for:

- the daily care of his/her project.
- informing the agriculture science teacher regarding any problems and/or progress of his/her project.

The *parent* is responsible for:

- the general supervision of the project on a day-to-day basis.
- communication with the Ag. instructor should a question or problem arise concerning the project or the student's performance of his/her responsibilities.

Supervision of the students at out-of-district shows/contests by school personnel may be provided. The number of agriculture science teachers assigned supervision responsibilities at out-of-district shows will be determined by the school principal based on need.

## **EXPLORATORY SAEP**

These are beginner student-led, instructor-advised, work-based learning experiences that result in measurable outcomes within a predefined, agreed upon set of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Standards and Career Ready Practices. Exploratory SAEs are appropriate for first year agriculture students ONLY.

### **Project Requirements:**

- All Exploratory SAE projects must be approved by the Ag Coordinator.
- Students must attend monthly project meetings.
- Create an SAEP Plan
- An SAEP record book must be kept in relation to this project.
- All Exploratory SAE projects will culminate in an end of project presentation.
- *Please see the hand-out, Exploratory SAEPs for more detailed information and requirements.*

### **Project Supervision:**

The student is responsible for:

- the daily care of his/her project.
- informing the agriculture science teacher regarding any problems and/or progress of his/her project.

The parent is responsible for:

- the general supervision of the project on a day-to-day basis.
- communication with the Ag. Coordinator should a question or problem arise concerning the project or the student's performance of his/her responsibilities.

## **PRODUCTION AG SAEP**

Just like exploratory SAEs; Production Ag SAEs are student-led, instructor-advised, work-based learning experiences that result in measurable outcomes within a predefined, agreed upon set of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Standards and Career Ready Practices. Production Ag SAEs are appropriate for all agriculture students.

These projects give students the opportunity to apply their academic and practical knowledge to "real life" situations through the development and operation of a small Agri-business.

### **Project Requirements:**

- All Production Ag SAE projects must be approved by the Ag Coordinator.
- Students must attend monthly project meetings.
- Create an SAE Plan
- Creation of a Business Plan
- Running of an Agribusiness for a minimum of 4 months.
- An SAEP record book must be kept in relation to this project.
- All Production Ag SAE projects will culminate in an end of project presentation.
- *Please see the hand-out, Production Ag SAEPs for more detailed information and requirements*

### **Project Supervision:**

The student is responsible for:

- the daily care of his/her project.
- informing the agriculture science teacher regarding any problems and/or progress of his/her project.

The parent is responsible for:

- the general supervision of the project on a day-to-day basis.
- communication with the Ag. Coordinator should a question or problem arise concerning the project or the student's performance of his/her responsibilities.

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

Agriculture science students will honor the FFA code of Ethics. They will conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting their organization, chapter, school, and community by:

- Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
- Showing respect for the rights of others and being courteous.
- Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.
- Respect property of others.
- Refraining from loud, boisterous talk, swearing, and other unbecoming conduct.
- Demonstrating sportsmanship in the show ring, judging contests, and meetings.
- Attending meetings promptly and respecting the opinion of others in discussions.
- Taking pride in their organization, activities, supervised experience programs, exhibits, and in the occupations of agriculture.
- Sharing with others experiences and knowledge gained by attending National and State meetings.

## **AGRICULTURE MECHANICS AND HORTICULTURE CLASS RULES**

- Students must furnish work clothes. Protective clothing must be worn or the student cannot participate. Coveralls are recommended. Proper footwear is a must.
- No horse playing whatsoever will be tolerated. Severe disciplinary action will be forthcoming when this rule is broken.
- **PROTECTIVE EYE GLASSES** will be worn at all times in the shop area.
- Students will not be allowed into the shop other than during their class period without permission from their Ag teacher.
- Students are responsible for cleaning, putting equipment away properly, and restoring the work area that has been used by the student. Students will also be assigned areas that they will be responsible for keeping clean.

# **GUIDELINES FOR THE NORTHSIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGRICULTURE CENTERS**

All policies of the Northside Independent School District Agriculture Center (C.E. Vickery Center) governing students conduct apply at all times (24-hours a day) to all students. Security cameras are in place at all times. Violation forms will be issued for students failing to comply with project center rules. Three or more rule violations will result in removal of project from center.

- Students and parents must arrange transportation to and from the Northside Independent School District Agriculture Centers.
- The primary responsibility for discipline and supervision rest with the student and his/her parents when instructors are not present after school hours.
- Students will be held financially accountable for willful vandalism on the part of the student who commits the act.
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco use are prohibited on the premises. Use of, possession of, or distribution/purchasing of illegal or alcoholic substances will result in immediate removal of student and animal project from the project center.
- Each student is responsible for keeping his/her pen and the surrounding area clean. No excessive manure piles will be permitted.
- Each student is responsible for feeding and general care for his/her project. Students **MUST NOT** feed animals that do not belong to them unless prior arrangements have been made with the owner or an Ag. teacher.
- Each student who uses the C.E. Vickery Ag. Project Center is expected to attend all workdays at the project center. Failure to do so will result in a project center violation.
- A student should not be in another student's pen unless permission is given by the agriculture teacher, responsible parent, or student whose project is to be looked after.
- **NO FIREARMS.**
- Animals such as pets, dogs, service animals, emotional support animals, etc will not be allowed in or near the Agriculture Barns or turn-out areas at any time. This is for the safety and health of all students and animals in the barn areas.
- A non-refundable fee will be required to use the Ag. Project Center. (See Ag. Project Centers Form on page 25 for fees.)
- Projects are considered completed within 5 days of the student's last show and must be removed from the project center.
- If it becomes necessary to remove a student's animal, the owner will have three (3) days to remove the animal. If the animal is not removed at this time, it will be picked up by an authorized livestock hauler and shipped to the stock yards at the owner's expense. The remainder of the money from the sale of the animal will be sent to the owner.
- Only students currently enrolled in an Agriculture Science course in Northside Independent School District and an FFA member are eligible to utilize the Agriculture Project Center. Students not enrolled in agriculture, or students who do not have their animal located in the project center, should not loiter in the centers. Visitors should check in with the Ag. teacher on duty.

- All projects housed at the C.E. Vickery are to be exhibited under the FFA.
- No mechanical, wooden, electrical, metal structures may be placed in pens without Ag. instructors approval. All items placed in feeding pens or lockers must be approved in accordance with NISD rules.
- Animal pens must be cleaned within 10 days after the project is completed. All students using the project centers must attend the final workday determined at a later date. Pens and lockers must be cleaned by designated dates set by the Ag. teachers.
- Students who fail to abide by these rules, or failure to keep their pens/lockers clean, may be fined \$100.00 and could lose their opportunity to use the Ag Project Centers in the future.
- Loitering outside of the Vickery Project Center before and after school will not be tolerated. **THIS IS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE STUDENT AND ANIMAL PROJECTS.** Students who are present at the Vickery Center must be working with their animal or cleaning the center. Students waiting for transportation must wait in front of the high school. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a project center violation. Parents are asked to make arrangements to have their student picked up in front of the high school and not allow them to wait at center.
- **THEFT** in the project centers will not be tolerated. Stealing from the project center or from another student will result in immediate removal of student and animal from the project center.
- Students/parents must observe opening and closing times. Students and/or parents entering the centers before/after hours will be issued a project center violation. Student **WILL NOT** be allowed to go to the Vickery Center during school hours!
- Students that **FAIL** two or more grading periods **WILL LOSE** their ability to utilize the Vickery Project Center for the next school year. Students **MUST** be eligible to participate in the Ag Program.
- Students are not allowed to take their livestock projects to jackpots or practice shows without the permission of their Ag. Teacher (project leader). Parents and students that fail to abide by this rule will lose the opportunity to use the Project Center pens.
- Students with excessive absences and/or discipline problems (as determined by the ASTA Administrative Staff) will not be allowed to utilize the project center the following year.
- Student/family behavior that is detrimental to the atmosphere in the project center (ie cursing, harassment, negative behavior towards students, staff, other parents, etc) can be cause for removal from the project center barns. Removal will be at the sole discretion of the Ag Science Academy admin.
- The mishandling of animals on the grounds of the Ag Science Academy will not be tolerated at any time. Behavior such as this can be grounds for immediate removal from the barns and the Gerlach Livestock show. Dismissal will at the sole discretion of the Ag Science Academy admin.

