

DAYTON FFA

AGRI CULTURE DEPARTMENT HANDBOOK 2024- 2025

FFA Members and Parents of Agri-Science Students:

The FFA advisors at Dayton Hgh School would like to welcome you and your family to a new school year. This manual is provided to you so that we can better inform the FFA member and parents. There are many questions that can be answered through this manual as well as by asking any of the FFA advisors, or current FFA officers. We have a great group of young leaders this year! We strongly encourage your family to read the manual and mark your calendars with the upcoming events. Additional information will be available on our website as well and/or given out in class. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask! Feel free to contact any advisor at the phone numbers listed on page 3.

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The FFA Creed

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds—achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of for mer years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discourage ment, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability or progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so—for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The creed was written by E M Tiffany, and adopted at the 3^{rd} National Convention of the FFA It was revised at the 38^{h} Convention and the 63^{rd} Convention

DAYTON ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability in providing education or providing access to benefits of education services, activities and programs including career technology programs, in accordance with Title VI of the Givil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, As amended; and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

WHAT IS AGRISCIENCE?

The course material for Agri-Science is a wide-based study of production, processing, and marketing of agricultural products. Some Agri-Science courses are offered on a senester basis and some are yearlong courses. Many courses are offered each senester, however, only the classes with the largest enroll ment are taught. Students will have the opportunity in accordance with House Bill 5 to earn Program of Study in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources with an endorsement in Business and Industry. Freshman are required to take Principles of Agriculture, as this class showcases all other courses we offer about Agriculture. Below is a chart of the programs of study:

Program of Study Plant Science	94.h Principles of Ag	10th	11 th	12th
Plant Science	Principles of Ag			
	. 3	Floral Design	Horti cult ur al Sci ence	Advanced Floral Design
Applied Agricultural Engineering	Principles of Ag	Ag Mechanics (Intro Weld)	Ag Structures (Weldl)	Ag Design (Weld II)
Animal Sorence	Principles of Ag	Small An mal / Equine	Li vest ock Pr oducti on	Advanced An mal Sa ence
Environmental and Natural Resources	Principles of Ag	Wildlife, Hisheries, and Ecology Mgml.	Forestry	* Energy and Natural Resources

Agriculture is sometimes referred to as this nation's largest industry, employing over 32 million Americans, and involving all aspects of providing food and fiber for the country. For every job in actual production agriculture (farming or ranching), there are 26 jobs in marketing distribution, service, etc. Over 65% of agricultural products produced last year were contributed to small or "part time" far mers and ranchers.

Our instructional program is based on the above-mentioned facts. We realize that very few of our students will be full time far mers or ranchers or be involved in production agriculture at all. Our goal is to produce students who are familiar with all aspects of the agricultural process and are aware of the many career opportunities in the diverse field of agriculture.

The FFA is closely related to the agriculture program at Dayton Hgh School. In fact, the general public is more aware of the activities of the FFA than those of agriculture. Although the two work hand in hand it should be remembered that they are separate entities.

WHAT IS THE FFA?

The FFA is a national organization of, by, and for youth interested in agriculture and leadership. In fact it is the largest youth organization of its kind! FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for <u>premier leadership</u>, <u>personal growth</u>, and <u>career success</u> through agricultural education.

A student does not become a member of FFA by merely taking agri-science. The student must meet certain requirements set forth by the FFA constitution to be an <u>ACTIVE MEMBER</u> They are as follows:

- 1. Be enrolled in one Agri-Science course per semester or one year long course
- 2. Recite the FFA Greed
- 3. Be voted on by members of the organization (Documented through the Roster System)
- 4. Pay dues to participate on teams or activities (Done so through the Affiliation Fee)
- 5. Be involved in at least 3 Dayt on FFA activities for the current school year
- 6. Attend 7 out of 9 regular monthly Chapter neetings

The Dayton FFA participates in the Paid Membership. Every student enrolled in an Agri-Science class, has the opportunity to pay their membership fees and join the FFA. This entitles every student to participate as an active member of the Dayton FFA.

DISCLAMER A graduate from Dayt on Hgh School may remain an active member by paying the annual dues in order to apply for a wards and the American degree only. Dayt on FFA nor Dayt on ISD will pay any expenses for travel beyond the first State and National FFA Convention post-graduation from high school. Expenses for National FFA Convention will only be paid for if a student is part of a team that advanced from state while still in high school. Per National FFA Constitution "A member may retain active membership until November 30 following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduation from high school."

Dayt on ISD FFA members may participate in several livest ock shows including but not limited to [FOR INFORMATION ON RAISING LIVESTOCK, SEE SECTION TITLED SAEP PROGRAM

- 1. Texas Rice Festival
- 2. Trinity Valley Exposition
- 3. Fort Worth Livestock Show
- 4. San Antonio Livestock Exposition
- 5. Houst on Li vest ock Show and Rodeo
- 6. South East Texas State Fair
- 7. Dayt on Li vest ock Show

Dayt on FFA Advisors will attend all major livestock shows but will not be required to attend prospect or jackpot shows. FFA members are welcome to attend various prospect and jackpot shows in and around our area. If you need help with your animal or with paper work, an Ag Teacher will be more than happy to assist you.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (CDE) and LEADERS HIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (LDE):

FFA members also have the opportunity to participate on CDE and LDE teams. The student has the opportunity to earn individual as well as team a wards. Being involved on one of these teams, you have the chance to learn and obtain skills such as teamwork, public speaking, reasoning, problemsolving and evaluation to name a few

Dayt on FFA offers the following:

CDE:

Wool Judging
 Ent o mol ogy
 Li vest ock Eval uation
 Horse Eval uation
 M1k Quality
 Vet Science
 Forestry
 Poultry
 Ag Sales
 Il. Land

6. Floriculture

SPEAKI NG (considered a CDE):

