



Anderson-Shiro
FFA Handbook
2020-2021

Anderson-Shiro CISD FFA Handbook

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

FFA MOTTO

LEARNING TO DO

DOING TO LEARN

EARNING TO LIVE

LIVING TO SERVE

FFA PARTICIPATION POLICY

FFA members will have numerous opportunities to gain participation points throughout the school year. These points can be earned from attending meetings, participating in a trash pick-up or other things such as the Christmas party or Secret Santa.

An FFA member must have the following participation points in order to be eligible to show/compete at the following levels:

- Major shows- 3 participation points (excluding State Fair)
 - if you show under ASFFA you must haul and stall with ASFFA
- County fair- 5 participation points (**As of May 20th per fair book general rule p. 13, Sec 3**)
 - A member must attend a minimum of 2 showmanship clinics/showmanship show (at the Ag Complex) to be eligible to have your animal clipped (prepared) for the county fair.

INTRODUCTION

We are glad to have you in the Agriculture Science Program and we sincerely hope that you enjoy your time in the ag classroom, and as a member of the Anderson-Shiro FFA. This handbook will answer questions that concern the coming year. We hope that you will refer to this as the need arises.

According to the UIL rules, being in FFA is a privilege not a right. When a young man or woman signs up for FFA and becomes a member of a team, he/she is making a commitment. Students and their parents should know they are obligated to follow the rules and regulations of the FFA Program as described in this handbook. Because participation is voluntary, FFA members are expected to follow rules.

Parents:

We have put together this booklet to help answer any of your questions or concerns that you may have through your child's experience in the FFA. We feel that the Agriculture Science Program is one of the best programs offered today. We offer not only classroom work, but fieldwork as well. We teach leadership, cooperation, and responsibility. These are traits that will stay with them throughout their life, long after their FFA days are over. Therefore, we ask for your help and cooperation in the coming year. Let's work together to learn together!

Please encourage your son/daughter to be successful in FFA. Success is defined as participating at 100% of their ability. FFA members should always strive to do their best. Parents can help their son/daughter be successful by seeing that the student is on time, attends practices and contests, and follows the rules.

GENERAL RULES

1. Each student enrolled in the Agriculture Science class is encouraged to join the National FFA Organization. Dues of \$25 (grades 9-12). **These students will complete their online enrollment in their Ag class. Junior members (grades 3-8) will pay \$15 as well as fill out the required forms on our website *at 1 of the 3 Jr FFA mtgs (www.anderson-shiro.ffanow.org) prior to October 10th.** Students that do not join FFA are not eligible to participate in any FFA activity, leadership or judging contest, any major livestock shows and/or the county fair.
2. Each Jr. FFA member and their parent must attend one of three scheduled mandatory meetings to be eligible to be a Jr. FFA member (**September 17th at 6:30PM, October 3 at 10AM, and immediately following the Oct 8th FFA mtg**). The meeting will address rules and expectations as well as be a designated time for you to pay your child's \$15 Jr FFA dues and fill out all appropriate paperwork. If you do not attend one of the three meetings, your child will not be eligible for the Jr. FFA program. **This meeting does not count as a participation, it is mandatory to sign up.**
3. All FFA meetings will be based upon democratic principles as outlined in "Parliamentary Guide for FFA," by Jarrell D. Gray, and the FFA manual.
4. Hauling of livestock shall be the responsibility of the student and parents unless other arrangements have been made and approved. If you need the Ag Teachers to haul your animals to the show, **we will need it in writing 14 days prior to the show departure.** Hauling will also be based on the school trailer availability.
5. All animals must be paid for in full, by the set deadline, or the animal purchase will be your responsibility, not that of the Ag teacher.
6. There will be a minimum of \$50 for any late entries.
7. All supplements must be paid for in full before they will be disbursed to the students.
8. Any FFA member who commits to attend an FFA activity and then breaks the commitment will be held responsible for any fees or expenses incurred by the FFA.
9. Any FFA member who chooses to participate in any fundraising activities will be responsible for all monies due. Outstanding balances could result in your student losing their "good standing" status in the FFA. (See Disciplinary Action)
10. **Students are encouraged to contribute in sales of the FFA Fundraisers. The money raised by each student will be used by that student for expenses while traveling. If the student does not participate in the fundraiser or runs out of fundraiser profits, he/she will be responsible for his/her own meals on FFA trips.**

EXTRACURRICULAR STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Anderson-Shiro CISD makes extracurricular activities available as an extension of the regular school program, with an important difference: participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student, while participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege that carries additional expectations for accountable conduct. Students who engage in extracurricular activities represent not only themselves, but also other students and the district when performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities and the while wearing the uniform or other clothing that identifies the student to the community or public in any setting as an Anderson-Shiro CISD student body at all times and in all places.