**Vickery Center hours:** 6:00-8:45a.m. and 2:30-8:00p.m.



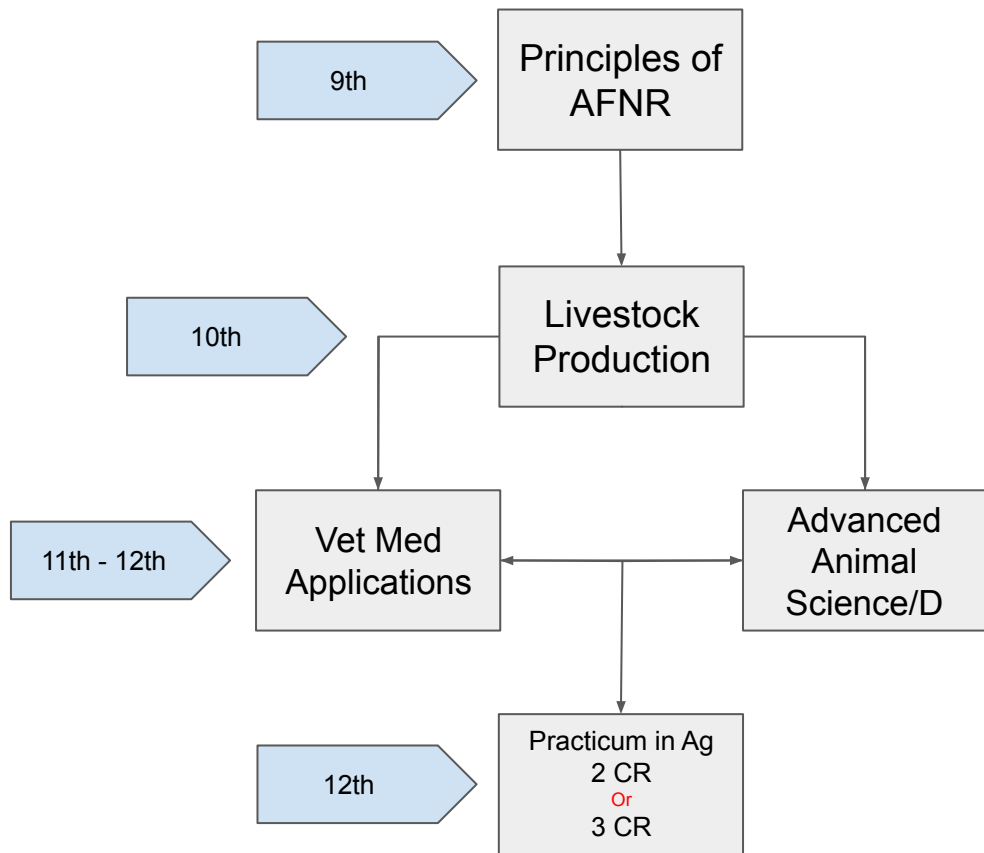
# A.S.T.A FFA

## Member Expenses

Students that are extremely involved in the Agriculture program have many expenses. Listed below are examples of expenses and due dates for these items. Please understand that we serve a large number of students. We expect the students to adhere to the due dates listed on the Ag. Department calendar.

- **FFA Jacket** - \$60.00 Estimate (This is not required) - Order Online.
- **Ag Booster Club Dues** - \$5.00 (Organization for Parents) - Due at 1st Booster Club Meeting in September. Make checks payable to OHS Booster Club.
- **Vickery Center Project Fees** - (Price Variable) Depending on the type of Livestock the students want to raise. Check with your Ag. Teacher - Project Leader - Due in March and April. Project fees are paid in advance for the next school year. (make checks payable to ASTA High School.)
- **Livestock Validation Fees** - (Price Variable). All livestock exhibited at the various Livestock Shows must be identified by tag # to the student for ownership purposes. Check with your project leader for due dates. (Make checks payable to ASTA High School.)
- **Entry Fees to Livestock Shows** - Price Varies depending on the show and type of Livestock the student wants to exhibit. Students will receive information concerning prices and dates, at project meetings and during Ag courses.
- **Commercial Livestock (Down Payment) Deposits** - \$200.00 - money for the next school years animal projects are ordered in late March or April. The Ag Teachers (Project Leader) will inform the students of the due date 10 days in advance of money due date. (Make checks payable to WGLS)
- **FFA Award Ceremony Tickets** - Price to be announced. Paid in Late April (payable to ASTA High School)

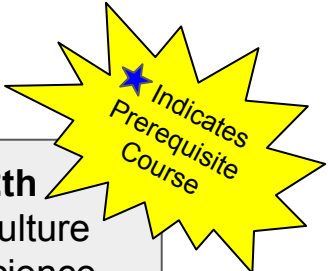
# ANIMAL SCIENCE PATHWAY



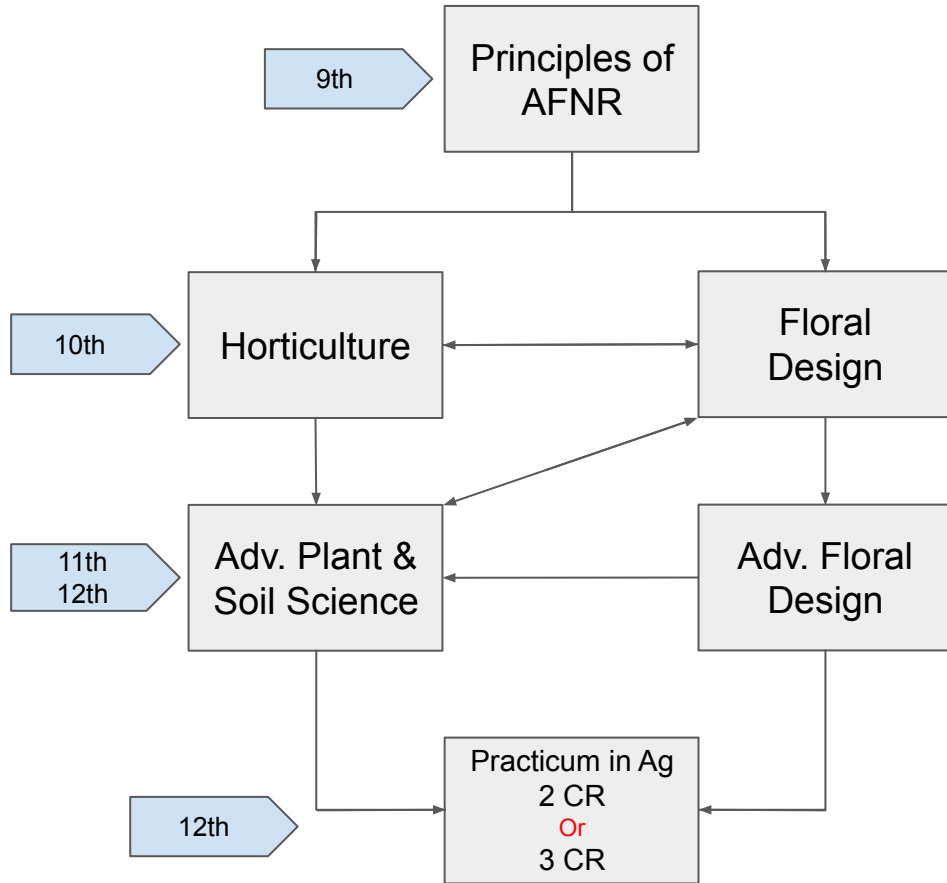
## Ag Electives

- 10th - 12th**
- Wildlife Dual Credit
  - Floral Design
  - Floral Design Dual
  - Horticulture
  - Ag Mech Metal Fab
  - Leadership in Ag 1,2,3

