

Victoria ISD



Agricultural Science & FFA

Student Handbook
2022-2023

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Section 1: Welcome

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year of the VISD FFA and Agricultural Science Department. The Agricultural Science Program consists of three elements, Classroom Instruction, Supervised Agricultural Experience and the FFA. This is a unique program and we believe it will be a life-changing experience for you. There are many opportunities for you to develop leadership skills as well as experience personal growth throughout your participation.

We look forward to each of you attending the plethora of activities and meetings available. It is a great way to make new friends and create camaraderie which will last a lifetime. Remember, as with any endeavor you pursue, you only get out of this organization what you put into it. We are here to offer guidance and support for each of you. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if we can be of any assistance.

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Structure of the FFA

The FFA operates on local, state and national levels. Student members belong to chapters organized at the local school level. Agricultural education instructors serve as chapter advisors. Chapters are organized under state associations headed by an advisor and executive secretary, often employees of the state department of education. States conduct programs and host annual conventions.

The National FFA Organization, governed by a Board of Directors and a Board of Student Officers, charters state associations; provides direction, programmatic materials, and support; and hosts the National FFA Convention, which draws more than 45,000 attendees each November. The National FFA Alumni Association's more than 40,000 members in 1,200 affiliates assist in the continued growth and development of active FFA programs.

Applied Learning

The agricultural education program provides a well-rounded, practical approach to learning through three components: Classroom education in agricultural topics such as plant and animal sciences, horticulture, forestry, agri-marketing, etc.; hands-on supervised agricultural career experience such as starting a business or working for an established company; and FFA, which provides leadership opportunities and tests students' agricultural skills.

Where do our Programs fit in this structure?

The FFA Chapters in Victoria ISD are members of the Texas FFA Area XI Association. Within Area XI, we are in District 2 which is also known as the Gulf Coast District.

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 former 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 discouragement, 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 of 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 FFA Motto

**Learning to Do,
Doing to Learn,
Earning to Live,
Living to Serve**

Section 2: Pathways in Ag in Victoria ISD

 Animal Science						
Courses	State ID	Local ID	Credits	Prerequisites	Industry Based Certifications	
Middle School Course(s)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Level 1 Course(s)						
Principles of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	13000200	007006	1	None	None	
<i>Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources will allow students to develop knowledge and skills regarding career and educational opportunities, personal development, globalization, industry standards, details, practices, and expectations.</i>						
Level 2 Course(s)						
Small Animal Management	13000400	007001	0.5	Principles of AFNR	None	
<i>In Small Animal Management, students will acquire knowledge and skills related to small animals and the small animal management industry. Small Animal Management may address topics related to small mammals such as dogs and cats, amphibians, reptiles, and birds.</i>						
Equine Science	13000500	007320	0.5	Principles of AFNR	None	
<i>In Equine Science, students will acquire knowledge and skills related to equine animal systems and the equine industry. Equine Science may address topics related to horses, donkeys, and mules.</i>						
Level 3 Course(s)						
Livestock Production	13000300	007063	1	Small Animal Mgt/Equine Science	None	
<i>In Livestock Production, students will acquire knowledge and skills related to livestock and the livestock production industry. Livestock Production may address topics related to beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, and poultry.</i>						
Veterinary Medical Applications	13000600	007068	1	Small Animal Mgt/Equine Science	* 420 Certified Veterinary Assistant Level 1 (2 year Program)	
<i>Veterinary Medical Applications covers topics relating to veterinary practices, including practices for large and small animal species.</i>						
Level 4 Course(s)						
Advanced Animal Science	13000700	503075	1	Biology & Chemistry or IPC; Algebra I and Geometry; and Livestock Production	None	
<i>Advanced Animal Science examines the interrelatedness of human, scientific, and technological dimensions of livestock production. Instruction is designed to allow for the application of scientific and technological aspects of animal science through field and laboratory experiences. Note: This course satisfies a science credit requirement for students on the Foundation High School Program.</i>						
Practicum in AFNR	13002500	007008	2	Two or more courses from the AFNR career cluster, and/or Veterinary Medical Applications	* 420 Certified Veterinary Assistant Level 1	
<i>Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources is designed to give students supervised practical application of knowledge and skills. Practicum experiences can occur in a variety of locations appropriate to the nature and level of experiences such as employment, independent study, internships, assistantships, mentorships, or laboratories. The practicum course is a paid or unpaid capstone experience for students participating in a coherent sequence of career and technical education courses in the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster.</i>						

Career Cluster: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
Endorsement: Business & Industry



Plant Science

Career Cluster: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources - Career Cluster
 Endorsement: Business & Industry

Courses	State ID	Local ID	Credits	Prerequisites	Industry Based Certifications
Middle School Course(s)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Level 1 Course(s)

Principles of AFNR	13000200	007006	1	None	None
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Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources will allow students to develop knowledge and skills regarding career and educational opportunities, personal development, globalization, industry standards, details, practices, and expectations.

Level 2 Course(s)

Landscape Design and Management	13001900	007321	0.5	Principles of AFNR	None
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Landscape Design and Management is designed to develop an understanding of landscape design and management techniques and practices. To prepare for careers in horticultural systems, students must attain academic skills and knowledge, acquire technical knowledge and skills related to horticultural systems and the workplace, and develop knowledge and skills regarding career opportunities, entry requirements, and industry expectations.

Turf Grass Management	13001950	007322	0.5	Principles of AFNR	None
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Turf Grass Management is designed to develop an understanding of turf grass management techniques and practices.

Level 3 Course(s)

Floral Design	13001800	007005	1	Landscape Design and Management/Turf Grass Management	812 Texas State Flora Association Floral Skills Knowledge
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Floral Design is designed to develop students' ability to identify and demonstrate the principles and techniques related to floral design as well as develop an understanding of the management of floral enterprises. Through the analysis of artistic floral styles and historical periods, students will develop respect for the traditions and contributions of diverse cultures. Students will respond to and analyze floral designs, thus contributing to the development of lifelong skills of making informed judgments and evaluations.