- 1. Prepared Public Speaking Greenhand and Seni or {several divisions to choose from}
- 2. Soil and Water Stewardship Prepared
- 3. Ext e mor aneous

LDE:

- 1. Chapter Conducting Team Greenhand and Seni or
- 2. FFA Qui z Greenhand and Seni or
- 3. FFA Skills Greenhand and Seni or
- 4. FFA Greed Greenhand and Seni or
- 5. FFA Radio
- 6. Job Interview
- 7. Public Relations
- 8. Ag Advocacy
- 9. Ag Issues Forum
- 10. FFA Spanish Greed- Greenhand and Seni or

LDE's are in the fall and CDE's are in the fall and spring but you can participate in speaking events both in the fall and spring

FFA AWARDS, DEGREES AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

FFA members can compete for many individual awards and degrees at the local, district, area, state and national levels. These include Proficiency Awards (the full list can be found on the National FFA website) and Star Awards for Greenhands, Chapter, Lonestar and Americans.

You can also earn degrees for a Greenhand, Chapter, Lonestar and American. You obtain these a wards and degrees by keeping accurate records of you SAE's in the AET record book system. As a senior, FFA members are eligible for several scholarships. Please see the Ag Teachers for a full list of potential scholarships.

OTHER ACTI WILES:

Community Service - Dayton FFA members will have the opportunity to serve their community by participating in many community service projects.

Camps and Conventions - FFA members may attend camps and conventions at the local, district, area, state and national (if an individual or team qualifies) level.

^{***} If there is interest in a certain contest, the Ag Teachers will consider creating that team

**** FFA MEMBERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN AS MANY ACTIVITIES AS THEY CAN! WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!!****

FFA OFFI CI AL DRESS:

FFA members are encouraged to purchase FFA Official Dress. There are certain activities such as conventions and some contest, where the FFA member is required to wear Official Dress. The FFA member is responsible for the cost of Official Dress including the jacket.

The FFA Jacket, a tie (boys) and scarf (girls) can be purchased from the National FFA website. The FFA member will have to be measured for their jacket. An Ag Teacher can assist the FFA member with measuring as well as assisting the FFA Member and parent with purchasing the jacket.

To complete Official Dress, you must have the following. Boys -

- 1. White collared shirt (business shirt)
- 2. Black slacks (not jeans)
- 3. Black socks (not athletic)
- 4. Black dress shoes or boots
- 5. Official FFA

tie Grls -

- 1. White collared shirt (business shirt)
- 2. Black skirt (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee)
- 3. Black hose
- 4. Black closed toes, closed heeled dress shoes (no bows, bling colored stitching etc.)
- 5. Official FFA Scarf

CODE OF ETH CS:

To participate in any FFA activity, agriculture students must neet all criteria to be acade mically eligible to participate. All agricultural and FFA activities will follow Dayton ISD guidelines for eligibility, as well as information stated in the Dayton Hgh School Student/Parent Handbook. As well, follow and abide by all rules, regulation and code of ethics found in the Official FFA Manual. In order to participate in the Dayton ISD Livestock Show or any of its related activities, a student must be in "good standing" with the chapter. Good standing is defined as adhering to all chapter, district FFA, state FFA, national FFA, campus, and district rules and policies, as well as not being referred to the Dayton ISD DAEP nor serving two or more assignments in ISS (less than 5 days each). Students with multiple discipline issues can be given eligibility on a case by case basis decided upon by the Dayton agriscience teachers.

Students/Parents/Teachers should also maintain records of extracurricular absences. Students in Dayt on ISD are required to fill out Principal Plans if they are going to absent from school for a high number of days due to school activities. Freshman are given 10 days, sophomores are given 12, juniors are given 20, and seniors 25. Students and parents may refer to the Dayt on High School Student/Parent Handbook for more information.

SAEP – SUPERVI SED AGRI CULTURAL EXPERI ENCE PROGRAM

This aspect of the program usually generates the most questions asked by parents and students. Students must have a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program project in order to meet state and local FFA requirements. The most common question asked is "Do I have to raise an ani mal to be in ag and/or the FFA?" The answer is NO! The project requirement can be met by students participating in other supervised activities in and out of class during the year. All activities must be approved prior to beginning the activity.

Li vest ock projects are very popular at Dayton High School. The following is a guideline for students considering these types of projects:

- 1. The projects chosen for the supervised project program will depend upon the student's interest, funds available, time available, facilities available, etc. The program must have the approval of the parents and Agriculture Science Teacher.
- 2. It is desirable for the student to have complete ownership of his/her projects, but a student may obtain outside help/advise for raising their project.
- 3. Although students will need the advice and guidance of their parents and teachers, the managerial decisions should be left up to the student. He or she should accept the responsibility for the success or failure of his project program
- 4. Students are required to keep complete and accurate records (AET) on each project and should pay for all expenses and receive all income, unless other arrangements have been made. Students will keep records in record books called Agriculture Experience Tracker or AET in class.
- 5. Before selecting a project program, students should consider the following:
 - a. What type of programis best suited for my particular situation?
 - b. Do I have facilities and/or a place to keep this project?*
 - c. Will I have the time to properly raise this project?
 - d. Do I have the funds to purchase and raise this project?
- * We, Dayt on FFA, do not provide facilities to keep an SAE project. The student and family are completely responsible for building or acquiring facilities to house their projects.

Other types of SAE's could include: an agricultural related job, owning your own business, a research project, etc. If raising an animal is not for you, talk with an Ag Teacher for other SAE ideas.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ:

Where do I get these ani mals?

FFA members that pursue showing livestock are allowed to buy their animal from any breeder they so choose. If you need help selecting or hauling the animal, a Dayton Ag Teacher will be more than happy to help

Ho w much does it cost to purchase and raise these ani mals?

The following is a list of the different projects exhibited at the Dayton FFA Livestock Showthat includes the purchase price and **ESTI MATED** expense to raise the m

Please understand that these are just estimates! The price of the animal and the cost of feed will influence the cost of raising the project.