- 11th - 12th**
- GIS in Agriculture
  - Adv Plant Science
  - Adv Plant Science Dual
  - ★ Adv Floral Design
  - ★ Ag Structures
  - ★ Ag Equipment



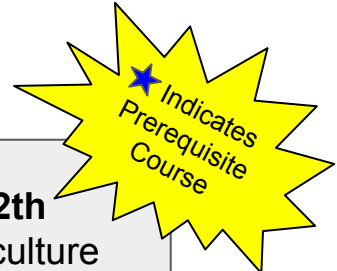
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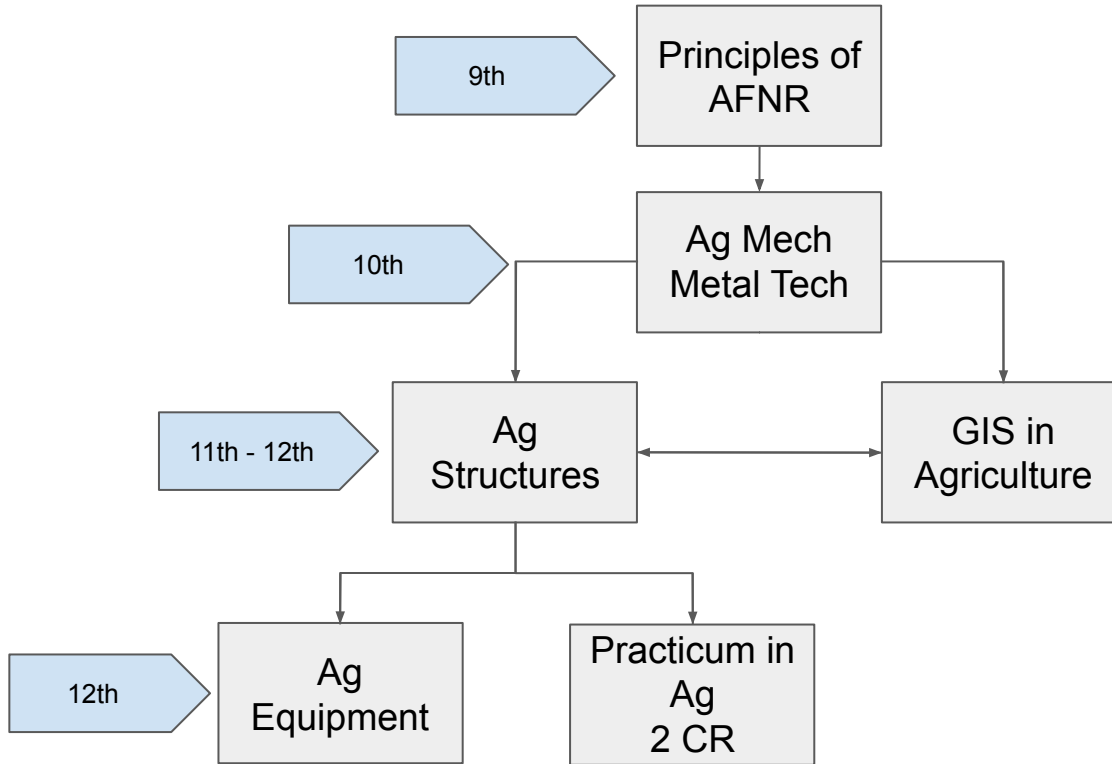
## Ag Electives

**10th - 12th**  
 Wildlife Dual Credit  
 Livestock Production  
 Ag Mech Metal Fab  
 Leadership in Ag 1,2,3

**11th - 12th**  
 GIS in Agriculture  
 ★ Vet Med Apps  
 ★ Adv Animal Science/D  
 ★ Ag Structures  
 ★ Ag Equipment



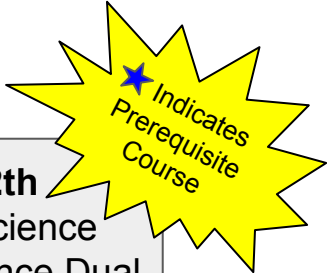
# APPLIED AG ENGINEERING PATHWAY



## Ag Electives

- 10th - 12th**
- Wildlife Dual Credit
  - Floral Design
  - Floral Design Dual
  - Horticulture
  - Livestock Production
  - Leadership in Ag 1,2,3

- 11th - 12th**
- Adv Plant Science
  - Adv Plant Science Dual
  - ★ Adv Floral Design
  - ★ Vet Med Apps
  - ★ Adv Animal Science/D



# Veterinarian & Feed Store Information

At times, it becomes necessary for a student to contact a veterinarian for animal health purposes. Neither ASTA Ag. Science teachers, nor Northside I.S.D., advertise, promote, or recommend any of the following individuals or businesses. This information is being provided as a convenience and should be used at your discretion.

## VERTERINARIANS

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### **Dr. Carter**

1991 Hwy 90 W  
Castroville, TX  
830-538-2274  
*Pigs, lambs, goats*

### **Gillespie Animal Clinic**

402 S. Creek  
Fredericksburg, TX  
830-997-4348  
*All livestock*

### **Kendall County Vet Center**

141 TX-46  
Boerne, Tx, 78006  
1-830-336-2041  
*All livestock*

## FEED STORES

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### **Jupe Feed & Store**

14392 Bandera  
695-3551 / 695-3552

### **Locke Hill Feed & Lawn Supply**

4927 Golden Quail  
691-2351

### **P.J. Farm & Ranch Supply**

1560 at Galm Road  
523-5282

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# Booster Club Committee Descriptions

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|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Auction Committee</b> | Assist Auction Committee Chairperson in contacting previous buyers and new buyers for the Gerlach Livestock Show & Sale. |
| <b>Concession Stand</b>  | Work scheduled times during livestock show.  |
| <b>Construction</b>      | Assist with any needed repairs or remodeling at the showgrounds during scheduled workdays or other times as necessary.   |
| <b>Hospitality</b>       | Work scheduled times during the auction serving refreshments to buyers.  |
| <b>Benefit Auction</b>   | Assist chairperson in securing donations and send out advertisements for the fundraiser auction held in the fall.        |
| <b>Parking</b>           | Work scheduled times during the stockshow, specifically during the sale, to direct parking.                              |
| <b>Data Entry</b>        | Assist treasurer and show records chair during stock show to enter auction information.                                  |
| <b>Refreshments</b>      | Provided refreshments for specified Booster Club meetings.   |
| <b>Animal Load Out</b>   | Help load and sort animals before, during, and after Gerlach Auction.  |

**ASTA FFA Booster Club**  
**Membership Form**  
(To be turned in at Booster Club Meeting Only)

Parent's Name: Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Email \_\_\_\_\_

His Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Her Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Ag Teacher(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the project your student is raising: Cattle Swine Sheep Goat Poultry Ag Mech N/A

May we include your family's name and phone number on a list to be given to all families with the same kind of project? Circle: YES NO

**FFA Booster Club Dues:**

- |                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 1. Family Membership  | \$5.00  |
| 2. Advertisement Sign | \$20.00 |
- Includes dues for both parents
  - A sign with you specific message will be displayed on the pens in the steer, swine, or lamb/goat barn at Gerlach Livestock Show.

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If purchasing a sign – please list your specific message here (NO COMPANY NAMES)

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\_\_\_\_\_ I work for a business that could be of help to the Booster Club.