Level 4 Course(s)

Practicum in AFNR	13002500	007008	2	Two or more courses from the AFNR career	None
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Applied Agricultural Engineering

Career Cluster: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
Endorsement: Business & Industry

Courses	State ID	Local ID	Credits	Prerequisites	Industry Based Certifications
Middle School Course(s)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Level 1 Course(s)					
Principles of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	13000200	007006	1	None	None
<i>Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources will allow students to develop knowledge and skills regarding career and educational opportunities, personal development, globalization, industry standards, details, practices, and expectations.</i>					
Level 2 Course(s)					
Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies	13002200	007002	1	Principles of AFNR	630 NCCER Core Level 1
<i>Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies is designed to develop an understanding of agricultural mechanics as it relates to safety and skills in tool operation, electrical wiring, plumbing, carpentry, fencing, concrete, and metal working techniques. To prepare for careers in agricultural power, structural, and technical systems, students must attain academic skills and knowledge; acquire technical knowledge and skills related to power, structural, and technical agricultural systems and the industry; and develop knowledge and skills regarding career opportunities, entry requirements, industry certifications, and industry expectations.</i>					
Level 3 Course(s)					
Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication	13002350	007057	1	Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies	350 AWS D9.1 Sheet Metal
<i>In Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication, students will acquire knowledge and skills related to the design and fabrication of agricultural equipment.</i>					
Level 4 Course(s)					
Practicum in AFNR	13002500	007008	2	Two or more courses from the AFNR career cluster	340 AWS D.1.1 Structural Steel
<i>Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources is designed to give students supervised practical application of knowledge and skills. Practicum experiences can occur in a variety of locations appropriate to the nature and level of experiences such as employment, independent study, internships, assistantships, mentorships, or laboratories. The practicum course is a paid or unpaid capstone experience for students participating in a coherent sequence of career and technical education courses in the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster.</i>					



Section 3: Membership and Expectations

High School Membership:

What is a member?

Students enrolled in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources at Victoria East and Victoria West are automatically eligible to be a member in their respective chapters. In order to retain membership for the year, they must be enrolled in at least one AFNR course. Every FFA member should take advantage of the variety of activities that the FFA has to offer. Attendance will be tracked through the Agriculture Experience Tracker in order to assist students in receiving scholarships and their Lonestar Degree.

Example Activities for Members:

Chapter, District and Area Meetings, Fundraisers, Leadership Development Events (District, Area and State), Local FFA activities, Career Development Events, Exhibiting Animals at Livestock Shows (State Fair, San Antonio, Houston, Victoria County), and volunteer opportunities.

Junior FFA:

Jr. FFA membership is open to VISD students in grades 3-8. Dues for Jr. Members will be \$10.00. Joining the Jr. FFA allows the member to participate in local meetings as well as showing at livestock shows under the supervision of the VISD Agriscience Teachers. Since they are not enrolled in a high school Agriscience class they are not allowed to participate in LDE's, CDE's, attend State Convention, or utilize the VISD Agriculture Science Farm or any of its equipment without the express written permission of the CTE Director. Junior FFA Members from outside the district are welcome if they have a waiver signed by the Superintendent and they are the sibling of a current member.

FFA Dues:

Annual VISD FFA State and National dues are paid by the Career and Technical Education Department in VISD. Local, District, and Area dues are paid by the local chapter. According to Texas FFA guidelines, members must be enrolled in an Agricultural Science Class to be a member of FFA and participate in activities.

Chapter Officer Handbook

Candidates will be elected according to the following scores:

- 50% based on the candidate's interview
- 20% based the Popular vote of the Victoria West FFA Chapter member's vote.
- 30% based on an officer exam over parliamentary procedure and FFA knowledge.

Speeches will be given to FFA members Meeting for the popular vote. They may include why they will be a good officer and what they can bring to the Chapter as a leader.

The Victoria ISD FFA Chapter CODE OF ETHICS

We will conduct ourselves at all times in order to be a credit to our organization, chapter, school and community by:

1. Dressing neatly and appropriately for any occasion.
2. Showing respect for the rights of others and being courteous at all times.
3. Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.
4. Respecting the property of others.
5. Refraining from loud, boisterous talk, swearing and other unbecoming conduct, such as drinking, illegal actions.
6. You will always address your teachers & adults with respect and professionalism.
7. Demonstrating sportsmanship in the show ring, judging contests and meetings.
8. Being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
9. Attending meetings promptly and respecting the opinion of others in discussion.
10. Taking pride in our organization, activities, supervised experience program, exhibits, and the occupation of agriculture.
11. Sharing with others experiences and knowledge gained by attending national and state meetings.
12. Striving to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
13. Appreciating and promoting diversity in our organization.
14. Express leadership qualities in all situations.
15. Strive to promote the FFA to all we meet, and make all of the new members feel welcome at all times.
16. Problems that arise throughout the school year will be addressed in a meeting with all Ag teachers to resolve the situation!!!!

If these rules and/or conduct are not followed the Ag teachers will have the discretion to remove you from office immediately.

Victoria ISD FFA Rules and Procedures
PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING STANDING OF OFFICERS
Officers shall be considered in good standing when they do the following:

1. Must attend mandatory meetings set forth by officers while enrolled in the school of this chapter.
2. Show an interest in, and take part in, the affairs of this chapter.
3. Attend 100% of the chapter meetings (any emergency must be discussed with the FFA Advisors beforehand). Meeting dates will be set when planning POA during summer.
4. Must attend mandatory officer meetings prior to chapter meeting for planning as determined by the advisors & Chapter Officers.
5. Must be enrolled in an Agricultural Science course with an Ag Science teacher the entire officer year.
6. Maintain an "A" grade in every agriculture class.
7. Maintain a passing grade in all other classes with a 75 or higher average.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Chapter officers serve a vital function in the FFA organization. By taking a major leadership role, these students grow from the experience and benefit the chapter. It should be the officers' goal to lead by example and encourage other members to participate in chapter activities. The following are general duties expected of all officers.

1. Be at ALL FFA MEETINGS and OFFICER MEETINGS
2. A commitment to a genuine desire to be a part of a leadership team.
3. A willingness to accept responsibility.
4. A sincere desire to work with all chapter members in meeting their leadership, personal and chapter goals.
5. A commitment to lead by example.
6. A knowledge and understanding of the chapter constitution.
7. A working knowledge of parliamentary procedure.
8. An ability to memorize their parts in the official ceremonies.
9. Plan and facilitate a chapter Program of Activities (POA).
10. Participate in at least one LDE and one CDE/Speaking Event contest.

Specific officer duties will be distributed upon placement in officer position.

REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

The removal of officers may be decided by the advisors for the following:

1. Not attending all officer, chapter, and executive meetings.
2. Not participating in 100% of all chapter activities. (Permission for absence from an activity may be made by Advisor in advance)
3. Inappropriate behavior (setting a poor example to other students i.e. chewing, smoking, drugs, consuming alcohol etc.).
4. Failure to carry out assigned responsibilities.
5. Having a failing grade in any class below a 75 average, for more than one nine weeks grading period.
6. Not maintaining at least an "A" in all agriculture classes.
7. Breaking the Code of Ethics
8. Removal of Officers is based on the demerit system listed at the end of the contract

Summer Commitments for Officers

Participation in these activities is **MANDATORY** for all officers unless explicit permission has been given by the Advisors to be absent. Other educationally based activities are an example of being excused from participating in an officer commitment.

***State FFA Convention**

***Officer Retreat**

Officer Demerit Sheet

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 on a higher standard and this is why this system must be followed.

Each officer will be allowed to receive 5 demerits before being placed on probation. If 8 demerits are reached, they will be automatically removed from office.

Tardiness to an officer meeting:	2 demerits
*Missing an officer meeting:	4 demerits
Tardiness to an FFA meeting:	3 demerits
*Missing an FFA meeting/Required FFA Event:	Automatic Removal
Tardiness to an FFA event:	2 demerits
Missing a community service activity	2 demerits
Not having Opening Ceremony parts memorized	1 demerit
Not having Special ceremony parts memorized	2 demerits
Failure to complete officer duty for a monthly meeting (agenda, tables, etc.)	3 demerits
Not wearing officer shirt (or correct shirt)	2 demerits
Not completing an officer duty:	3 demerits
*Discipline problems	Advisor Discretion
Being out of dress code at school or an FFA event	4 demerits
After school detention (for tardiness)	5 demerits
C or below on report card for conduct	7 demerits
Failing grade on report card or progress report	Automatic Probation
ISS or OSS	Automatic Removal
Office Referral	Automatic Removal

*A committee of VISD Ag Advisors/Administrators will discuss consequences.

Official Jackets

FFA Jackets can be purchased for \$80.00. This price will include a tie or scarf to be worn as part of the official dress. Orders will be taken in the fall and spring semesters with dates determined by advisors at East and West High School. Agriscience teachers\advisors will place all orders with National FFA Supply Service. Teachers will place orders based on the order form turned in by the students and signed by their parent. FFA Advisors are not responsible for ill-fitting jackets if the order form is filled out wrong or the wrong jacket size is written on the form by the students and/or parents. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery of all FFA official dress. All members are strongly encouraged to purchase a FFA Jacket and tie if they have plans of competing in LDE's, CDE's, or going to State Convention. The first greenhand member enrolled in the Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources to recite the creed from memory will have his or her jacket paid for.

Official Dress

The uniform worn by FFA members at local, district, area, state, and national functions is called official dress. Official Dress guidelines must also be followed at all levels of the Leadership Development Events and FFA Speaking Events. It provides identity and a distinctive, recognizable image to the organization.

Female members should wear:	Male members should wear:
Black skirt – hem should be below the knee	Black pants or slacks
White collared blouse	White collared shirt
Official FFA Scarf	Official FFA Tie
Black Nylon hosiery	Black socks
Black dress shoes – closed toe and closed heel	Black Shoes (low top dress shoes)
Official FFA Jacket – zipped to top	Official FFA Jacket – zipped to top

Dress for Career Development Events

- Buttoned down, collared shirt or chapter shirt.
- Nice Jeans or Slacks that fit at the waist and are free of fading or holes.
- Closed Toe Shoes are required
- No Caps or Hats (*except hard hats in meats contest*)
- *Above all, dress in accordance with the rules of the contest posted on the Texas FFA Website.*

Official Dress for Livestock Shows

- Remember that you are representing our chapter at any livestock show as well.
- Buttoned Down, Collared Shirt, tucked into pants
- Nice Jeans that fit at the waist and are free of fading or holes.
- Closed Toe Shoes are required – NO Tennis Shoes.
- Belt should be worn

FFA Member Code of Ethics

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- Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion
- Showing respect for others and being courteous at all times
- Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others
- Respecting the property of others
- Refraining from boisterous talk, swearing and other unbecoming conduct
- Demonstrating good sportsmanship
- Attending meetings promptly
- Taking pride in our organization and its functions
- Sharing with others experiences and knowledge by attending state and national meetings

In addition to the previous guidelines, the VISD Student Dress Code is in effect at all FFA activities and competitions. If it is inappropriate to wear to school, it is inappropriate to wear to an FFA activity.

Section 4: Livestock and other Supervised Agricultural Experiences

Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects

The Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP) enables students to feed and exhibit livestock projects, develop agricultural crop or horticultural enterprises, or experience the other aspects of the agricultural industry. The SAEP is a powerful tool that teaches responsibility, time management, commitment, teamwork, and sound financial practices.

Estimated Cost of Projects

Species	Time	Cost	Feed/Tack
Cattle	12 months	\$2500**	\$2500
Swine	5 months	\$500-1000	\$800
Sheep	9 months	\$800-1200**	\$650
Goats	9 months	\$800-1200**	\$650
Broilers	3 months	\$2/head	\$400
Rabbits	2 months	\$250	\$200
AG Mechanics	12 months	-Varies depending upon project-	

*All time durations will vary depending on the shows being purchased for and the locating of the project.

**Cost of this animal may vary depending on quality of livestock and location purchased. They are exchanged ONLY between the breeder/livestock show and the exhibitor and their family.

Please note:

Animals are not required to be kept at the VISD AG Farm. The above costs do not reflect any charges that can occur for veterinarian fees, medication, validation, entry fees, etc. These would be additional expenses for the project.

Responsibilities for Project:

Please see AG Farm handbook for more information

Livestock Show Guidelines

Stock Show Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in any livestock show, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Be enrolled in an agricultural science class
2. Be a member in good standing of the VISD FFA Chapter
3. Meet TEA guidelines for academic eligibility
4. Have paid entry fees on time and meet show requirements
5. Have approval of agricultural science teacher
6. Have signed the Victoria ISD Agricultural Science Handbook—students will not be eligible to show under Victoria West/East FFA if this is not signed.