*Cattle (Market Steers, Commercial Heifers and Breeding) The estimated total

invest ment is \$2000 - \$3000.

*Pigs The estimated total investment is \$500-\$700. *Goats The estimated total investment is \$400-\$650.

*Broilers students must order at least 10 chicks; the estimated total investment is

\$200-\$400.

*Rabbits The total investment is \$300-\$600. Students are allowed to purchase a pen of

meat rabbits or breed their own. The cost can also depend on how many

rabbits you purchase or breed.

Please note, these are estimates and do not include expenses for constructing pens, purchase of equipment, and others such as unexpected vet bills, etc.

* Ho w will I learn to show these ani mals?

Throughout the project the Ag Teachers will have SAE visitations. During the visitation, the Ag Teachers will inspect the animal and facilities as well as answer any questions regarding care, showmanship, etc. Also, the exhibitor will need to work with the animal each day to train the animal to set-up and show. It takes practice and time to get the animal to set up and show properly.

DAYTON FFA OFFI CER POLI CY

I. El ecti on Process:

- A Officer Positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Reporter, Treasurer, Sentinel, Student Advisor, Historian, Parliamentarian and Chaplain
- 1. Fill out application and resume Higibility check
- 2. Discipline check
- 3. 2- Teacher Recommendation letters (non Ag Teacher)
- 4. Interview by Committee, may or may not include the following (must be a min. of 3 on panel)
 - 1 Ad mi ni strat or
 - 2 Teachers
 - 1 Out si de sources

The election committee will rank officer candidates in order. Points will be a warded accordingly from that order.

- 5. 50-100 question exam(consisting of various questions from the Official FFA Manual, Gray's Parliamentary Procedure, and other sources). Candidates will receive points based on the number of correct responses.
- 6. Candidates will present a 2 minute or less speech to the chapter, where members will have an opportunity to vote. Points will be assigned based on number of votes received.
- 7. All current 9h-11th graders will be allowed to run for office.
- 8. All current $9^h 12^h$ graders will be allowed to vote.
- 9. The highest ranking returning sopho more or junior (junior or senior during term) will be elected to the President position. All other offices will be established by the scoring system. The FFA Chapter will purchase the newest president's jacket.
- 10. All components of the officer election system will be ranked from 1 to how ever many candidates there are. (i.e., if there are 21 candidates, they will be ranked from 1 to 21)
- 11. If a tie was to occur, the tie breaker will be the Committee Interview results.

The officer order will ascend from highest to lowest point values. Once all point values are assigned, the officer will be announced prior to the end of the year banquet.

II. Official Dress and Officer Shirts:

- A FFA Advisor and FFA Officers will select Officer shirts for the upcoming year. This shirt will be worn on the designated FFA Chapter meetings dates and other designated FFA chapter activities.
- B FFA Officers will be responsible for the cost of shirt.
- C FFA Officers will also be responsible for the cost of the Official FFA Dress as outlined in the Official FFA Manual.

III. FFA Officer Summer Planning Meetings:

- A The FFA Advisor(s) and the Officer team will select dates to meet with all the FFA Officers during the summer to plan the upcoming year's activities. The FFA Advisor (s) will supervise the meeting
- B All the FFA Officers are required to attend the planning meeting during the summer.

IV. FFA Officer (Executive) Meetings:

- A Officer (Executive) meetings will be twice a month. The dates of the meetings will be selected by the FFA Advisors and the FFA Officers.
- B All FFA Officers are to be at the Officer (Executive) meetings on time.
- C If an FFA Officers needs to miss a meeting they need to notify a/the FFA Advisor(s) at least 4 hours in advance by email.

V. FFA Chapter Meetings:

- A FFA Officers are to be at the monthly FFA meeting 30 minutes prior to the meeting to set up and prepare for the meetings.
- B FFA Officers are expect to lead by example during FFA meetings and should not be involved in disruptive behavior.
- C In cases where an Officer must miss a chapter meeting the FFA Advisor(s) and the FFA President must be notified in writing 24 hours in advance. In writing, includes texting, email or written note.

VI. Dayton FFA Rodeo:

- A FFA Officers should check in before 5:30 PMeach night of the rodeo with the FFA Advisors to determine the work stations for the night. This will be done at the FFA Rodeo Arena office next to the concession stand.
- B FFA Officers will wear their officer shirts on the designated rodeo date and will dress accordingly on the other rodeo dates.
- C FFA Officers will collect tickets and/or park cars at all rodeo event sponsored by the Dayton FFA Chapter.
- D FFA Officers will check in at 5:30 PMthe night of the rode oto be given their work stations. Student may leave at & 30 PM or they are to work until the FFA Advisors deemit appropriate for the mto leave.
- E With prior notice, FFA Officers participating in the rodeo will be expected to work from 5: 30 to 7: 30 PM
 - If a student is participating in the FFA Rodeo Queen's contest, they may wear their Queen's attire to work their duty station.

VII. General Rules:

- A The FFA Officer position will be held from the Annual Parent/Member FFA Banquet to the next Annual Parent/Member FFA Banquet.
- B FFA Officer eligibility will be determined by UL ("No Pass, No Play") rules.
- C FFA Chapter Officers are expect to attend all monthly meetings, Dayton FFA Li vestock Show and Rodeo and any functions deemed necessary by the FFA Advisors. Officer Chairman's must be present at their specific animal's tag in weighins.
- D FFA Chapter Officer are to conduct the mselves in an orderly manner during the school day and at school/FFA functions/activities.