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**WALTER GERLACH  
LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE  
2024**

**FRIDAY – JANUARY 19, 2024**

Ag Mechanics Project Check-in at Vickery  
Kickoff Dance @ Floore's Country Store

5:00pm-7:00pm  
7:30 – Midnight

**SATURDAY – JANUARY 20, 2024**

AG Mechanics Show Begins @ Vickery Multipurpose Center

9:00am

**SUNDAY – JANUARY 21, 2024**

Goat Arrival  
Lamb Arrival

4:00pm-6:00pm  
6:00pm-7:00pm

**MONDAY – JANUARY 22, 2024**

Goat Show Begins  
Lamb Show Begins  
Swine Arrival

8:00am  
Noon  
5:00pm-7:00pm

**TUESDAY – JANUARY 23, 2024**

Swine Show Begins  
Steer Arrival

8:00am  
5:00pm-6:00pm

**WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 24, 2024**

Rabbit Arrival  
Rabbit Show Begins  
Steer Show Begins

8:00am-9:00am  
9:30am  
5:00pm

**THURSDAY – JANUARY 25, 2024**

Turkey Arrival  
Broiler Arrival  
Poultry Show Begins (Turkey then Broiler)  
Closing Ceremony

8:00am-8:30am  
8:30am-9:30am  
10:00am  
5:00pm

**FRIDAY – JANUARY 26, 2024**

Prep Barns for Auction

9:00am

**SATURDAY – JANUARY 27, 2024**

Auction Opening Ceremonies followed by Auction of Champions

10:00am



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**WALTER GERLACH  
LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE  
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Effective April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024

In case of a local, state, or national emergency, the Board of Directors reserve the right to adjust rules and policies as they deem necessary.

**Any real, digital, physical and/or intellectual property of the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and Sale, Inc. and/or its Board of Directors, belong to the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and Sale, Inc. Utilization and disbursement of any of these properties without express written consent from the Executive Board of the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and Sale, Inc. is strictly prohibited.**

**RULE 1 EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor, parent, guardian, or official adult sponsor to familiarize themselves with all general rules and regulations of the livestock show. Pets are not allowed on the WGLS grounds.

**RULE 2 RULE INTERPRETATION**

The Executive Board, General and Assistant Show Superintendents, and Divisional Show Superintendents have final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle all matters, questions, and differences regarding the show rules as issues arise. They also have final and absolute right to amend or add to these rules as their judgment may determine necessary. If an exhibitor is found in violation of any of the livestock show rules, the exhibitor and the exhibitor's family may forever be barred from participating in the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show.

**RULE 3 ENTRIES**

All applications for entries must be made on the official "Year 2024 Entry Form" obtained from the Gerlach Records Committee. Each Entry Form must include a valid and current email address, phone number, and mailing address. All correspondence (including mail) from WGLS will use the information provided on entry forms. If a change occurs after turning in the entry forms, the change must be provided to the WGLS Records Committee. Entry forms must be completed and signed by the exhibitor, parent or guardian, and the exhibitor's vocational agriculture teacher or 4H leader. A separate entry must be completed for each animal project, pen, or Ag mechanic project. Exhibitors must enter under one, but not both, of the invited FFA or 4H organizations; exception Ag Mechanics. All completed Entry Forms and Entry Fees must be returned to the Records Committee on or before the date specified by the Board of Directors. This year the deadline is November 2, 2023. Agriculture teachers and 4H leaders must turn in summary sheets with names of all exhibitors under their jurisdiction to the Records Committee. Any exhibitor name(s) not included on summary sheets will not be allowed to show. Additionally, all Entry Forms must include the exhibitor or the exhibitor's parent/guardian social security number to make the entry valid. Any entry received after the deadline is considered late. Late entries will be charged a late fee of \$100 cash or cashier check added to the normal entry fee. Late entries will be accepted up until animal weigh in time or check in time of the show. The Entry Fee for each animal entry (steer, pig, lamb, goat, turkey) or animal pen entry (broilers, rabbits), or Ag mechanics project is \$30. A fully completed and signed W9 Form must be completed with each entry. No refund of entries will be allowed after entry deadline.

#### **RULE 4 SALE MONIES**

A commission of 7% per sale lot will be charged to defray the cost of expenses of the show and sale. Additionally, the 7% commission will be charged on all floored animals, pledges, and add-ons including pledges for ag mechanics projects. Rigorous attempts will be made to collect all monies promised by buyers at the auction. In the event adequate monies are not received within 60 days after the auction, the Board of Directors will determine appropriate action to be taken for the equitable disbursement of funds. If an exhibitor's relative participates in buying animal lots in the auction, the exhibitor will not be paid until all pledged money is received from the buyer. If the relative fails to fulfill his/her full financial responsibility by April 1, 2024, the exhibitor will be ineligible to show the following year and each year until the obligation is fulfilled. **Note: If a bid is placed by any buyer and the money is not collected from the buyer, the exhibitor will not receive this money in his/her auction check.**

#### **RULE 5 ANIMAL UNIT**

An exhibitor may show no more than three (3) animal units during the WGLS and may show no more than two (2) animal units per division. Example: An exhibitor may show 2 pigs and 1 steer but not 3 pigs. An animal unit is defined as any auctionable animal or pen. An exhibitor may sell only one animal unit at the auction.

Exception: All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions must be sold at the auction. If an exhibitor places more than one (1) Grand or Reserve Grand Champion, the exhibitor must sell all animals that receive these honors.

An animal unit consists of:

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| Steer                        | 1 |
| Swine                        | 1 |
| Turkey                       | 1 |
| Broilers (Chickens) Pen of 3 | 1 |
| Rabbits Pen of 3             | 1 |
| Lamb                         | 1 |
| Goat                         | 1 |

#### **RULE 6 AUCTION**

All placing animals will receive a ribbon and are eligible to be sold in the auction. The percentage of animals placed are determined by the Board of Directors. Percentages may differ between divisions.

Broilers – at least 40% of the division

Turkeys – at least 75% of the division

Steers – at least 75% of the division

Rabbits – a maximum of 30 pens

Commercial Show for Lambs, Goats, and Swine – at least 75% of the division

Open Show for Lambs, Goats, and Swine – at least 35% of the division

**SEE AUCTION GUIDELINES AT THE END OF THESE RULES FOR MORE INFORMATION**

#### **RULE 7 SIFT**

The exhibitor must declare the breed of the animal before entering the show. Animals will be classified and sifted by a classifying and sifting judge approved by the Board of Directors. Classification will not be changed after the classifying judge makes his/her decision. Animals are sifted based on weight, parasites (lice, ringworms, active staph infection) and external physical defects as determined by the sifting judge. All animals must be of show quality. Sifted animals must be removed from the show grounds within one (1) hour after the completion of the sift. All sifted animals must be checked out and released by the division superintendent. Sifted animals constitute an entry and may not be replaced by another animal.

## **RULE 8 WEIGH-IN**

All entries will be weighed, tagged, and/or marked where applicable at a location designated by the Division Superintendent. Lost tags must be replaced by an Ag Teacher, County Extension Agent, or Division Superintendent and the replacement of new tags must be reported to the Records Committee. The exhibitor or designee must be present with the animal at weigh-in and must present documentation including exhibitor's name and breed of animal. If the animal does not meet the weight requirements or if the exhibitor, parent, Ag teacher, or 4H leader has a question regarding the weight of the animal, the animal will be removed from the scale, the scale will be reset, and the animal will be reweighed. The animal being reweighed may not leave the scale area. If an animal is sifted due to not meeting the weight requirements, the animal may not be reweighed at a later time. A five (5) pound tolerance on weight will be given to swine, lambs, and goats. No weight tolerance is allowed for rabbits. Animals are not allowed in the barn until they have been weighed. Likewise, no equipment or supplies (including shavings) are allowed in the barn until animals have been weighed, sifted, and pens have been assigned. Any animal weighed in or sifted for a given exhibitor constitutes an entry and may not be changed or replaced by another animal. The tag identified on the entry must match the validation tag on the animal. If the entry tag number and the animal validation number do not match, the entry is rejected, and the animal is sifted. Breeder tags must be removed prior to the show (Exception: Required Breeder Tags for Major Breeding Show participants)

## **RULE 9 FLOORING**

Floored animals are those animals sent to market. Animals shown but are not eligible for the auction may be floored by the exhibitor or may be taken home by the exhibitor. If an exhibitor has multiple animals eligible for the auction, the exhibitor must choose only one (1) to sell in the auction. The exhibitor may floor the remaining animals or may take them home. All animals taken home by the exhibitor must be released through the Records Department and Division Superintendent.

## **RULE 10 JUDGE**

The Single Judge System is the policy for the Show (Exception: Ag Mechanics). A separate Showmanship Judge may be used to determine Showmanship winners. The decision of the Judge is final in all cases.

