Kerrville ISD



Agricultural Science & FFA



Policy Manual

2023-2024

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August 3, 2023

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year and the Tivy FFA and Tivy Agricultural Science Department. It is enlightening to see the new and returning students in our program. This year’s program of activities is loaded with a wide array of challenges and activities for your participation.

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.

Sincerely,

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2023-2024 Tivy FFA

Officer Team

President: Tinley Likin

Vice-President: Aiden Mordente

Secretary: Makaya Portillo

Treasurer: Christain Stahl

Reporter: Brooke Jaeger

Sentinel: Peter Lockwood

Chaplin: James Montrose

Awards Program

The Tivy FFA Chapter has several award opportunities for members to participate. Each spring, the Tivy FFA hosts an Awards Banquet to recognize the achievements of FFA members. Members must complete an application and submit it before the required deadline which will be announced in the spring semester. Applications will be judged by an outside panel of Agricultural Science Teachers from the District and Area Associations. The following awards will be awarded on the chapter level:

1. **STAR AWARDS**
	* Star Greenhand (First Year Member)
	* Star Chapter Farmer
* Star Lone Star Candidate
1. **PROFICIENCY AWARDS**
	* Members will be awarded certificates based upon their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program
2. **OUTSTANDING FFA MEMBER**
3. **YOUNG FARMER LEADERSHIP AWARD**
4. **BLUE/GOLD AWARD**
5. **SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT**

*\*\*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. This information is kept on file in the Ag science teacher’s office. Please contact Ms. Hartman or Ms. Beasley or Mr. Lux 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 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. Ten members from the Area Association will advance to state interviews to compete for these awards.

* San Antonio Livestock Show $20,000
* Star of Texas Livestock Show $16,000
* Houston Livestock Show $18,000
	+ *You do not have to be an Agricultural or Life Science Major to receive this scholarship.*
* Dick Wallrath Scholarship $10,000
	+ *You do not have to be an Agricultural or Life Science Major to receive this scholarship.*
* Jim Bob Norman Memorial $10,000
* C.J. “Red” Davidson $5,000
* Southwestern Exposition $4,000
* Farm Credit Bank of Texas $2,000
* Texas Agricultural Education Fund $2,000
* Young Farmers of Texas $2,000
* Ryan Mott Memorial Scholarship $1,000
* SALE Tour Guiding Scholarship $1,000

**2. National FFA Scholarships**

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

**3. 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](http://www.bigtex.com).

**4. Ag science Fair Competition**

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

**5. 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.

**6. 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.

**7. Local Scholarships**

Graduating seniors can apply for this local scholarship to help defray expenses of higher education.

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

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**Competitive Team Activities**

**Leadership Development Teams – Fall Semester**

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

**Career Development Teams – Spring Semester**

* Soil and Water Stewardship Speaking
* Extemporaneous Speaking
* Jr. Prepared Public Speaking
* Sr. Prepared Public Speaking
* Wildlife
* Land Evaluation
* Livestock Judging
* Horse Evaluation
* Dairy Cattle Judging
* Floriculture
* Nursery Landscape
* Farm Business Management
* Poultry Judging
* Ag Sales
* Agricultural Communications
* Homesite
* Entomology
* Vet Tech

**LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

The following activities are offered to all members in the Tivy FFA. Some activities may have prerequisites based upon leadership achievements. We will not go to all of theses they are just listed for everyone to know.

**Fall Semester**

* Advanced Leadership Academy
* 360° Leadership Training
* 212° Leadership Training
* Area VII Greenhand Leadership Camp
* District FFA Meeting
* State Fair of Texas
* National FFA Convention
* Leadership Development Events

**Spring Semester**

* Career Development Events
* Fort Worth Livestock Exposition
* San Antonio Livestock Exposition
* Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
* Star Of Texas Livestock Show and Rodeo
* District Convention
* Area VII Convention

**Summer Break**

* State Leadership Conference for Area and State Officers
* Area VII Leadership Conference for District Officers
* District Leadership Camp for Chapter Officers
* State FFA Convention
* Washington Leadership Conference
* Chapter Officer Retreat

**When you look good...**

**The FFA Looks Great!**

**FFA Code of Ethics**

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

* 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

**Official Dress**

The uniform worn by FFA members at local, district, area, state, and national functions is called official dress. It provides identity and a distinctive, recognizable image to the organization.