VIII. FFA Officer Contracts:

Being a Dayt on FFA Officer is a privilege and an honor. Each candidate goes through a multistep process to become an Officer. With the privilege comes responsibility, therefore each Officer will be bound by a Dayt on FFA Officer contract and demerit system to uphold the integrity of the Officer position. Each Dayt on FFA Officer as well as one parent/guardian will sign the Dayt on FFA Officer Contract. The contract will outline the Dayt on FFA Officer responsibilities, duties and describe the demerit system

The Dayton FFA Officer contract and denerit system can be found as APPENDEX A AND APPENDEX B

DAYTON FFA S WEETHEART AND BEAU POLICY

Each year the Dayton FFA Chapter will select one female and one male member to represent the FFA Chapter on the Dayton Hgh School home coming court. Members no minated for Dayton FFA Sweetheart and Beau will be selected using the following criteria:

- 1. Must be a seni or in high school.
- 2. A student may only serve as Sweetheart or Beau for one term
- 3. Must have been enrolled in an Agri-Science class for at least two years.
- 4. Must be involved in two of the categories listed below as well as be member in good standing
 - a. Have an SAE
 - b. Leadership Development Event (LDE)
 - c. Career Development Event (CDE)
- 5. Candidates will be elected by a plurality vote of the FFA members present at the designated FFA meeting.

**** CANDI DATES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SOLICIT VOTES AND OR DISTRIBUTE CAMPAI GNING MATERIAL*****

DAYTON FFA CHAPTER TRAVEL POLICY

Throughout the year the Dayton FFA Chapter participates in numerous events and activities. Dayton FFA members have the opportunity to represent the mselves, the Dayton FFA Chapter and Dayton I. S D While representing our school and community our students will follow the following guidelines:

- 1. The Dayton FFA Chapter will allow the use of the Dayton FFA Travel and Behavior Policy For mas their permission slip for all FFA related activities including but not limited tα LDE's, CDE's, Livestock shows, FFA activities, Community Service, ETC (See attached for m) The form must remain on file for the entire school year.
- 2. The Dayton FFA Chapter will also use as separate per mission slip to allow the student to accompany an Ag Teacher to the arena during school hours as either a class activity or as an FFA related activity. (See attached for m)
- 3. When participating in an FFA related activity or event, the FFA member will travel with a FFA Advisor to and from the activity or event unless written per mission is obtained with the Principal's signature PRI OR to the activity or event.
- 4. Transportation will be provided either by school bus, school district vehicle or one of the Dayton Agriculture Department trucks.
- 5. In most cases, FFA members are responsible for their own meals and snacks. The school district or the FFA activity account, will pay for student meals in the event of contest advancement or for State or National Conventions.
- 6. Over night trips will include FFA competitions, FFA Conventions, FFA activities and major Livestock Show
- 7. Dayton I. S. D. and/or Dayton FFA will only cover the cost of students/FFA member(s) that are currently enrolled in Dayton Hgh School. ** If you have graduated from Dayton Hgh School and you WILL be receiving an award or participating in a contest at the first Texas FFA State or National Convention post-graduation, Dayton FFA will pay for your expenses on the day of the award cere mony or contest. Expenses that will be covered includes: lodging, neals and registration. **

TRAVEL DEFINED BY FFA EVENT FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY.

- 1. Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events:
 - a. Transportation-Transportation will be provided by school bus, school district vehicle or Dayton Agriculture truck.
 - b. Expenses-the FFA Chapter will pay for event registration fees and lodging in the case of overnight events for active members. The student will be responsible for neals and snacks.
 - c. Area or State Advancements of Events- Advancement events qualify FFA members for other event, the FFA chapter will pay for event registration, lodging, and meals for the participating FFA member(s). FFA members will been given meal money based on a \$25 per die m (Breakfast \$6, Lunch \$8, Dinner \$11)

2. FFA Conventions:

- a. Transportation- Transportation will be provided by school bus, school district vehicle or Dayton Agriculture truck.
- b. Expenses- the FFA Chapter will pay for event registration fees and lodging in the case of overnight events. FFA members will been given meal money based on a \$25 per die m(Breakfast \$6, Lunch \$8, Dinner \$11)
- c. Qualifying-

In order to attend the State FFA Convention, a FFA member must qualify by the following methods:

- 1. Be a Dayt on FFA Officer,
- 2. Be elected as a District or Area Officer,
- 3. Be a recipient of a Degree or Award (including by not limited to Proficiency, Star, etc.) for current student(s) only. ** If you have graduated from Dayton High School and you WILL be receiving an award or participating in a contest at the first Texas FFA State or National Convention post-graduation, Dayton FFA will pay for your expenses on the day of the award cere mony or contest. Expenses that will be covered includes: lodging, meals and registration. **
- 4. Be selected as an Ag Ambassador, FFA Chorus or Band, Courtesy Corp or Media
- 5. Triple Gown: participate on a CDE, LDE and show a livestock project.
- 6. Be selected by an application process if openings are available as deemed open by the FFA Advisors. Must be an active member to apply.

In order to attend the National FFA Convention, a FFA member must qualify by the following method(s):

- 1. Receiving an award as a current student(s) only. ** If you have graduated from Dayton Hgh School and you WILL be receiving an award or participating in a contest at the first Texas FFA State or National Convention post-graduation, Dayton FFA will pay for your expenses on the day of the award cere mony or contest. Expenses that will be covered includes: lodging, neals and registration **
- 2 Participating as a member of a qualifying team or event.
- 3. Must be serving in the top 4 position as an Area Officer.

3. Was hington Leadership Conference (WLC);

- a. Transportation-Transportation will be by airplane. The student will be responsible for the cost of the airfare.
- b. Expenses-Registration fees will be provided by the Dayton FFA Chapter or any other entity wanting to cover the cost of the conference (i.e., Dayton Young Farmers)
- c. Qualifying WLC participants will be selected by an application process.