## **RULE 11 PROTESTS**

All protests concerning the show rules or appeals must be made in writing and accompanied by a cash deposit of \$250, which will be forfeited if the protest or appeal is not sustained. The written protest/appeal must plainly state the cause of the protest or appeal and must be delivered to the General Superintendent or his designee. The written protest or appeal must be delivered no later than one (1) hour after the class is judged.

## **RULE 12 FEEDING AND FITTING**

All animals must be fed and fitted by the exhibitor during the feeding and fitting period as listed in Rule 13. All animals must be raised within the boundaries of the Northside ISD for the complete feeding period unless a special request for an exception is made and approved by the Board of Directors. Such requests must be made in writing to the Board of Directors prior to the feeding period and must be approved by the Board before the animal is moved.

### **RULE 13 FEEDING AND FITTING PERIODS**

Show officials may check any animal during the feeding period for testing purposes. Show officials may require blood, urine, or fecal testing. Feeding and fitting periods are as follows:

- Swine – All swine must be state, county, or WGLS validated and must be on feed and owned by the exhibitor at the time of validation until the end of the WGLS.
- Lambs - All lambs must be state, county, or WGLS validated and must be on feed and owned by the exhibitor at the time of validation until the end of the WGLS.
- Goats - All goats must be state, county, or WGLS validated and must be on feed and owned by the exhibitor at the time of validation until the end of the WGLS.
- Broilers – Must be purchased from the WGLS. Orders due no later than September 7, 2023. Exhibitor names and wing band numbers must be recorded by FFA advisor or 4H leader and turned in to Records Department within one (1) week after distribution.
- Turkeys – Must possess the Official State wing band for the current year. Exhibitor names and wing band numbers must be recorded by FFA advisor or 4H leader and turned in to Records Department within one (1) week after distribution.
- Rabbits – All rabbits must be tattooed. 4H leaders must submit exhibitor names and validation numbers to Records Department or WGLS, PO Box 781, Helotes, Tx. 78023, post marked by December 31, 2023. All rabbits must be on feed and owned by the exhibitor at the time of validation until the end of the WGLS.

All commercial division steers, lambs, swine, and goats must be purchased from the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show with appropriate WGLS validation.

### **RULE 14 GROOMING**

Artificial coloring, powder, oil, or other materials are NOT allowed to be used on any market animal. Electric or battery-operated clippers are prohibited from use on show grounds. Blowers, grooming tables, or steer trim chutes are prohibited from use on the show grounds. Head stands for trimming and grooming of goats and sheep are prohibited. This includes all restraining devices, generators, extension cords, or portable tents on the show grounds. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE SHOW.**

### **RULE 15 ELIGIBILITY**

Exhibitors must be an active member of an “invited” FFA Chapter or 4H Club and must reside in the Northside ISD or legally attend a NISD school during the entire feeding period and throughout the duration of the show. (See Rule 12 for animal eligibility)

- “Invited” chapters or clubs include: ASTA FFA, Helotes 4H LSO, LSP, and Unlimited Clubs, and Leon Springs 4H. Other clubs may request an invitation from the Board of Directors for the 2024 show. Clubs must be in existence and in good standing for two (2) years prior to receiving an invitation. Clubs that become inactive or become not in good standing may be removed from the invitation list.
- Exhibitor must attend an accredited private, home school, or public elementary or secondary school and has not yet graduated from high school.
- Exhibitor must personally feed and care for his/her animal for the entire duration of the feeding and fitting period.
- An exhibitor attending the NISD Alternative Center may not participate.
- An exhibitor who is a 5<sup>th</sup> year high school student may not participate.
- All exhibitors must be between the ages of 9 and 19 on August 31, 2023 or may be 8 years old and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on August 31, 2023.

- Exhibitors who are ineligible under Texas Education Code 33.081 “No Pass, No Play” are not allowed to participate in any WGLS activity, including the showing of a project and/or auction. Any project owned by an ineligible exhibitor is also ineligible for competition and auction. This includes Ag Mechanics entries.
- Ineligible exhibitors who receive an “honors” waiver from their school MUST turn in the waiver document to the President of the WGLS or his designee no later than 11:00am on Thursday, January 18, 2024. No Exceptions! Waivers not turned in by the required deadline will not be accepted and the exhibitor will remain ineligible to participate.

#### **RULE 16      SANITARY REGULATIONS**

All rules and regulations governing admission of livestock to shows, fairs, and exhibitions set forth by the Texas Animal Health Commission shall apply to the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show.

#### **RULE 17      SHOWING OF ANIMAL**

The exhibitor must show his/her own animal except when the exhibitor has two (2) animals showing in the same class. An eligible exhibitor substitute may show the second animal in the same class without Board approval. Exhibitors who become ill, or are handicapped, or an emergency arises must receive approval from the Board of Directors for a substitute to show the exhibitor’s animal. The exhibitor or parent must complete the “Show/Auction Substitute Form” and return the form to the Records Superintendent for approval. Forms are available from Ag teachers and 4H leaders. Forms must be fully completed and signed by the Ag teacher or 4H leader. This rule applies for anyone requesting a substitute to show an animal as well as anyone requesting a substitute to sell the animal at the auction. **A copy of this form is included at the end of these rules.**

#### **RULE 18      EXHIBITOR PRESENCE AT SHOW**

The exhibitor must be present at show time and for the duration of the show. The exhibitor must ensure that his/her animal is in proper place and class for judging. The exhibitor must pick up his/her own ribbon as it is being presented. Failure to do so will result in immediate expulsion from the show. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the Board of Directors. An exhibitor that is ineligible to show but shows his/her animal anyway will be barred from any future shows, and all sale monies will be returned to the buyer(s).

#### **RULE 19      PLEDGES AND ADD-ONS**

All pledges must be turned in to the Records Department and must be accompanied with payment. Buyers at the auction may make additional pledges or add-ons as part of their financial commitment. Add-ons must be a minimum of \$25 per exhibitor and must be on the approved WGLS add-on form. Mailed pledges must be post marked by February 7, 2024. Pledges are not accepted after this date. All exhibitors who have an entry in the WGLS may receive an add-on; however exhibitors attending the NISD Alternative Academy, exhibitors who no longer reside in the NISD boundaries, or exhibitors who are no longer enrolled in school may not receive add-ons.

#### **RULE 20      LOANED AND LEASED ANIMALS**

Any exhibitor who enters an animal not owned by the exhibitor shall not be permitted to show or sell the animal. The person who loaned the animal shall likewise not be permitted to show or sell any animal and will be barred from future shows. In addition, leased animals are not allowed to be shown at the WGLS.

**RULE 21 EXHIBITOR AUCTION RESPONSIBILITY**

The exhibitor is responsible for being in the proper place at least 30 lots prior to being auctioned. Failure to do so will cause the exhibitor to forfeit the right to auction and the animal will be floored. Exhibitors are not allowed in the auction buyer area. Gifts for buyers and signs are not allowed in the auction arena. Exhibitors may only display awards, ribbons, banners, and buckles received at the current WGLS. No more than two students (exhibitor plus one helper) are allowed in the sale ring. (Exception: Grand and Reserve Grands may have 2 helpers)

**RULE 22 CARE AND FEEDING DURING SHOW**

All animals must be properly fed and cared for by the exhibitor for the duration of the show and sale. Animals must be watered daily. Medications or injections are prohibited from use during the show without the Board of Directors approval. Rule 2 may apply!

**RULE 23 REMOVAL OF ANIMAL**

All animals not auctioned or floored must be removed from the show grounds by 1:00pm by Thursday, January 25, 2024. Any animal not removed by this time will become property of the WGLS and will be floored. The exhibitor will receive the floor price of the animal. All poultry and rabbits must be removed within one hour after the completion of the show. All animals will be released by the division superintendent. Animals may not be removed without the division superintendent presence at time of removal. Once an animal is removed from the show grounds, it is not allowed to return. Any animal designated to floor or sell may not be removed from the Gerlach Show grounds. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the exhibitor and family being forever barred from the show.