Important goals of the extracurricular program are to give students direction in developing self-discipline, responsibility, pride, loyalty, leadership, teamwork, respect for authority, and healthy living habits.

Since participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, Anderson-Shiro CISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than for students who chose not to participate in extracurricular activities. The expectations for extracurricular activities extend beyond the Anderson-Shiro CISD Student Code of Conduct, not only in behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. Extracurricular expectations apply to all students participating in extracurricular activities, regardless of whether:

1. School is in session;
2. The offense occurs on or off school property or at a school-related event;
3. The student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the same time the prohibited conduct occurs;
4. The extracurricular activity is in-season; and regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the Anderson-Shiro CISD Student Code of Conduct will incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his/her advisor for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities may violate the Extracurricular Expectations and be subject to discipline or demerits by an advisor without having violated the Anderson-Shiro CISD Student Code of Conduct.

*Each extracurricular activity may have specific conduct expectations in addition to the expectations outlined above. The expectations outlined in the Policies for FFA Members were developed and approved by the sponsors. The document will be disseminated to students and parents at the beginning of each year.

POLICIES FOR FFA MEMBERS

The basic principle of conduct, which governs FFA members at Anderson-Shiro CISD is as follows:

Conduct yourself in such a manner that you bring credit to yourself, your fellow members, your family and to Anderson-Shiro CISD. Never engage in any activity that can be construed as inappropriate for an Anderson-Shiro CISD FFA member.

CODE OF ETHICS

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

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

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Dismissal from the FFA could result from serious infractions to these policies.

1. Drugs will not be tolerated.
2. Stealing from your fellow members, or from other schools, is unacceptable and, also punishable by law.
3. No tobacco, **vape or e-cig** of any kind is permitted.
4. Profanity is not allowed.
5. All male advisors will receive “Yes Sir” or “No Sir” when being addressed, and it is at all times necessary. Use of “Yes Ma’am” and “No Ma’am” is appropriate for female advisors.
6. Be well groomed and neat. Hair should be kept neat and out of your face. Clean shaven.
7. Always be on time to practices, contests, shows, and for travel arrangements.
8. Any action by an FFA member not deemed appropriate (e.g. talking back to a teacher in a classroom, disrespect to an adult) could result in additional work or demerits.
9. Failure to fulfill the requirements of fundraising, by the set deadline, will result in the student taking full responsibility for debt/monies owed. The student will be immediately suspended from any FFA activities until the debt is resolved. During the suspension the member will still be required to uphold the FFA Handbook Policies, or further disciplinary actions by the school will be taken.

In conclusion, remember to conduct yourself as a lady or gentleman at all times. Treat your advisors, your teachers and your administrators with respect at all times and they will return that same respect to you.

PERMANENT DISMISSAL

Reasons for automatic permanent dismissal, but not limited to:

1. Expulsion
2. Failure to meet behavior expectations in the Extracurricular Standards of Behavior
3. Unexcused absence for more than three (3) times over the course of the fall/spring seasons

The ASCISD Student Handbooks are designed to be in harmony with the ASCISD Board of Trustees Policy, the Student Code of Conduct and University Interscholastic League rules and guidelines. The ASCISD guidelines are reviewed annually. Changes and revisions will be made available to students and parents.

FFA MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

At a Contest or Show

The FFA member must never use profanity or resort to illegal tactics. He/She must learn that both winning and losing are a part of FFA.

Temper displays and flagrant violation of the rules will not be tolerated. Total respect to the judge is required. Discussion of decisions made by judges will be the responsibility of the advisor.

Any behavior contrary to the above-mentioned or any other act that is not conducive to good sportsmanship may result in removal from the contest and further disciplinary action as deemed appropriate.