4. Li vest ock Sho ws:

- a. Transporting SAE projects SAE projects may be hauled to and from the shows either by the FFA member or by the FFA Advisor(s). If the FFA Advisor is to transport the project, advance notice must be given in a timely manner to ensure there will be room in the trailer. In either case, planning should be made to arrive at the same time as the other Dayton FFA projects in order to be stalled together as all the Dayton FFA members represent the Dayton FFA as a group.
- b. Expenses FFA members will be responsible for all their own expenses including by not limited t α meals, entry fees, etc.
- c. Lodging The student and the parents are responsible for your lodging.

FFA LETTER JACKET POLICY

FFA members have the opportunity to earn a letterman jacket. To earn a letter man jacket, a FFA member must qualify. To qualify, a FFA member must be an active member. Qualifications are based on a point system Please see APPENDIX C for the application for qualifications and point values.

See FFA LETTER J ACKET APPLI CATI ON on our website for more information and the application.

The Ag Teacher will disburse the FFA Letter Jacket applications to those FFA members who have served at least two semesters in the Dayton FFA in the spring semester.

ELI GIBILITY POLICY

The Dayton I.S.D, by state law must adhere to the eligibility policy of the Texas Education Agency. This policy states that all students will be per mitted to participate in extracurricular activities subject to the following restrictions:

- 1. The student must be passing all classes.
- 2. Students who fail are subject to follow the Dayton ISD Grading Period Policy.
- 3. Students may not participate in competitions or any FFA related activity during the three-week period following the failing grade, but they are allowed to continue to practice with the teamthat they are a member of.
- 4. At the end of the three week progress report period, a grade check will be done in order to determine if the ineligible student is passing
- 5. If the student is passing all classes, and is verified by the teacher in writing then the student becomes eligible for participation in the competition or FFA activity.
- 6. If the student is still failing at the end of the three week progress report period, then the student will remain incligible until the end of the next grading period. At that time, student eligibility will be determined once again.

Students are encouraged to notify the Agri-Science Teacher(s) as soon as possible if they suspect that a grade is below an acceptable level in any class. It is sometimes possible to offer suggestions and/or locate appropriate tutors from within the Agriculture program. Remember, the Agri-Science Teacher cannot help once grades are posted!

EXTRACURRI CULAR ABSENCE POLI CY

In order to participate in as many extra-curricular activities as possible, students need to abide by the Dayt on I. S. D. TEN DAY ATTENDANCE RULE. This rule allows for a student to attend up to ten outside school related activities such as livestock shows, LDE's, CDE's and other FFA related activities during the school year.

In some cases active members have the opportunity to compete in more activities than the ten days that are allowed by the school. In these cases, PRI OR approval from the high school Principal must be obtained in a timely manner via a PRI NOI PAL PLAN

A **PRING PAL PLAN** is an agree ment bet ween the student, parent/guardian, the Agri-Science Teacher and the Principal that the student will be given extra excused absences as long as they meet and maintain the requirements set forth by the Principal, Mr. Geoff Mc Cracken

Reasons for this policy are to insure that students have passing grades and have either passed the EOC 9 End of Course exams or are capable of passing the EOC when testing occurs during the spring semester.

There are several activities that occur during the year that an ACTI VE MEMBER participates in Our goal is that they have the opportunity to do so providing that their total school objective are met and achieved.

DAYTON FFA CONSTITUTION*

ARTI CLE I. Regulations and Regulations

Section A General Rules and Regulations

- 1. If the code of ethics are not followed by a member, the offense, whether serious or not, it will be brought before Ag teachers and principal.
- 2. The FFA me mbers represent the Chapter at all times and should conduct the msel ves with dignity and pride.
- 3. The FFA members shall wear his/her official FFA dress when representing the Dayton Chapter at any special activity, and at all Chapter, district, or higher level activities. Official dress consist of: Boys—Back pants, White dress shirt, Back shoes, Back belt, the FFA tie, and FFA jacket. Grls—Back pants or black skirt, White button down shirt, Back socks or hose, Back close toed & closed heel shoes, FFA scarf, and FFA jacket. Failure to do so will result in being excused from the meeting and an absence will be noted
- 4. When the FFA jackets are worn, they should be worn with pride and in good standing with the FFA Manual.
- 5. Other Rules and regulations set forth by the Ag teachers and/or Chapter officers, verbally or posted will be obeyed.

ARTI CLE II. Na me, Missi on and Strategies

Section A

The name of this organization shall be the Dayton FFA Chapter of the National FFA Organization.

Section B

The mission and strategies for this chapter are as follows:

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

- 1. Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
- 2. Increases a wareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
- 3. Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in the mselves and their work.
- 4. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
- 5. Encourages achieve ment in super vised agricultural experience programs.
- 6. Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
- 7. De vel ops interpersonal skills intea mwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
- 8. Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patrictism
- 9. Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
- 10. Promotes healthy lifest yles.
- 11. Encourages excellence in scholarship.

Artide III. Organization

Section A This Chapter accepts in full the provisions on the Constitution and By-laws

of the Texas Association and the National Organization of the FFA

Section B The Dayton Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of the Texas

Association of FFA, Which is chartered by the National FFA

Or ganization.

Article IV. Me mbership

Section A Me mbership in this Chapter shall be of three kinds.

- 1. Active
- 2. Al u mi
- 3. Honorary
- Section B Honorary membership in this Chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree.
- Section C Alumni membership in this Chapter shall be those members that have graduated but pay their annual dues.
- Section D The regular activities of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.
- Section E Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the Active Chapter. An Active member shall be considered in good standing when:
 - 1. He/ she attends local Chapter meetings missing no more than 2
 - 2. He/ she shows interest in and takes part in the affairs of the Chapter.
 - 3. He/ she pays their FFA dues regularly.
 - 4. He/ she must attend all mandatory events if showing a SAEP project, such as mandatory work days of which you must acquire 16 hours of work hours.
 - 5. He/ she must sell at least 10 items in our fund-raisers.
 - 6. While a student of Dayton Hgh School, be enrolled in at least one year long or t wo (2), se mester long agriculture science classes.