**RULE 24 INTENT TO SELL**

Each exhibitor must notify their 4H or FFA leader of their intent to sell and/or floor each animal shown. This must be done prior to the close of each divisional show. If an exhibitor has other animals remaining to show and are not able to make a determination, the exhibitor must inform the 4H or FFA leader of the situation. However, the exhibitor must inform the 4H or FFA leader of his/her intentions to sell immediately following the showing of the last animal the exhibitor owns. 4H and FFA leaders must submit intent to sell lists to the Record Office within 1 hour after the final show ends. Exhibitors not complying with this rule will forfeit their right to sell and their animal will be floored. Exhibitors may be barred from future shows.

**RULE 25 EXHIBITOR CHECKS AND THANK YOU LETTERS**

All checks will be given directly to the exhibitor at "Check Night" or as designated by the Board of Directors. If the exhibitor is not present, the check will be mailed to the home address provided on the entry card. Checks not cashed within 90 days will be forfeited back to the show.

The exhibitor's "Thank You" letters to buyers must be submitted to the Board of Directors and representatives on February 15, 2024 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm at the ASTA Vickery Multipurpose Activity Center. Individual letters must be written to each buyer contributing funds to the exhibitor's project as well as to sponsors of any belt buckles awarded to the exhibitor. Each letter must be properly addressed, stamped, and sealed in an envelope with the exhibitor's return address. If the exhibitor does not provide the letter(s) on February 15, 2024, a 10% penalty will be deducted from the exhibitor's check. The 10% deduction applies to letters to belt buckle sponsors also. If the exhibitor's "Thank You" letters are not received by March 1, 2024, the sale of the animal will be voided, and all monies will be donated to the WGLS livestock fund. Failure to send "Thank You" letters will result in the exhibitor being barred from the show the following year.

**RULE 26 EXHIBITOR MISCONDUCT**

Any exhibitor showing misconduct such as destroying property, failure to follow directions, disrespect to a Director or adult supervisor will forfeit the right to show or auction and could be barred from future shows. Unethical treatment of animals or use of a shocking device on any animal is considered exhibitor misconduct.

**RULE 27 AUCTIONED ANIMALS**

Previously shown and auctioned animals are not allowed to participate at the WGLS. Exception: Bexar County Junior Livestock Show. Previously auctioned animals will be floored, and the exhibitor will be banned from future shows. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, unruly animals will not be allowed in the auction ring for the Auction of Champions.

**RULE 28 SHOWMANSHIP**

There are two divisions: Junior Showmanship (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Senior Showmanship (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade). Five showmanship ribbons with rosettes will be awarded for each division. The Champion of each division will be awarded a belt buckle. The exhibitor must own and had shown the animal in which he/she is using for showmanship honors. Exhibitors must register and wear the provided showmanship number to be considered for showmanship honors.

**RULE 29 COMMERCIAL AND OPEN SHOW POLICY**

1. No more than 2 animal units per division may be purchased for commercial shows.
2. The ASTA Ag Department and Gerlach Board will contract and purchase all commercial animals (Exception – Turkeys must be purchased through major show channels).
3. Commercial classes will be shown by weight or by the discretion of the Gerlach Board.
4. There will be a Commercial Show and Open Show within each large animal division (Exceptions – Poultry and Steers do not have Open Shows).
5. See Rule 6 for percentages that place for Commercial and Open Shows.
6. When a division has both a Commercial and Open Show, the judge will select a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion from the division champions and reserve champions of each show. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand will be determined between the Grand and Reserve Grand of each show.
7. Exhibitors may show one (1) animal in each of the Commercial and Open Shows or may show two (2) animals in one of the two shows.
8. The WGLS accepts no responsibility of the animals after the date of the delivery to the exhibitor.
9. A deposit of \$200 is required for each commercial purchase of hogs, goats, and sheep. A \$600 deposit is required for steers. The deposit is required by a date designated by each division. This deposit will be refunded if the student is unable to get a pen at the project center.
10. Validation of commercial livestock will be done by ASTA FFA teachers and the WGLS Board. All commercial livestock will be tagged specifically for the Walter Gerlach Show.
11. Sifting based on weight limits will be the same for both Commercial and Open Shows.
12. Parents and show volunteers are not allowed in the show ring for any reason while immediate family member exhibitors are showing (exception: the Show Superintendents may be in the show ring)
13. Commercial order dates: Mid-March 2024, date will be determined by the WGLS Board of Directors.



## **RULE 30 DEBT COLLECTIONS**

NSF returned checks must be resolved within 3 days of notification of the debt. This payment **MUST** be made in **CASH** for the balance due plus any bank and/or financial institution related NSF charges. If restitution is not made within the 3-day time period, the WGLS will enforce any or all of the following collection procedures:

1. Put a hold on the exhibitor's stock show auction check until payment is made.
2. Deny the student exhibitor an entry into the WGLS.
3. Cancel the exhibitor's order for a commercial animal.
4. Ban the exhibitor and other family members from exhibiting at the WGLS

## **DIVISION RULES**

### **STEERS**

1. Steers will be pre-tagged, and exhibitors will draw numbers matching steer tags. Example: If a student draws #15, the exhibitor receives the steer tagged with #15.
2. A non-refundable deposit of \$600 is required in Mid- March 2024 when steers are ordered (date will be determined by the WGLS Board of Directors). Heifers may be ordered in place of steers if steers are unavailable.
3. The final price will be kept as close to market price as possible. The remaining amount plus any additional expenses incurred will be collected prior to the WGLS validation drawing (date to be determined). State validation will be done in June.
4. The WGLS Board of Directors will determine show classes.
5. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirements for the WGLS Steer Show.
6. No more than two (2) steers may be purchased per exhibitor.
7. Steers may be family validated.
8. Steers will be shown slick sheared.
9. The WGLS Board of Directors accept no responsibility or liability for steers after exhibitor receives ownership at the validation drawing.
10. Junior and Senior Showmanship will be judged and awarded for exhibitors who register for the showmanship competition.

### **LAMBS**

1. Wethers and Ewes may be shown.
2. Commercial classes will be shown by weight or by the discretion of the WGLS Board of Directors.
3. Open classes will be shown by breed or by a designated combination of breeds as determined by the WGLS Board of Directors. (Example: The WGLS Board may determine to combine Southdown with Medium Wool or Fine Wool may be combined with Fine Wool Crosses). Open Show order will be Southdown, Fine Wool, Fine Wool Crosses, Medium Wool.
4. Weight classes will be determined by the Division and/or General Superintendent. Weight limits are as follows:

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| Southdown  | Minimum weight | 80 pounds |
| All Others | Minimum weight | 90 pounds |

There is no maximum weight for either group. A five-pound weight tolerance is allowed.
5. All lambs must be shorn slick before arrival to the show grounds.
6. Wool must be the same length over the entire body.
7. Boots are permissible.
8. No teeth requirement on lambs.
9. A minimum of seven (7) lambs must show per Open and Commercial class.
10. Thirty (30) or more lambs from the same breed will be divided into three (3) classes.
11. WGLS validation is required for all commercial show entries.

12. County or State validation is required for all open show entries.
13. Lamb pens will be assigned at the show by the Lamb Superintendent.
14. Junior and Senior Showmanship will be judged and awarded for exhibitors who register for the showmanship competition.

## **GOATS**

1. Wethers and Does may be shown.
2. All goats must weigh a minimum 50 pounds and maximum of 115 pounds (five-pound weight tolerance is allowed)
3. All market goats must be slick sheared before arrival to show grounds. No more than ¼ inch of hair allowed above the hocks.
4. Commercial and Open Classes will be determined by weight at the discretion of the WGLS Board of Directors.
5. Horns must be tipped.
6. WGLS validation is required for all commercial show entries.
7. County or State validation is required for all open show entries.
8. No teeth requirement on goats.
9. Thirty (30) or more goats will be divided into three (3) classes.
10. Division class champions will be determined as entries dictate at the discretion of the WGLS Board of Directors (may have up to 9 weight classes and 3 division champions in Commercial Show)
11. Goat pens will be assigned by the Goat Superintendent.
12. Junior and Senior Showmanship will be judged and awarded for exhibitors who register for the showmanship competition.