**Female members should wear: Male members should wear:**

Black skirt – hem should be between knee and calf 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

**CDE Dress for contests**

* Buttoned down or Polo type collared shirt
* Nice Jeans or Slacks that fit at the waist and are free of fading or holes.
* Closed toe shoes are required
* Appropriate caps or hats for the contest

**Official Dress for Livestock Shows**

* Buttoned down or polo type collared shirt
* 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
* No caps or hats
* Hair should be pulled away from face and look orderly.

***In addition to the previous guidelines, the Kerrville ISD 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.***

**Agricultural Science & Technology Course Offerings**

**Tivy High School**

* Principles of Agriculture
* Agricultural Mechanics\*
* Ag Facilities and Design\*
* Ag Structures\*
* Livestock Production
* Small Animal Management
* Equine Science
* Vet Med
* Advance Animal Science

*\* All Agricultural Mechanics students must provide materials for personal projects.*

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, animal projects assistance, 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. Each family is asked to have the first member of the family sell 10 items and 5 for any additional family member.

We need all members and parents to be actively involved in fundraising in order to fund all of our activities throughout the year.

**Tivy FFA Points Program**

Outstanding Leadership Awards are given to all members earning **300 POINTS** from the school year. In order to attend State FFA Convention in the summer, FFA members must either be on the incoming officer team, receiving an award or have accumulated **300 POINTS** from the school year. A $50 deposit will be required to attend State FFA Convention. ***Good luck in achieving this prestigious award!***

***Chapter Activities***

Chapter Meetings 10 points @ Meeting

Adopt a Highway Cleanups 10 points @ hour

Ag Mech. Projects (limit 4) 10 points @ SJLS, 15 points @ Major Show

Show Projects (limit 4) 10 points @ SJLS, 15 points @ Major Show

Jackpot Show (limit 4) 5 points @ Show

Community Service Activity 15 points @ item

***Fundraising***

Meat and Dessert Sale 3 points @ item

Other Fundraising 5 points @ hour

***Leadership: Includes LDEs, CDEs, Speaking Events, and Ag Science Fair***

Invitational Contests 10 points

District Level 15 points

Area Level 20 points

State Level 25 points

State Level (non Qual.) 20 points

National Level 30 points

Sweepstakes Award 25 points

***Activities included are as follows:***

Judging Contest

Offices Held

Leadership Team

Convention

Meetings

Awards

Degree Check

Speaking Events

Banquets

Special Events, As Announced

Communication

Good communication is key to a successful chapter. Tivy FFA has put several items into place in order to make communication between the Advisors and the members and parents open and easy. We use our chapter’s web page, Group Me text system, email, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Below is information on how you can connect to each media type or just the ones you use regularly.

* Email: We will send out information via email and well as our monthly newsletter
* Tivy FFA’s webpage: We try to update weekly or as needed. Most information that cannot be found in this manual is available on the webpage. We will be working on the web page to make it more user friendly. If you have any questions about the web page or suggestions please contact Mr. Daggett
* What can be found on the Web Page (tivyffa.now.org)?
	+ Digital copy of this handbook
	+ Forms that FFA members are required to turn in
	+ Chapter Calendar
* Social Media
	+ Facebook: search for Tivy FFA and “LIKE” the page so that you can receive updates and news.
	+ Twitter: you can follow us at @Tivy\_ffa, we will be posting the same information on Twitter that can be found on Facebook
	+ Instagram: you can follow us @tivyffa, we will be posting pictures from events throughout the year.
* Group Me

FFA Dues

FFA Jackets

FFA Jackets can be purchased for $70.00. This will include your jacket and a tie or scarf. Orders will be placed on the 1st Friday each month throughout the year and the orders will then be placed with the National FFA Supply Service. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. All members are encouraged to purchase an FFA Jacket.

Useful Links

The following are links to FFA pages and stock shows throughout the state.