Show Entries

- Victoria West FFA and East FFA can accompany students to the following shows:
 - San Antonio Livestock Show
 - Victoria Livestock Show
 - Houston Livestock Show
 - State Fair of Texas
- By signing an entry form the student and parent/guardian acknowledges that they have read, understand, and agree to all rules governing the said show.
- You **must** attend the **mandatory** major show sign up meeting at the 2nd FFA meeting of the year. All breeding paperwork, payments, and signatures must be done on this night. The student and a parent or guardian must be in attendance and the balance of entry fees **MUST** be paid in full at this meeting or you will not be eligible for entry.
- Entry Fees for Ag Mechanics projects will be determined by the source of funding for the project. (VISD or Student) This also applies for meals and hotel rooms.
- ***VISD is not responsible for covering entry fees for livestock show entries, hotel, food, or any other costs incurred at the livestock show.***

Student Travel to and from Shows

- Parents must travel with students to all livestock events. Hotel, meals, and other travel expenses are to be paid by the accompanying parent/guardian.
- Parent/Guardian **MUST** be present at the time of major show traveling. ***It is of the utmost importance that a parent or guardian be present for the entire experience from departure to return including check-in.*** A major show project is a big financial and time commitment.
- Victoria ISD Policy governs transportation procedures. Parents and Students should check with Agricultural Science Teachers for clarification before any livestock shows.

Project Travel to and From Shows

- The deadline for assistance or travel needed for major shows/county. You must notify an AG teacher by the 2nd FFA meeting of the year at the major show sign-up night- any notification after this date could result in failure to book hotels, trailers, and tack in time for attending the show. The school district requires this paperwork several months in advance to ensure funding for travel. VWHS and VEHS share limited resources for trailers and tack. You **MUST** notify by the date above to ensure hauling assistance to shows.

Livestock Show Guidelines – cont'd

Discipline While at Shows

- Livestock shows are an extension of the Victoria ISD Classroom; therefore, students will be responsible for their personal conduct. **All school rules are in effect at these shows (including dress code).**

Animal Care at Shows

- While at livestock shows, each student will be responsible for all feeding, care and grooming of his/her respective animal(s).

Responsibilities to Buyers

- The student will write, gain instructor approval, and deliver a Thank You note to the individuals who provide premium/auction money or buy their project.

Equipment/Trailer Use

- Arrangements must be made for the use of any equipment belonging to the FFA. Clippers, blowers, etc. must be checked out with an AG teacher using the checkout sheet and returned in a diligent manner so that others may be able to use them. The use of livestock trailers and trucks will be limited to the agricultural science teachers. Any equipment lost, stolen or destroyed while in the possession of a student/borrower **will be replaced at the expense** of the student/borrower.
- Upon return from any event where the student is utilizing the trailer, it must be cleaned out entirely of shavings, feed, feces, etc. The shavings must be removed and the trailer must be cleaned using the pressure washer.

Specific Show Rules

- It is the **sole responsibility** of the exhibitor to be familiar with all rules pertaining to his/her livestock project (this information may include weight limits, entry requirements, age, etc.) This information may be obtained by visiting the web sites of the shows you are entering (See Website Reference pages). By signing the entry form the exhibitor acknowledges that they have read, understand, and agree to abide all rules governing the exhibition of the animal at that show.

Medications/Injury of Project

- If an animal is sick/injured, the AG Science Teachers will recommend that you call a veterinarian. The AG Science teachers are not responsible for administering medications to the animal. This duty falls solely on the student and the parent(s)/guardians. All students should complete the Quality Counts training to ensure they are following the most up-to-date animal welfare laws and regulations.

Livestock Show Guidelines – cont'd

Recommendations for Feeding and Care of Animals

- The feeding and care of the animals is a very important aspect of the livestock project. Feeding is responsible for at least 50% of the success or failure of a project. Below is a list of several proven practices which if done consistently, will lead to success in the show ring.

Daily Care/Feeding

- The daily routine of feeding and care is very important. All animals respond well to an organized routine. They should be fed twice daily in most cases. Normally this will require at least 30 minutes in the morning and thirty minutes in the evening (6:30-7:00 AM a.m. and 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the project center). Your feeding program will be tailored to your particular animal as recommended by your Agriscience teacher. Your choice of feeds will be up to you based upon your particular situation. It is best to discuss with the Agriscience teachers the feeding program that you are going to use.

Halter Breaking or Teaching the animal to lead

- One of the more important considerations that arise early in the feeding period is teaching the calf, lamb or goat to lead with a halter or collar, or pig to walk with a quirk. The animal must be worked daily. This is no easy task and sometimes can be very time consuming. Consistency is the key. Some animals learn more quickly than others do, but normally this can be accomplished in the first several weeks. The animal must also be trained to stand correctly and calmly. This is critical, as in some cases the judge may want to handle the animal. This practice will require several additional hours each week.

Disease Prevention

- Your animal's pen must be kept clean on a daily basis. This will help reduce fly problems and help in keeping the animal clean. Regular de-worming for internal parasites and vaccinations for more serious diseases is recommended. A close examination of your animal's feces, appetite, and attitude can help you assess its general health. All medications should follow withdrawal guidelines for market animals.

Approved Livestock Surgical Practices

- Many times, it will be necessary to perform surgical procedures on livestock which will improve their general appearance. It is recommended to contact the veterinarian to assist with any dehorning, castration procedures, etc. However, please realize there is always the possibility for complications. The owner must accept all risks of illness or death of the animal.

Weighing on a Regular Basis

- Knowing your animal's weight and weighing on a regular schedule is very important. Weight gain or loss is a good indicator of how well the animal is progressing. Animals should be weighed as often as feasible. It is particularly important near show time, as weight limits and weight classes are sometimes critical to placing the animal. It is also important to know the minimum and maximum weight limits for the species you are showing and the show you are entering.

Livestock Show Guidelines – cont'd

Grooming Livestock for the Show

- During the latter part of the feeding period, much time must be devoted to grooming the animal. Brushing and combing your animal are important daily routines. Washing and clipping will also be done one regular interval to get a good view of how the animal is growing and progressing. In most cases, all animals will be clipped prior to the show to meet maximum hair requirements of the show that you are entering. This does not apply to lambs. Do not wash lambs until it is time to shear or show. If you are needing help clipping your animal, you must sign up at least 1 week in advance with an AG science teacher. You are welcome to check out the clippers to use for a 48-hour period, but they must be returned within that time. Failure to do so will result in paying the replacement cost of the equipment to the district.