## **SWINE**

1. Barrows and Gilts may be shown.
2. All swine must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds and a maximum of 300 pounds. (Five-pound weight tolerance is allowed).
3. Thirty (30) or more pigs from the same breed will be divided into three (3) classes.
4. Division class champions will be determined as entries dictate at the discretion of the WGLS Board of Directors (may have up to 9 weight classes and 3 division champions in Commercial Show)
5. Each open breed must have a minimum of seven (7) entries to be placed in the show order. Otherwise, the breed will be placed in the OPB (Other Pure Breeds) division or Cross division if the OPB division has less than seven (7) entries. The Open Show order will be OPB, Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Crosses. Other recognized Pure Breeds may be placed alphabetically in the show order if there are seven (7) or more entries identified by the classifying judge.
6. Classes within the OPB division will be determined by the WGLS Board of Directors. Example: If the OPB division has 14 or more entries, they may be subdivided by weight or by down ear breeds and up eared breeds.
7. The size of commercial show classes will be determined by weight and by the discretion of the WGLS Board of Directors. All commercial or open classes must have at least 7 entries per class.
8. WGLS validation is required for all commercial show entries.
9. County or State validation is required for all open show entries.
10. Swine pens will be assigned by the Swine Superintendent.
11. Junior and Senior Showmanship will be judged and awarded for exhibitors who register for the showmanship competition.

## **RABBITS**

1. Three (3) rabbits constitute one (1) pen, unit, or entry.
2. Rabbits must have a minimum weight of three (3) pounds and a maximum weight of five (5.5) pounds. No weight tolerance is allowed.
3. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of two (2) pens of rabbits.
4. All breeds will be classified as Californian.
5. Rabbits must have no deformed teeth, ear canker, or disease.
6. There are no age requirements for rabbits.
7. Junior and Senior Showmanship will be judged and awarded for exhibitors who register for the showmanship competition.

## **GENERAL POULTRY**

1. The Poultry Show shall consist of Turkey Division and Broiler Division.
2. A check-in slip must be filled out identifying wing band numbers of each bird being shown. The check-in slip must be provided when checking in the exhibitor's entry of birds or pen of birds.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for their own pen space and must help clean show area and staging area at the conclusion of the show.
4. Parents and guardians are not allowed in show ring or sift ring. If an exhibitor needs assistance showing a bird or pen of birds, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to find other exhibitors to assist. Student volunteers will be available.
5. Birds with exterior parasites, broken wings, or severe bruising will be sifted at the judge's discretion.

## **TURKEY**

1. An entry consists of one (1) Hen or (1) Tom.
2. Hens and Toms will be shown in separate classes. An exhibitor may show one (1) Hen and one (1) Tom or may show two (2) turkeys of the same sex in the same class.
3. The Poultry judge will determine the sex of Turkey. Toms may not show in the Hen class. If the exhibitor presents the turkey as a Hen and the judge determines it to be a Tom, the bird will be sifted or placed in the Tom class if there is one.
4. State validated birds will be purchased for the show. Purchase requests for birds must be submitted to the ASTA Ag Department by May 1, 2023.
5. The number of birds purchased for the WGLS is 25 per exhibitor. Additional birds may be purchased for other shows and any unsold WGLS birds may be used for other shows. The Poultry Superintendent will identify and record wing band numbers for all birds eligible for the WGLS at the time of pick up. Families with multiple exhibitors may show from one group of 25 birds.
6. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen from class winners from the Hen and Tom divisions.
7. Wing bands for the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Turkeys will be removed by the Show Superintendent or designee prior to leaving the show ring. Wing bands must be removed by the Show Superintendent or designee for any Turkey designated to be sold in the auction. Substitution birds are not allowed. Wing bands must be turned in by the Show Superintendent or designee to the Records Office for verification on the day of the show or immediately after a determination is made after showing other animal units. (Note: if an exhibitor decides to sell a placing Turkey after removing the Turkey from the show grounds, the exhibitor must return the wing band of the designated bird to the Gerlach show grounds to the Show Superintendent or designee.

## **BROILERS**

1. Pullets and Cockerels will be shown.
2. An entry consists of three (3) chickens.
3. Pullets and Cockerels will show in separate classes. All three chickens in each pen must be of the same sex. If the judge determines that there are both pullets and cockerels in the same pen, the pen will be shown as a pen of cockerels.
4. Exhibitors may show one (1) pen of pullets and one (1) pen of cockerels or two (2) pens of the same sex.
5. Each pen must arrive in their own cage, crate, or box and be presented to the judge for pre-judging as a group. No substitution of birds is allowed once the pen is presented for pre-judging.
6. Wing bands will be checked during pre-judging to ensure they are within the range of bands assigned to the exhibitor. If any wing band is not within the assigned range, the pen will be sifted.
7. Only birds purchased from the Texas Stock Show Association and possessing the official wing bands will be used for the WGLS.
8. The number of birds purchased for the WGLS is 25 per exhibitor. The Poultry Superintendent will identify and record wing band numbers for all birds eligible for the WGLS at the time of pick up. Families with multiple exhibitors may show from one group of 25 birds.
9. Birds must possess a wing band from the recorded range of 25 assigned to each exhibitor. Missing wing bands or wing bands outside of the assigned range will cause the entire pen to be sifted.
10. Purchase request for birds must be submitted to the ASTA Ag Department by September 7, 2023. Payment by cash or check must accompany the request.
11. The Poultry Superintendent will notify FFA or 4H leaders as to the pick-up date of their broilers.
12. The WGLS will assume no responsibility for birds after they are transferred to the exhibitors.
13. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be chosen from the winners of the Pullet and Cockrell divisions.

**ZACH DAVIS AND RUBY GERLACH**  
**AGRICULTURE MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW**

**PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FFA AND 4H MEMBERS TO DISPLAY THE PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED IN AN AGRICULTURE MECHANICS LABORATORY AND TO**

- Promote the development of skills in agriculture mechanics through competition,
- Recognize individual accomplishments of youth through agricultural mechanics,
- Provide an opportunity for the public to develop an appreciation of this important phase of our youth program.

**RULES**

- 1 An entry fee of \$30 is required from the main exhibitor of each project. The co-exhibitor entry fee is \$15 per co-exhibitor. All entry fees are handled the same as for the livestock show. There is no refund of entry fees after the closing date of the entry. Entries are limited to invited FFA and 4H Chapters only.
- 2 Projects must be constructed under the supervision of the Ag Mechanics teacher or under the supervision of an identified 4H Ag Mechanics project leader. All projects must be built and kept within the NISD boundaries unless approved by the WGLS Board of Directors.
- 3 Each exhibitor or co-exhibitor may enter no more than two (2) ag mech projects per show year.
- 4 Team projects are allowed with a maximum of four (4) team members per project. If a team member becomes ineligible, the member will be removed from the team.
- 5 A project may be entered only one time at the WGLS and must be constructed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.
- 6 Substitutions: Project substitutions must be made in writing, and post marked by January 1, 2024 or will not be accepted. A project may be shown by identified co-exhibitors if the main exhibitor is unavailable.
- 7 All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be in clean and presentable condition. Professional paint jobs are prohibited. Wet paint on the project during check-in will result in disqualification.
- 8 A project book including an original working plan with dimensions, cut lists, photographs showing stages of construction, and a bill of materials is required for each project.
- 9 Tractors, trucks, or other vehicles are prohibited in the exhibit area as part of the display.
- 10 Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided by the exhibitor for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points; such as those found on self-feeder roofs, bale movers, etc. are to be padded and/or covered as necessary to prevent possible injury.
- 11 All projects are to be identified with standard club exhibitor's cards. Additional signs, banners, etc. are encouraged, but are subject to approval by the division Superintendent.
- 12 Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered. However, the WGLS Directors, nor the officials of this division will be liable for the loss of or damage to projects.
- 13 The WGLS reserves the right to display the projects as space and quality of projects allow. It is possible for larger projects be displayed at an alternate site.
- 14 The Danish System will be used in judging the projects in the following categories. A second judge may be utilized.