Section F. Na mes of applicants for me mbership shall be filed with the me mbership Committee via the FFA Roster.

Artide V. Me mbership Degrees and Privileges

Section A There will be four degrees of membership in this Chapter. They are as follows:

- 1. The Greenhand Degree
- 2. The Chapter Farmer Degree
- 3. The State Farmer Degree
- 4. The American Farmer Degree

All "Greenhands" are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem Pin All members holding the degree of Chapter Farmer are entitled to wear the silver Pin All members holding the State Farmer Degree are entitled to wear the goldemblem Charma All members holding the American Farmer Degree are entitled to wear the goldemblem Key.

Section B

M ni nu m qualifications for electing of degrees (Greenhand, Chapter, State and American) are:

1. As written in the FFA Constitution and By-Laws if the State and National Organizations.

Section C

Special committee shall review the qualifications of members and make recommendations to the Chapter concerning degree advancement.

Article VI. Emblens

Section A The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the chapter

Section B Emblems used by the members shall be designated by the National FFA Organization.

Artide VI. Officers

Section A

The officers of the chapter will be as follows President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Student Advisor. Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices. Other positions can be added at the discretion of the Ag science advisors.

*Section B

Officer Requirements:

- 1. Officers shall be elected annually.
- 2. Of ficers should conduct the mselves with maturity, pride, dignity, and a positive attitude.
- 3. Officers should set a good example and should be respectful towards all adults and peers.
- 4. Must participate on at least one leadership (LDE) and one judging (CDE) team
- 5. Must sell at least 20 items in a combination of FFA fundraisers or pay\$8 per item for no more than a \$100 buyout.
- 6. Must hold Greenhand degree.
- 7. Must not be absent from any FFA activity without at least 24 hr previous notice to an advisor.
- 8. May not be assigned more than two Saturday schools.
- 9. ISS discipline will follow the Officer Demerit Policy.
- 10. Will uphold the duties required of their position.
- 11. Officers will be responsible for the Chapter at all times.
- 12. A member can only hold a chapter office position three times.
- 13. The Chapter President must have previously held an office at the chapter level for 1 full term
- 14. No defaming Dayton FFA, another FFA member, fellow peer, adult, et al. on social media website such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat or other social media site.
- 15. If a student is removed from the officer team, they may not run for one year after being removed from the Dayton FFA Officer Team

Section C

The chapter officers and FFA advisors of the chapter shall constitute the Executive Committee. This meeting will be closed to Executives of the meeting only, unless other wise stated by Advisors. The committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations of By-Laws adopted from time to time.

Section D Chapter Officer Rections

(President, Vice-President, Secretary, Reporter, Treasurer, Sentinel, and Student Advisor)

- 1. Fill out application and Eligibility check
- 2. Di sci pli ne check
- 3. 2- Teacher Recommendation letters (non Ag Teacher)
- 4. Interview by Committee, may or may not include the following (must be a min. of 3 on panel)
 - 1 Ad mi ni strat or
 - 2 Teachers
 - 1 Outside sources

The election committee will rank officer candidates in order. Points will be a warded accordingly from that order.

- 5. 50-100 question exam (consisting of various questions from the Official FFA Manual, Gray's Parliamentary Procedure, and other sources). Candidates will receive points based on the number of correct responses.
- 6. Candidates will present a 2 minute or less speech to the chapter, where me mbers will have an opportunity to vote. Points will be assigned based on number of votes received.
- 7. All current 9h-11th graders will be allowed to run for office.
- 8. All current $9^h 12^h$ graders will be allowed to vote.
- 9. The highest ranking returning sopho more or junior (junior or senior during term) will be elected to the President position. All other offices will be established by the scoring system. The FFA Chapter will purchase the newest president's jacket.
- 10. All components of the officer election system will be ranked from 1 to how ever many candidates there are. (i.e., if there are 21 candidates, they will be ranked from 1 to 21)
- 11. If a tie was to occur, the tie breaker will be the committee interview results.

The officer order will ascend from highest to lowest point values. Once all point values are assigned, the officer roster will be announced prior to the end of the year banquet.

II. Official Dress and Officer Shirts:

- D FFA Advisor and FFA Officers will select Officer shirts for the upcoming year. This shirt will be worn on the designated FFA Chapter meetings dates and other designated FFA chapter activities.
- E FFA Officers will be responsible for the cost of shirt.
- F. FFA Officers will also be responsible for the cost of the Official FFA Dress as outlined in the Official FFA Manual.

Artide VII. Meetings

Section A Regular Chapter neetings shall be held once a month during the school year.

Special meetings may be called at any time.

Section B A majority of the active me mbers attending the meeting will

constitute a quorum

Artide IX Dues

Section A Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed annually by a majority vote of

the active members.

Section B Full local, district, area, state, and national dues shall be paid by all

active members.

Section C No member shall be considered an active member in good standing unless

he or she pays full dues.

Article X Amendments

Section A This constitution may be a mended at any regular Chapter meeting by a two

thirds vote of the active me mbers present providing it is not in conflict with the State Association or National Organization Constitution or By-Laws or policy of the Dayton Independent School District or Dayton Hgh School and in accordance to correct parliamentary procedure as laid forth by The

parliamentary gui de for FFA

Section B

By-Laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the Chapter at any regular

Chapter meeting by a two thirds vote of the active members present

providing such By-Laws do not conflict with the constitution and By-Laws

providing such By-Laws do not conflict with the constitution and By-Laws of either the State Association or the National Organization of the Dayton

Independent School District or Dayton Hgh School.

Section C Dayton FFA constitution and By Laws can only be a mended when the following procedure is followed:

1. Proposed a mendments to the Dayton FFA constitution and or By Laws must be made in writing and submitted at least 30 days prior to the Agri-Science Teachers and the Dayton FFA Chapter Secretary

2. The proposal must be presented at a regular scheduled Dayton FFA meeting and voted on at the next scheduled Dayton FFA meeting.