Personal Appearance and Grooming

Participation in competitive FFA contests and livestock shows is completely voluntary on the part of all FFA members. To participate in FFA in the Anderson-Shiro CISD, there are certain standards that must be maintained. One standard is acceptable grooming and personal appearance.

1. Uniformity- FFA members do quite a bit of traveling to other towns, communities, schools and restaurants as representatives of the Anderson-Shiro CISD; therefore, all FFA members are expected to be groomed in a manner that our community, school and sponsors will be proud of. FFA members are expected to set the example for our school in the area of grooming and personal appearance. Male FFA members must not have hair that is excessively long and must be **clean-shaven**. Males will be required to shave when told to do so by an advisor or administrator. Failure to do so will result in suspension.
2. Self-Discipline- One of the many rewards of being an FFA member is learning to discipline himself/herself. There is no better way to acquire self-discipline than to make sacrifices. Giving up untidy fads of dress and appearance is an example of a very small sacrifice.

Late and Absence Policy

Advisors in charge will be responsible for establishing and enforcing late and absence policies. ***If your child is more than 15 minutes late to a FFA meeting or event they will not receive credit for that event. Electronic sign-in at meetings will automatically close 15 minutes after the start of the meeting.**

Disrespect to Teacher or Advisor

Any act of disrespect by an athlete to his/her teacher, advisor or member of the school administration will be handled on an individual basis. Disciplinary action will be taken in the form of punishment, demerits or removal from the FFA.

Rules for Each FFA Contest or Show

FFA members are to obey the rules given to them by his/her advisor in a particular FFA activity. All rules and expectations should be distributed to FFA members by their advisor in each respective contest or show.

Miscellaneous Subjects

1. Quitting- A FFA member quitting the team after the first contest will forfeit his/her award for the sport in which they quit. The FFA member will not be allowed to participate on another team until the season of the team quit is completed, unless the advisors of both teams agree that the student would be better off in the other sport.
2. Practice and Regulations- An advisor must be consulted ahead of time in the case that a FFA member must miss practice or a contest/show. Missing a contest/show or practice without permission may result in suspension from the team. Players are expected to notify an advisor if they have to miss practice by telling them in person. FFA members

are expected to obey the rules set up by the advisors for each team, and poor effort will not be tolerated.

- Cell phones will not be tolerated while practice is going on.
 - Ineligible students must still attend practice
3. Travel- All FFA members represent the community, school, and advisors when we travel. Therefore, it is expected that all will dress in an acceptable manner on trips and conduct themselves in a manner keeping with this code. Violations will result in suspension from the next contest and any incident of a serious nature may result in suspension and possible expulsion from the team of the FFA program.
- Be on time for all trips or be left at school
 - Dress neatly as directed by the advisors
 - Be mannerly in restaurants
 - Each team is responsible to return any props/equipment to its proper place at school, upon return
 - All FFA members making the trip on the bus will return on the bus unless an emergency situation arises or when parents are present and there is good reason for returning with the parents. This must be cleared with advisors prior to the return trip and the parents must sign their kid out.
 - FFA members are never to return with anyone other than on the bus or with their own parents.
 - Dismissal upon returning from trips: the travel vehicle must be cleaned and approved by an advisor before anyone will be allowed to leave. Students who fail to comply will get appropriate disciplinary actions.

HAZING

In the Anderson-Shiro CISD FFA program there is to be no hazing of any form, whether it be physical, emotional or verbal; or what is considered to be humorous. All FFA members in the Anderson-Shiro CISD will not be subject to any of the above conditions by advisors or teammates. FFA members earn their position by hard work, dedication, determination, and loyalty. No other prerequisite is required, particularly the above-mentioned hazing. All advisors will assure that all FFA members will abide by our policy.

LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

- Qualifying on a team that advances to the state level

ABC- AG BOOSTER CLUB

The ABC is a parent run organization that helps to raise funds for our FFA chapter. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the AS HS Library. Please make plans to attend to see what it is all about and how you can help out and be a part!!! We encourage all parents to attend meetings and become a part of this organization. Parent participation in the ABC does weigh a small part in your child's potential ABC Scholarship.

sbyars-cosby@ascisd.net

Stacey Byars-Cosby

832-296-5375

dcosby@ascisd.net

Darren Cosby

936-355-0540

jbuchanan@ascisd.net

Jacob Buchanan

281-638-1134

www.anderson-shiro.ffa.org