VISD Agricultural Science Project Center Rules and Guidelines

Introduction

The VISD Agricultural Science Project Center is located on the property of VISD in Victoria, TX. The purpose of the project center is to provide an extension to classroom instruction to maximize learning and to allow FFA members to utilize the complex for their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP).

In order for all parties to best utilize the VISD AG Farm, there are rules and regulations, which must be observed. To ensure compliance, Victoria Independent School District employees including agriculture science teachers, facility managers, and administrators will monitor and manage the complex both physically and via security cameras.

It is our goal as a district to set, monitor, and continuously improve a strict set of rules and guidelines to be followed. This in turn should provide a safe, educational, and rewarding atmosphere that is conducive to learning.

The following rules and regulations apply to all persons who enter the VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center.

1. Students must obtain permission from a VISD FFA Advisor, have a signed lease agreement and payment **before** bringing any projects and are in good standing may utilize the Project Center. Only FFA members that have attended all required FFA livestock project meetings and are in good standing may utilize the Project Center.
2. The VISD Agriculture Science Lab/Farm and Learning Center will be limited to VISD high school students only.
3. FFA Project Center hours are 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to have access to the FFA Project Center outside of these hours must have the prior written consent of a VISD FFA Advisor. All VISD rules and regulations will apply to the FFA Project Center.
4. VISD FFA Advisors along with a veterinarian will develop an animal health protocol that will be followed. Failure to provide documentation or proof of compliance will result in the removal of your animal.
5. The student is responsible for the initial cost of the animal as well as any expenses incurred while feeding and caring for the animal. This includes any major medical expenses (ex: vet bills, etc.). If an animal project dies, it is the student's/parent's responsibility to remove the animal carcass within 24 hours.
6. There will be Zero Tolerance for unethical medication, treatment or exhibition of any animals. Infractions of unethical behavior, as outlined in the "Texas 4H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy", will result in a **permanent ban** of students, parents and/or fitters from the VISD FFA Project Center.
7. All pens will be assigned by a VISD FFA Advisor. Students may not be allowed to trade pens without the written permission of a VISD FFA Advisor. An attempt will be made to assign pens of siblings next to

each other. Students will be limited to **two** animal projects per year. As room permits, students **MAY** be allowed to house up to three livestock projects. Students are not guaranteed placement for three projects.

8. All signed lease agreements and fees for pens are to be submitted to a Victoria East/West FFA Advisor by **October 1st**. The current fees for swine, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbit projects are \$40 per project year. Cattle fees are \$80 for project year. Late pen assignments (until December 1st) will be based upon the discretion of the FFA Advisor Committee consisting of an FFA Advisor from VEHS and VWHS, and the fee will be double the initial per project year fee. All animals must be removed from the FFA Project Center by **April 1st** unless prior written consent is obtained from an FFA Advisor. If prior consent is granted, then an additional fee, of \$20/head per month, may be charged for animals on the property after April 1st. No reimbursements for rental fees will be given if a student does not use the pen for an entire project period.
9. Animal trading and/or selling on the VISD Ag farm is strictly prohibited. Animals may not be sold or traded to other students once the animals are on the premises. Students are responsible for purchasing their animal from a reputable breeder, and not from parents/families/friends who have "extra" animals.
10. Climbing on and or over a gate or fence is prohibited.
11. Climbing or otherwise playing in the screenings/sand pile is prohibited.
12. Entering pens other than those assigned to the students/parents is prohibited.
13. Use of VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center equipment is prohibited without prior written approval from a VISD FFA Advisor.
14. Pens must be cleaned on a **daily** basis. Animal waste/cleanings should be placed in the designated areas. Bedding and hay must be removed periodically to prevent odors or if it becomes damp. Do not over fill pens with sand/screenings to the point that it is pushing on the gates.
15. VISD Property/pens may not be altered without the express prior written consent of a VISD CTE Department. Any cost of returning the pen to its original condition is the responsibility of the students/parents.
16. Students/parents may not feed animals other than their own unless specifically requested to do so by the owner of that animal.
17. Students will be assigned a designated tack area and assigned one VISD tack box per student. All feed and supplies will be stored in the assigned tack box. If it does not fit in the VISD tack box, it cannot stay at the VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center. Students may **not** bring their own "show boxes" to the VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center. Students may NOT use any other area at the VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center for storage.

18. All students and/or parents will participate in all scheduled workdays. Mandatory workdays will be determined by the FFA Advisor. If there is an unavoidable reason as to why the student or parent cannot make the workday, notification must be made 3 days prior to the workday. VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center workdays start at 9:00 a.m. The attendance roster will be closed at 9:30 a.m. There will be a total of 2 work days. If students do not come to the workdays, they may be required to pay a \$50 per day fine paid to the VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center Sundry.
19. Only students/parents or legal guardians that have signed an agreement will be allowed at the VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center. Students will not be allowed to have groomsmen, breeders, and/or fitters at VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project without previous notice and written approval from an FFA Advisor. **ALL GUESTS TO THE FFA PROJECT CENTER MUST BE APPROVED!** FFA Advisors may be reached at (361) 788-2898 (VEHS ext. 38190 & VWHS ext. 39190) during school hours, or by cell phones: **VWHS FFA Advisors**, Scott Meinardus, (512) 923-2297, Daisy Brooks (281) 794-3729, and, Amber Novosad (361) 401-0905, or **VEHS FFA Advisors**, Charles Holloway (361) 550-6496, Lauren Holloway (361) 935-7128, Savannah Rab (254) 379-2789.
20. The Victoria Independent School District accepts no liability for damages or injury to animals or students/parents or guests to the property. VISD will endeavor to maintain a safe environment for all. VISD accepts responsibility for mowing, the maintenance of the entry drive, and the integrity of electrical and water systems to the property. Students/parents to the property should report damages to a VISD FFA Advisor at the noted phone numbers above.
21. Neglect or abuse of animals will not be tolerated and will result in revocation of all access to the FFA Project Center. In the event that appropriate care is being denied to an animal, the Ag Department will notify the owner of the abuse or neglect. Such notification may be written or verbal. Notification may also be made to the Victoria City County Animal Control Unit. In the event an animal is in imminent harm or in need of emergency care, an attempt to notify the owner by telephone will be made. Emergency medical care may be contracted. The owner of the animal assumes all obligations for emergency care costs incurred. The Victoria Independent School District and Victoria FFA assume no responsibility for costs incurred for emergency care.
22. Violations of the VISD Rules and Regulations contract will result in a written warning. After two (2) written warnings, this contract will be terminated and the project(s) will be removed. The FFA Advisor will serve any notifications of complaints or terminations thereof. If a student is asked to remove his/her animal, then the student will have 3 days after which the student's animal will be removed and sold; all money received for the sale of animal will be deposited into the VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center Sundry account.
23. VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center reserves the right to remove any animal from the facilities, if any one of the following conditions exist:
 - a. Student failing to observe rules
 - b. Student is expelled from VISD
 - c. Student is no longer involved in the VISD Agriculture Science program
 - d. Animal abuse or neglect of any form