BY- LAWS OF THE DAYTON FFA

I. Committees

Committees will be appointed by the President and/or Advisors.

II. Orders of the Day

- A Opening Ceremonies
- B M nut es
- C Treasurers Report
- D Report of Officers and Committees
- E Q d Business
- F. Ne w Business
- G Special Events
- H Closing Ceremonies

III. Li vest ock Show and other related Activities

- All students participating in any show must be a member in good standing and maintain a passing average (eligible) in all subjects in accordance with Dayton Independent School District policy. It is the students and parents responsibility to know when the child must be eligible and/or able to participate in a show or event.
- B Students must abide by rules set forth by the Dayton ISD student handbook at all shows and events attended.
- C Students will remain with the Ag Teachers at Livestock shows or any other activity unless arrangements are made with the student's parents or guardians. Written consent must be given to the Ag Teachers prior to any release of said child to another adult.

IV. Local Livestock Show

- A Any student that the Ag teacher feels does not properly care for his/her animal can be banned from current and/or future shows.
- B A student must be an active member in good standings and may only be absent twice from chapter meetings and must complete 16 hours of workday hours.
- C A student must attend all mandatory meetings and workdays unless their absence has been pre-approved. It is the <u>student's responsibility</u> to inform the teachers that he/ she will miss a mandatory event.

V. Teams

A student may participate on any leadership/judging teams that he/she qualifies for as long as he/she meets minimum requirements as set forth by advisors.

VI. *Fundraisers

Fundraisers play a crucial role in the Chapter's activities. All members are encouraged to participate in the fundraisers for the Chapter. Each member participating on an LDE, CDE or raising an animal is responsible for selling a minimum of 10 items. If the minimum items are not sold in the fundraiser, the student is responsible for paying a

\$8.00 per item charge for the difference of items not sold. There is an optional buy out for members who do not want to attempt to sell their minimum (10) at \$100. All checks are made payable to Dayton FFA

APPENDI X:

APPENDI X A

Dayton FFA Chapter Officer Expectations and requirements

- 1. I mportance of Chapter Officer Responsibilities
 - a. FFA Meetings- Chapter officers will be a given a calendar of all neetings and are expected to be present except in the event of an emergency. Prior notification is required to miss a meeting ..officer should not just "not show up" this will result in demerits
 - b. Officer Meetings- Officers will help to identify a time and place for regularly scheduled meetings. ALL officers are expected and required to attend these meetings. Again, prior notification is required to miss a scheduled meeting.
 - c. Committee Member Meetings-Officers are appointed chair man of a specific standing committee within the FFA chapter and are expected to arrange, announce, and lead productive meetings throughout the school year.
 - d. District and Area Camps All officers are expected to attend the annual Area IX Leadership Camp and the Ricebelt District Officer Camp.
 - e. State FFA Convention- All officers are expected to attend the State FFA Convention over the summer. State Convention is held each summer during the second week of July. We will attend as a chapter..chapter officers will attend as a team
 - f. All other Events/Activities- Chapter officers are a cornerstone to the chapter. The chapter advisors, FFA members, and other FFA chapters expect to see chapter officer participation at various FFA functions throughout the year.

2 Promptness to Meetings and Events

a. Chapter officers will be required to arrive at FFA functions in a timely manner. Being late delivers a negative message to the advisors, other officers as well as other FFA members.

3. Communication

- a. Communication is a key aspect to the success of the Chapter officer team
- b. It is important that chapter officers keep up with their own calendar as well as times and dates of different FFA events.
- c. FFA Advisors will keep important information posted in the classroom as well as verbally informing the Officers and using a group remind text message

4. "TEAM"

a. Each Chapter Officer is a vital part of a team. As we go through the year, it is important that each member of the teamfulfill their own individual duties as an Officer. On the other hand, it is important that we remain a team and not have any "lone rangers." We are all in this together!

5. Consequences

- a. Must adhere to the Dayton FFA Officer Demerit System
 - i. Refer to Demerit SystemContract for official "Reasons"
 - ii. De merit Sheets will be handed out to student who make the office team
- b. Officers and officer parents will be given a written notice of probation when an officer reaches 8 de merits.
- c. When an Officer reaches 12 demerits or commits an offense that is grounds for immediate removal, that student will be removed from office and a letter will be sent home.
- d. If an Officer is removed from the Officer/Executive team, they will not be eligible to run for one year after being removed from the Dayton FFA Officer.
- 6. The following occurrences will result in immediate removal from office:
 - Suspension or DAEP
 - Officers will not use electronic devices, the internet (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, etc.) or any form of social nedia to publish information, photographs or video of any activities violating Dayton I. S. D. (Refer to the Dayton I. S. D. Student Handbook for more information)
 - Officers will not post negative comments, photographs or video regarding school, FFA members/activities, other students, Advisors and/or school personnel.
 - FFA activities may not be posted on PERS ONAL social media or internet sites.
 - ** Ag Teachers and the Ad mi nistration reserve the right to modify the obligations or consequences at any time during the year as the need arises.

As a Chapter Officer, I understand the importance of the above stipulations and agree to uphold and abide by the mthroughout my tenure as an FFA Officer. My signature below represent my commitment to my fellow officers and this chapter. I fully understand what is expected of me and will perform to the best of my abilities. I a mcommitted 100 % to the success and growth of this chapter and its members.

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As a Chapter Officer's parent, I understand and agree with the importance of the above stipulations. I understand and support the above-mentioned duties and responsibilities of being an officer in the Dayton FFA Chapter. I also understand that expenses for participation in many activities and time demands will be our responsibility and that my student will need my support.

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APPENDIX B.

Dayton FFA Chapter Officer Expectations and Requirements

The purpose of this demerit system is to keep our Officer team functioning in a way that will allow our chapter to excel. Officers are placed at a higher standard and this is why this system must be followed. Each Officer will be allowed to receive 8 demerits before being placed on probation. If 12 demerits are reached, they will be automatically removed from office and a letter will be sent home.