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| <b>A. Workmanship</b>                       | <b>30</b> |
| <b>B. Design and materials used</b>         | <b>10</b> |
| <b>C. Practicality</b>                      | <b>10</b> |
| <b>D. Degree of difficulty</b>              | <b>20</b> |
| <b>E. Finish</b>                            | <b>10</b> |
| <b>F. Project Book</b>                      | <b>10</b> |
| <b>G. Interview (Questions and Answers)</b> | <b>10</b> |

15. Divisions: All Ag Mechanics Projects must be declared by the exhibitor at the time of entry. If necessary, the Show Committee or Judge may reclassify or sift projects that do not meet division or workmanship requirements.
  - A. Furniture and Cooking – Furniture, Fire Pits, Grills and other cooking devices**
  - B. Shop Equipment and Truck Accessories – Shop Tables, Jigs, Resource Recovery, Truck Accessories**
  - C. Farm, Livestock and Wildlife Equipment – Gates, Pens, Traps, Feeders, Troughs Observation Stands, Farm Implements**
  - D. Trailers – Single Axle, Double Axle, Gooseneck**
  - E. Restoration – Tractors and other Ag Related Restoration Projects**
16. Awards include:
  - A. Champion and Reserve Champion of each Division.
  - B. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions of the Show.
  - C. Blue, Red, and White Ribbons. A project must earn a blue ribbon to compete for Division Champion. If a Division does not have any blue ribbon projects, a Champion of Division will not be awarded.
17. Ag Mechanics is not included in the livestock Auction of Champions. Prize money is awarded to qualifying projects. Other awards such as buckles, ribbons, or banners will only be provided to the main exhibitor of qualifying projects during the show. If the main exhibitor of a group project is unable to participate, the 1<sup>st</sup> co-exhibitor listed on the Entry Card becomes the main exhibitor etc. Additional buckles, if awarded, will be provided to co-exhibitors at a later date.
18. Projects must be on site by the identified time and date on the show schedule and must be removed from the show site immediately after the Ag Mechanics show unless approved by show superintendent. Exhibitors may begin removal of projects immediately following the announcement of the Ag Mechanics awards.

## AUCTION GUIDELINES FOR THE WALTER GERLACH LIVESTOCK SHOW

In an effort to speed up the auction for the WGLS, the following initiatives have been incorporated into the auction guidelines:

1. Only buyers with bids of \$1000 or more will be named on Champion Boards. Buyers with bids of \$500 or more will be invited to appear in the sale ring for photo.
2. It is preferred that buyers pre-register online or by mail. Please make sure that all billing information is correct. Information provided to the WGLS on the Buyer Registration Card will be utilized for correspondence from WGLS and show exhibitors. Buyers that pre-register will have buyer packets available when they arrive. This will save them time in line.
3. Only bids or donations of **\$100** or more will be announced during the auction. After the sale, exhibitors will receive a listing of buyers that purchased their animal. The resale (floor) price of all animals, with exception of steers, will automatically be credited to the scholarship fund. A minimum amount of \$100 is required on bid sheets; smaller amounts can be donated as **add-ons but not less than \$25 per exhibitor**.
4. This is a terminal sale and all livestock must go to slaughter or resale to slaughter. Floor buyers will not sell livestock on the Gerlach property.
- 7 If a buyer fails to pay their auction bill, students whose project the buyer promised funds will not receive that money in their checks.**
8. In keeping with the pace of other auctions (SALE), the minimum total purchase amount for a buyer is \$1000 by either bids or add-ons. If a buyer purchases less than \$1000, the buyer will be billed the balance. This only applies to buyers that enter the auction arena. Those buyers that choose to donate to the auction committee in lieu of attending the auction, will not be billed the \$1000 minimum.
9. Minors under 21 years of age are not permitted in the auction buyer's area unless approved by the Show Superintendent or Auction Committee Chairs. Exhibitors are not permitted in the buyer's area at any time. Consumption of alcohol by a minor is strictly prohibited at any time at the Steve Chumbley Agriculture Park.

Any questions regarding the auction, please contact:  
M'Lissa Chumbley / Ernie DeWinne – Auction Co- Chairs

Agriculture Science and Technology Academy Ag Department – 210-397-4871  
WGLS Barn – 210-698-3609 (Show Dates Only)

## **C.E. VICKERY AWARD**

Charles E. Vickery believed in serving others and this award is to honor him and his dedicated service to the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show. As the founding Ag teacher of the WGLS, Mr. Vickery had a dream of providing a show for the students of Northside to exhibit their animals and learn to serve others in unselfish ways. He worked hard and was never afraid to get right into the mix of things; he was a true lead by example type of person. As so, the WGLS Board of Directors recognizes up to six students who carry on the Vickery spirit of serving others and serving the show.

Criteria for this award are as follows:

- The student must be nominated by one or more of the directors
- The student must serve the 2024 WGLS by volunteering at workdays, animal delivery days, and during the WGLS
- The student must have an entry in the 2024 Walter Gerlach Livestock Show
- The student takes initiative to serve without being asked
- The student completes tasks with a positive attitude
- The student does what is asked of him/her the first time asked
- The student actively volunteers and helps when called upon



## ADDENDUM

### UNETHICAL FITTING

The showing of unethically fitted livestock at the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show is prohibited. Unethically fitted animals will be sifted. Unethical fitting is deemed to consist of any method of altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body evidenced by the presence of abnormal tissue or foreign substance. The use of chemicals not approved for market show animals (steers, lambs, swine, goats, poultry, and rabbits) to be used for human consumption will not be tolerated. Undetermined withdrawal times and safety data of tranquilizers are reasons unapproved drugs shall not be used in food animals. Drug residues are human health hazards. The use of drugs and chemicals in show animals with intent to deceive relative to the animal's soundness, conformation, body weight, and disposition will not be tolerated. Use of drugs, chemicals, and medications, including medicated feed approved for market animals for human consumption shall not be administered within the withdrawal times prior to the show. Feed and additives that are not FDA approved for a particular species is not allowed during the entire feeding/fitting period. Drug residues from dewormers, insecticides, antibiotics, and antibacterial are human health hazards. **Abuse or misuse of drugs and chemicals in show animals by the exhibitor will result in him/her being disqualified from the show.** The exhibitor of any animal in any division agrees to submit the animal to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the Executive Committee and agrees to have the animal tested for laboratory analysis. The exhibitor, including the parent or guardian, AST or CEA and Superintendent of the division must be present during the collection for testing and must witness, seal, and sign the sample, thus verifying the sample was properly collected and prepared for analysis. The conclusion reached by the veterinarian or lab analysis shall be final and conclusive without recourse against WGLS. The exhibitor waives any right of action which he/she might have for any action taken under this rule. The exhibitor also releases WGLS and the veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection fitted. The Executive Committee is authorized to permanently bar the exhibitor and his/her family from any further participation in the WGLS. The exhibitor will also forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, and auction proceeds **for the current show year.**

Any activity deemed as unethical or as an intentional violation of the WGLS rules **OR** any family or exhibitor banned from other stock shows due to violations determined by the Texas State Stock Show Board or Validation Committee may result in the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family being banned from the current show and all future Walter Gerlach Stock Shows. Violation of the WGLS rules may result in forfeiture of all titles, awards, prizes, and auction proceeds for the current show year.

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WALTER GERLACH LIVESTOCK SHOW  
EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTION FORM

**NOTE !!! PLEASE REFER TO RULE 17 FOR SUBSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY**

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4H or FFA Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will not be showing my animal because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following for each substitution:**

**The following exhibitor(s) will be showing my animal(s) in my absence.**

Animal #1

Name of Substitute Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Entry Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal #2

Name of Substitute Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Entry Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal #3

Name of Substitute Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Entry Number: \_\_\_\_\_

AST / 4H Leader's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