- e. Diseased or infected animals
- f. Animals that are unsafe to handle
- g. Animals not being fed for livestock show purposes

24. Any student evicted from the VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center will not be allowed to utilize the facility in the future.
25. Any and all disputes will be settled by a unanimous decision of the FFA Advisor Committee consisting of an FFA Advisor from VEHS and VWHS and Dena Justice, VISD CTE Specialist.
26. VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center has implemented a Weekend On-Call List for students and parents if an issue arises during the weekend. Please see attached calendar for dates and assigned Ag teacher.
27. ****KEY CARDS:** Key cards will be utilized for entry to and from the Ag Farm. Each student will be issued a key card after they have paid their pen rental and signed an agreement.
- a. Any lost or damaged key cards must be replaced at a cost of \$25. If you lose a key card, it should be reported so that the card can be deactivated.
 - b. **Please be patient with the gate and allow it to open and close freely. DO NOT try to allow multiple vehicles through the gate during one cycle as the gate will close. Any damage to the gate or accompanying equipment will be at the cost of the student or parent that damaged it.**
 - c. **VISD is not responsible for any damage the gate causes to vehicles due to driver negligence.**

VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center
Lease Agreement

1. I agree to these rules and regulations regarding the FFA Project Center at Victoria Independent School District. I understand the failure to observe these rules may result in my access being revoked and my projects being removed. I acknowledge that I am in receipt of a copy of VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center Rules and Regulations. This contract is valid for one calendar year or until the animal(s) complete competition season. As a Victoria ISD facility supporting school-related activities, all school district and campus policies must be followed by everyone (students, family, guests, etc.). Please refer to the most current **Victoria ISD Student Parent Handbook** and **Code of Conduct** for these policies.
2. Students are expected to act in a responsible manner at all times at the project center. Any activities that endanger the health or physical well-being of students, parents, faculty, staff, visitors, facilities, or animals will not be permitted. **Loitering, or other activities not directly related to the furtherance of the students' SAEP, will not be tolerated.**

Student name _____ Campus: _____

1st Pen # _____ 2nd Pen # _____ Amount Paid _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Student (cell) _____ Parent/Guardian (work) _____

Parent/Guardian (cell) _____ Parent/Guardian (cell) _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian name (please print) _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date: _____

People that may feed my animal projects are:

Name	Phone
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please list the livestock shows that you plan on attending with your projects.

VISD Agriculture Science FFA Project Center
Equipment Use Agreement

Victoria ISD Agriculture Science department has equipment available to the students and parents of the Victoria East/West FFA to groom and fit their show animals. However, this equipment is costly and relatively expensive to replace and repair. It is the responsibility of all parties to maintain and care for the equipment that our department has. Therefore, the following rules apply in order to checkout and use the Ag Department's Equipment.

1. All equipment checked out is for a 48-hour period or the next day of class (i.e. weekend use). The Ag Teacher must check out equipment to the student or parent from the Ag Department. It is the student/parent's responsibility to return this equipment the following day in the same condition that it was checked out in. For example: equipment should be cleaned and free from sand, hair and other contaminants. Upon return from any event where the student is utilizing the trailer, it must be cleaned out entirely of shavings, feed, feces, etc. The shavings must be removed, and the trailer must be cleaned using the pressure washer.
2. If equipment is damaged while in the student/ parent's possession, it is their responsibility to inform the Ag teacher of the damaged equipment. Lost or stolen items will be the student's responsibility to replace items with new equipment.
3. Equipment for use includes: Clippers with blades, blowers, lamb/goat trim Table, cattle trim dute, show box, gate dividers, tack cart, lamb/goat truck bed cage.
4. Any equipment on loan will not be used more than 1 period during a 1-week period. Further need for equipment during this time will be considered excessive and personal equipment will need to be purchased by the FFA member/parent. This does not include use while at a Major Livestock Show.
5. Equipment should not be handed over to another student without going through the checkout process or approval of an Ag Teacher. It is intended for the use of Victoria East/West FFA members and projects shown under Victoria East/West FFA only. Equipment is intended for the care, and management of animals raised through the Victoria East/West FFA.
6. By signing the form below both student and parent, agree to abide by the checkout policies and be completely responsible for the equipment in their possession. Failure to abide by the rules will result in loss of privileges for future request of equipment.
7. An Ag teacher will determine if it is appropriate to check out equipment based on the good of the entire Ag Department. Ex: At various times of the year such as the VLS, it may not be advantageous to check out clippers or other equipment on an individual basis due to high demand.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Source List

Livestock Show Feed and Supplies

- **Crossroads Feed Store**
13300 N Navarro St.
(361) 579 – 0563
- **Dierlam Feed Store**
914 NE Water St.
(361) 575-3224
- **Northside Ranch Pet and Garden Center**
5705 N. Main St.
(361) 573 – 5000
- **Otto's Coastal Hay**
276 Old Goliad Rd.
(361) 575 – 4745
- **Tractor Supply**
9304 N. Navarro St.
(361) 576-3273
- **Victoria Ag & Ranch Center**
1410 SW Moody St. #7899
(361) 575 – 4131
- **Victoria Farm and Ranch Supply Co.**
2108 SW Ben Jordan St.
(361) 573-3371

Veterinarians

- South Texas Large Animal Mobile Veterinary Services, LLC.
Dr. Jared Hanselman, DVM
(mobile clinic- no physical address)
361-676-8681
hanselmanvet@gmail.com
- Victoria Veterinary Clinic
3902 Houston Hwy
Victoria, TX. 77901
361-703-5644
victoriatxvet.com

Stock Show Information

- San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo www.sarodeo.com
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo www.hlsr.com
- Victoria Livestock Show <https://victorialivestockshow.com/>

FFA

- National FFA Association www.ffa.org
- Texas FFA Association www.texasffa.org

Section 5: FFA Fundraising Activities

FFA Fundraising Activities

The FFA provides many activities throughout the year that require money. The entry fees for contests, community service projects, the food and refreshments at meetings, and supplies for the banquet require a large sum of money. You are asked to participate in whatever fundraising activity that we have. The more money that our group makes, the more activities we can provide to you. We are limited to two fund-raisers per school year.