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Disobeying or disrespecting an Ag Teacher	3 de merits
Tardiness to an Officer meeting	2 de merits
M ssing an Officer meeting	4 de merits
Tar diness to an FFA meeting	3 de merits
M ssing an FFA meeting/Required FFA Event	Automatic Removal
Tar di ness to an FFA event	2 de merits
M ssing a community service activity	2de merits
Not having Opening Ceremony parts memorized	4 de merits
Breaching Social Contract	2 de merits
Failure to complete officer duty for a monthly meeting (agenda, ta	ables, etc.) 3 de merits
Not wearing officer shirt (or correct shirt)	2 de merits
Not completing an officer duty	3 de merits
Discipline problems (through Principals or Advisors)	Demerits determined by Advisors as needed
Being out of dress code at school or an FFA event	3 de merits
Ineligibility (3, 6, and 9 weeks)	2 de merits
Code of Ethics violations	4 de merits
Not selling 20 fundraising items	2 de merits
Not performing duties at Dayton FFA Livestock Show	5 de merits
Not performing duties at Dayton FFA Rodeo	3 de merits
Reflect negatively on social media (i.e., drinking, smoking, etc.)	4 de merits
LDE and CDE team participation	2de merits
ISS or DAEP	Automatic Removal
Office Referral	Automatic Removal
*Excused absences will be per mitted as the Dayton ISD Handboo	kallowa Paina diahtly siakis
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Appli cati on for

Letter Jacket

Rules and Qualifications:

I. The Applicant Must:

- a. Be an active member of the Dayton FFA Chapter and be in good standing.
- b. Completed two semesters of agriculture science classes, with a passing grade.
- c. Have participated in at least four (4) separate FFA events at the district or area level.
 - i. Events such as HLSR judging contest, livestock shows, etc. do not qualify.
- d. Turn in correctly completed application with all required signatures on time.
 - i. Absolutely **NO**1ate applications will be considered. Applications without all required signatures will not be considered.
- e. Maintain an average of "C' or greater in all classes for the grading period directly affecting eligibility at time of application.

II. Consi derations

a. If approved to receive a letter jacket, I understand there are substantial costs associated with this purchase. The jacket is partially sponsored by the booster club, but not 100% funded. I understand I will be responsible for paying for any additional costs that may be incurred when designing my jacket.

III. Additional Information;

- a. Applications are approved based on a point system, which is as follows:
 - i. Participation Points-must accumulate 50 total points
 - 1. Points can be achieved over multiple years
 - ii. Essay- must be type- written

** Measure date for a warded jackets will be determined and announced to approve applicants. If you are a warded a jacket you will receive notification from the Ag teachers and then a packet with your ordering information and schedule. The Dayton CTE Department will pay for the "D' and patches related to CDE's. The jacket, other patches and embellishments are the responsibility of the student.

Part I: Personal Information Student Full Name: ____ Address: _____Gty/State/Zip: _____ Parent/ Guardian Name: Parent/ Guardian Address: Ho me Phone Number: (_________ Cell Number: (___________ Student Emil: Parent Email: Other Pertinent Information: I affir mthat I have read and understand all criteria set forthinthis application. I certify that all the information is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Further more, I understand that if I amfound to have falsified any information in this application I will be dis qualified from consideration. St udent Signature Date Parent Signature Dat

Dayt on FFA Letter Jacket Points Sheet

	Section 1: Leaders hip Activities					
Pts	Event	Student's Poi nts				
1	Invitational LDE (count once per contest)					
2	District Level LDE					
5	*Top 5 scori ng district individual/tea m					
3	Area Level LDE (count once per contest)					
5	*Top 10 scori ng area i ndi vi dual/tea m					
10	State Level LDE					
5	*Top 10 scori ng state i ndi vi dual/tea m					
10	Serving District/Area Officer					
3	Serving as Chapter Officer					
1	Attending Area IX Greenhand Camp					
1	Running for Officer					
2	Serving on a committee (Chapter only)					
3	WLC State/ National Convention					
2	Over ni ght Leadershi p Ca mp/Conference (2 pts for each conference/ca mp)					
1	Day Leadership Conference/ Camp (1 pts for each conference/ camp)					
Tot al	Points for Section 1					

	Section 3: Career Development Activities					
Pts	Event	St udent's Poi nts				
2	Invitational CDE (count once per contest)					
5	Ar ea Level CDE (count once per contest)					
5	*Top 10 area scori ng i ndi vi dual					
10	State Level CDE					
10	*Top 10 state scoring individual					
5	District Level Speaking/Talent Event					
5	Area Level Speaking/Talent Event					
5	State Level Speaking/Talent Event					
5	Sho wing at TVE					
4	* Maki ng Sal e					
3	Sho wing at Dayt on Li vest ock Sho w					
5	Showing at Major Livestock Show					
5	* Making Sale (for each major attended)					
10	Raising an ani mal (count once per ani mal/pen raised)					
5	Agri-Science Fair State Level					
Tot al	Points for Section 3					

Section 2: Community/Chapter Events					
Pts	Pts Event				
5	Ag Adventure Day				
5	Turkey Trot				
5	Uni fi ed Sho w				
5	HLSR Program Sales				
Participating in Fundraiser * must neet min set in constitution **6 pts for selling 20 items for more					
Up to 5	Participating in National FFA Week				
Tot al	Total Points for Section 2				

Section 4: Awards Areas					
Pts	Event St udent Poi nts				
5	St ar Award				
5	Proficiency Award				
5	3- D Awar d				
5	Super Geenhand				
5	Out st anding Service Award				
5	Mr. or Miss FFA				
10	Lonestar Degree				
5	Subject Award				
Tot al	Total Points for Section 4				

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