**FFA**

www.area7.ffanow.org

www.texasffa.org

www.ffa.org

www.judgingcard.com

www.theaet.com

**Stock Shows**

www.bigtex.org

www.fwssr.com

www.sarodeo.com

www.hlsr.com

www.rodeoaustin.com

www.sanangelorodeo.com

**Agriculture**

www.fb.org

www.txfb.org

www.weather.com

www.usda.gov

www.agriclutre.com

www.agr.state.tx.us

www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Overnight Trips

The opportunity to participate in the Tivy FFA is a privilege extended to KISD students. Participation in the Tivy 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 Tivy FFA 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 Tivy FFA Constitution and By-laws, and University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules. Kerrville ISD policy governs all trips taken by FFA members. Any student found in violation of these policies will be disciplined accordingly.

* Students will follow 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. Kerrville ISD dress code is in effect at all times.

***Violations to these guidelines will not be tolerated.***

Forms

The following pages contain forms that need to be returned to the Ag science teachers. If you are going to participate in any FFA activity, we must have the permission slip and emergency information. We also need the website permission form so we may include you picture on the FFA website which is located under the Schulenburg Independent School District website. Finally, the Acknowledgement form indicating you have received the handbook needs to be completed and returned to your Ag science teacher by **September 14, 2023.**

**TIVY FFA / AGRISCIENCE DEPARTMENT PARENT TRAVEL PERMISSION FORM**

**FACULTY SPONSORS: Mason Daggett Abigail May**

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GRADE LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS’ NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The above named student has my consent to travel to and/or from each event participated in by this organization during this school year including all errands and activities related to duties and assignments made to members enrolled in the FFA / AGRISCIENCE CLASS. The mode of transportation will be Kerrville ISD provided transportation.

1. All students must abide by state, district and campus policies at all AGRISCIENCE/FFA sponsored events, whether held during normal school hours, after school hours, or on weekends and holidays.
2. I understand that students who violate said policies will be subject to disciplinary consequences in accordance with the STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT, including possible removal from future participation in FFA events.
3. I understand that infractions to any of these said policies which include theft, vandalism, and possession of illegal substances will result in notification of parent/guardian and my child being returned to school at the parent’s expense with no reimbursement of funds.
4. I agree to, and hereby, release Kerrville Independent School District and its trustees, employees, sponsors and volunteers from all legal responsibility from liability resulting from any activities of this organization, including liability caused by or related to the negligence of any such party.
5. I **agree** or **do not agree** (please circle one) to allow my child to swim at any events that swimming opportunities available.
6. I **agree or do not agree** (please circle one) to allow my child’s name and picture to appear on the Tivy FFA web page or other social media accounts or in articles in the newspaper.

This form must be signed and returned to the sponsor before the student will be permitted to participate in any activities of this organization. This Tivy FFA & Agricultural Science Department Policy Manual 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 manual. Please go over all agreements outlined in this manual and return them to your Ag science teacher. Your signature and that of your child acknowledge the receipt of this FFA Member manual and the agreement to take full advantage of all the opportunities that are available to members.

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Signature of Student Date

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Signature of Parent Date

Date Received\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Tivy FFA**

**Emergency Information**

This form must be completed by the parent/guardian of each member. This form is required of all students in an Ag Science Class. This form must be updated yearly or in the event that any of the information should change. **WITHOUT THIS COMPLETED FORM, YOUR CHILD MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FFA ACTIVITIES.**

STUDENT’S NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GRADE\_\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN’S

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ZIP\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PARENTS HOME # (IF DIFFERENT) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MOM’S WORK #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DAD’S WORK#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Name and phone number of relative or friend who can be contacted in case of emergency when

Parent/guardian is unavailable.

NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RELATION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY DOCTOR\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_PHONE#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

IF, IN THE JUDGEMENT OF ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCHOOL, THE AVOVE STUDENT NEEDS IMMEDIATE CARE AND TREATMENT AS A RESULT OF ANY INJURY OR ILLNESS, I DO HEREBY REQUEST, AUTHORIZE, AND CONSENT SUCH CARE AND TREATMENT AS MAY BE GIVEN SAID STUDENT BY ANY MEDICALLY QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE. I DO HEREBY, AGREE, TO INDEMIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE SCHOOL AND ANY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE FROM ANY CLAIM BY ANY SUCH PERSON OF SUCH CARE AND TREATMENT OF SAID STUDENT.

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STUDENT’S SIGNATURE DATE PARENT/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE DATE