This year, as in the past, we are selling nutritional food products. We will be offering Seitz Fundraising items (hams, turkeys, fruits, and cookies). These products will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas orders. These products are also great for selling to large businesses and families for Christmas presents.

Section 6: Scholarship Opportunities and Awards

Awards Program

Each VISD FFA Chapter has several award opportunities for members to participate. Each Spring, the VISD East and West FFA hosts an Awards Banquet to recognize the achievements of FFA members. Members must have their AET record books up to date complete and complete an application and submit it before the required deadline which will be announced in the spring semester. The following awards will be awarded on the chapter level:

1. STAR AWARDS - A student must complete a record book to apply for a Star Award.

- Star Greenhand
- Star Chapter Farmer
- Star Lone Star

2. PROFICIENCY AWARDS

- Members will be awarded certificates based upon their SAEP.

3. CHAPTER OFFICER AWARDS

- Chapter Officers will receive plaques

4. HONORARY FFA DEGREE

- Members will select community members who have given of their time and talents to the FFA during the April Meeting. Recipients will receive this award at the banquet. A person can only receive this award one time.

**Students may apply for Proficiency awards, Lone Star FFA Degree, and Star Awards beyond the chapter level based upon their completed record book for their FFA experience. Requirements for these awards are located in the National FFA Manual and the Texas FFA Degree Selection Procedures. Please contact your VISD campus advisory if you wish to apply for advanced awards or for further information.

Scholarship Opportunities

1. Scholarship Opportunities through Texas FFA Association Scholarship Programs

Graduating Seniors apply during the Spring Semester at the District Degree Check. Scholarship is based on academic rank (must be in the top 25% for Houston, top 50% for the others), SAT/ACT scores (minimum 950 on SAT, minimum of 20 on ACT), and FFA activities. Students will interview at the Area Degree Check. Members from the Area Association will advance to state interviews to compete for these awards.

● San Antonio Livestock Show	\$20,000
● Houston Livestock Show	\$20,000
● Jim Bob Norman Memorial	\$10,000
● C.J. "Red" Davidson	\$8,000
● Southwestern Exposition	\$4,000
● Farm Credit Bank of Texas	\$2,000
● Texas Agricultural Education Fund	\$2,000
● Young Farmers of Texas	\$2,000

2. National FFA Scholarships

Graduating seniors apply for various scholarships. Students may obtain an application from www.ffa.org, the National FFA website. Eligibility requirements and award amounts are listed as well.

3. Victoria West AG Booster Club Scholarship

Graduating seniors must complete an application and submit it to the scholarship committee for consideration. Amounts and numbers of scholarships available will be determined by the Parents and Friends Club. Applications will be available during the Spring Semester.

4. State Fair of Texas Scholarship

Graduating seniors must complete an application and submit it prior to deadline. More information can be obtained at www.bigtex.com.

5. Agriscience Fair Competition

The Agriscience Fair offers the opportunity for members to demonstrate their agriscience abilities through a science fair competition. Scholarships are awarded on the state and national levels.

6. Proficiency and Star Awards

Students can obtain various scholarships through participation in advanced awards. Students who win on the state and national levels will receive scholarships.

7. Career Development Events

Students can win various scholarships at various contests if they win high individual honors. Additionally, colleges scout judging team members and offer those students with exceptional abilities scholarships to judge at their universities or colleges, respectively.

8. Victoria Livestock Show

Applications for this scholarship award must be active members in 4-H or FFA and are showing an animal in the Victoria Livestock Show.

Other scholarship opportunities will be announced during class and at FFA meetings as they become available.

Section 7: Competitions and Contest

Competitive Team Events

Leadership Development Event Teams – Fall Semester

“Leadership Development Events focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. Team and individual events are used to reinforce what is taught in agricultural science classrooms.”

(TexasFFA.org)

- Jr./Sr. Chapter Conducting
- Jr./Sr. FFA Skills Demonstration
- Jr./Sr. FFA Quiz Team
- Jr./Sr. Creed Speaking
- Agricultural Issues Forum
- Radio Broadcasting Team
- FFA Public Relations
- Job Interview
- Agricultural Advocacy

Career Development Event Teams – Spring Semester

“Career Development Events build on what is learned in agricultural classes and encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. These events are designed to help a member prepare for a career in agriculture by testing and challenging the student's technical, leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills as well as their knowledge of the subject matter. CDEs answer the question, "When will I use this knowledge in the real world?"

(TexasFFA.org)

- Meat Judging
- Livestock Judging
- Horse Judging
- Dairy Cattle Judging
- Ag. Communications
- Entomology
- Poultry
- Dairy Foods
- Food Science
- Ag. Mechanics
- Nursery/Landscape

Public Speaking – Late Spring Semester

- Soil and Water Stewardship Speaking
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Jr./Sr. Prepared Public Speaking

Participation in LDEs and CDEs is dependent on meeting the minimum guidelines state in the Texas FFA LDE rules.

Section 8: Leadership Activities

Leadership Activities

The following activities are offered to all members in the Victoria ISD FFA. Some activities may have prerequisites based upon leadership achievements.

Fall Semester

- Texas Leadership Conference
- Greenhand Leadership Camp
- State Fair of Texas
- National FFA Convention
- Leadership Development Events

Spring Semester

- Career Development Events
- San Antonio Livestock Exposition
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- Victoria County Livestock Show
- District Convention
- Area Convention

Summer Break

- State Leadership Conference for Area and State Officers
- Area Leadership Conference for District and Area Officers
- Chapter Officer Leadership Camp
- State FFA Convention
- Washington Leadership Conference

Section 9: General Travel and Overnight Trips

Overnight Trips

The opportunity to participate in the Victoria ISD FFA programs is a privilege extended to VISD students. Participation in the Victoria West and Victoria East FFA places a student in a position of recognition and often bestows the position of role model upon the member. Any student who elects to accept the privilege of participating in the Victoria West or East FFA Chapters must recognize that he/she is a representative of the school and district, and will be held to a higher standard of conduct than that applied to the general student body. This applies to school related and non-school related activities. The member is subject to state law, school district policies, school rules and regulations, the Victoria West/East FFA Constitution and By-laws, and University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules. Victoria ISD policy governs all trips taken by FFA members. Any student found in violation of these policies will be disciplined accordingly.

- Students will follow the directions given by Advisors, as well as adult chaperones.
- Students will conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times.
- Students will stay with the group at all times.
- Students will not leave the hotel or site of activity for any reason.
- Students will follow all curfew times. Lights out will be at the discretion of the advisors.
- Students must stay in the room assigned to them.
- Female students will not be allowed in rooms of male students. Male students will not be allowed in rooms of female students.
- Students will wear official dress, except when notified by the Advisors. Victoria ISD dress code is in effect at all times.

Violations of these guidelines will not be tolerated. Any violation of these guidelines at any point in the trip will result at a removal of the student from the trip at the parent/guardian's expense. Further action may also be taken by campus administrators on an as needed basis.



Career and Technical Education
Letterman Jacket Qualifying Criteria
2022-2023

Eligibility

Students enrolled in CTE courses have the opportunity to earn a letterman jacket by meeting the criteria below. Students must participate in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) and have earned the requisite number of points to earn their letterman jacket based on their home campus of Victoria East High School, Victoria West High School or Liberty Academy. **Students who are not an active member of an approved CTSO or NTHS do not qualify for a letterman jacket.**

Criteria

Criteria for Attainment of Letterman Jacket is listed below. **The CTSO Advisor is responsible for submitting completed Letterman Jacket Applications to the CTE Department Specialist.**

1. Student must be an **active member of a CTSO or National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)** in the year in which he/she is eligible for a letterman jacket.
2. **NEW:** Student must be a **CTE Concentrator** by completing and passing two more high school CTE courses for at least 2 credits within the same program of study.
3. Points may be awarded for the following:
 - 1 point for each CTE course in which the student earned one credit or .5 credit for semester course
 - 1 point for each membership in a CTSO or membership in NTHS.
 - 1 point for each position held as a CTSO or NTHS officer
 - 1 point for each hour of community service/outreach activity as a CTSO/NTHS member.
 - 1 point for Projects – Civic Activity, Educational, Leadership, Public Relations, or School Service Project
 - 1 point for each competition or tryout for competition
 - 1 point for each first through fifth place finish in a competition
4. Student must earn 10 of the 20 points from below:
 - Current active membership in a CTSO/ NTHS
 - Community service or outreach activity for the student's CTSO/ NTHS (1 hour = 1 point)
 - **Completion from the following projects for the CTSO/NTHS**
 - Civic Activity Project (Ex. Community Involvement presentation, park clean up, beautification, etc.)
 - Educational Project (Course recruitment presentations, etc.)
 - Leadership Project (Student leadership conferences, elections, workshops)
 - Fundraising Project (dances, car wash, sales, etc.)
 - School Service Project (campus beautification, volunteer work, etc.)

Cost of Letterman Jacket

The CTE Department will pay for the letterman jacket with the vinyl sleeve and letter for \$67.00. Any other upgrades are purchased and paid for by the student and or parents.



Career and Technical Education Letterman Jacket Application 2022-2023

Student Name _____ Student ID _____ Campus _____

CTE Program _____ CTSO _____ CTSO _____
of Study _____ Advisor _____

Students must be an active member in CTSO membership, and have successfully completed at least one year in a CTE course in a Program of Study.

Points Awarded (1 each)

Criteria	Evidence of Criteria Met	Points Earned
Name of Active CTSO/ NTHS (1 point each, student must earn a minimum of 1 point in this category):		
Name of CTE course(s) student is currently enrolled in during 2022-2023 (1 point each):		
Name of CTSO/ NTHS Officer Position held (1 point each):		
List each community service activity and/or project the student participated in as a representative of the CTSO/ NTHS. (1 hour = 1 point, student must earn a minimum of 6 points in this category)		
Name of Competition tryout (1 point for each competition; student must earn a minimum of 1 point in this category) or points for community service/outreach activity for the student's CTSO/ NTHS		
Ranking of 1 st -5 th place finish in competition (1 point)	Competition results:	
(CTE Department Office Use): Name of each CTE course completed within a CTE Program of Study. (.5 or 1 point for each course)		
Minimum number of points required- 20	Total Points EARNED	

Source List

Livestock Show Feed and Supplies

- **Crossroads Feed Store**
13300 N Navarro St.
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- **Dierlam Feed Store**
914 NE Water St.
(361) 575-3224
- **Northside Ranch Pet and Garden Center**
5705 N. Main St.
(361) 573 – 5000
- **Otto's Coastal Hay**
276 Old Goliad Rd.
(361) 575 – 4745
- **Tractor Supply**
9304 N. Navarro St.
(361) 576-3273
- **Victoria Ag & Ranch Center**
1410 SW Moody St. #7899
(361) 575 – 4131
- **Victoria Farm and Ranch Supply Co.**
2108 SW Ben Jordan St.
(361) 573-3371

Veterinarians

- South Texas Large Animal Mobile Veterinary Services, LLC.
Dr. Jared Hanselman, DVM
(mobile clinic- no physical address)
361-676-8681
hanselmanvet@gmail.com
- Victoria Veterinary Clinic
3902 Houston Hwy
Victoria, TX. 77901
361-703-5644
victoriatxvet.com

Stock Show Information

- San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo www.sarodeo.com
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo www.hlsr.com
- Victoria Livestock Show <https://victorialivestockshow.com/>
- State Fair of Texas <https://bigtex.com/>

FFA

- National FFA Association www.ffa.org
- Texas FFA Association www.texasffa.org

Student and Parent Acknowledgement

This Victoria ISD FFA & Agricultural Science Department Handbook has been published to help your son/daughter gain the greatest possible benefit from his/her agricultural science/FFA experience. The FFA needs your cooperation. It is very important that each FFA member understands the opportunities and regulations outlined in this handbook. Parents are to encourage their son/daughter to abide by all rules or regulations set forth in this handbook. Please go over all agreements outlined in this handbook and return them to your Agriscience teacher. Your signature and that of your child acknowledge the receipt of this FFA Member Handbook and the agreement to take full advantage of all the opportunities that are available to members.

Printed Name of Student Date

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

Date Received _____ Received by: _____

Nondiscrimination Statement

The Victoria Independent School District prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against any student on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis prohibited by law.