

**Clear Creek Independent School District**  
**Agriscience Departments**  
*General Rules for FFA Student Project Complex Operation*

**A Clear Creek Independent School District student regularly enrolled in any Agriscience class at Clear Brook, Clear Creek or Clear Lake High Schools and who is a paid FFA Member in good standing with respective agriscience instructor will be eligible to apply to house an approved animal project at the FFA project Barn Complex.**

The Clear Creek ISD Agricultural Science Staff will be responsible for formulating and enforcing rules and regulations governing the operation of FFA Project Barn Complex as approved by the District's Administration.

Individual Student projects will be limited to the following market animals: steers, hogs, lambs, goats and poultry. Other animal projects will be allowed when space is available and upon approval. Student project accommodations will be limited to the FFA Project barn site.

A student will not be required to keep an animal at the FFA Project Barn Complex. This option is strictly voluntary on the part of the student and his/her legal parent or guardian, after an official agreement is concluded with the school.

A rental fee for project housing will be paid in full at the time the student submits any animal fees and prior to bringing animal to barn. The student must pay all fees in compliance with rates approved by the school district. This revenue will be used for general maintenance and limited special labor expense directly connected with the operation of the complex.

In determining project facility usage, priority will be based upon the student grade level, a good student record. And based on the following priority guidelines from 1<sup>st</sup> to last; market animals for local show, county show, major show followed by heifers for county and majors shows combined with the student's grade level. Seniors receive first priority followed by juniors, then sophomores and then freshmen. After a student has been assigned space for his/her first animal project, he/she is not eligible for a pen space for a second project unless there is additional space available after all request for first projects have been filled and after approval from all agriscience teachers

Neither Clear Creek ISD, the Agriscience teachers, nor any school official will be responsible for injury to or death loss of a project animal while it is on school property or any other property. All person connected with a project will display the highest degree of professionalism in an effort to prevent adverse circumstances.

Neither Clear Creek ISD, the Agriscience teachers, nor any school official is liable for injury to a student, student's guest, or family members while at the FFA Project Barn Complex. Any injuries or hazards should be reported to an Agriscience teacher immediately.

The project barn should be secured at night by the last person leaving. The Project barn hours are Monday through Friday 5:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily, including weekends and holidays

**FIRE PREVENTION IS A MUST!** Highly combustible materials will not be permitted in the complex. Trash and refuse, including feed sacks will be removed immediately, and all parts of the facility will be kept clean to prevent fires and to promote sanitation. All hay is to be stored in container #1.

**NO TOBACCO USE OF ANY KIND BY ANY PERSONS IS ALLOWED.** Use of tobacco products on school property, including parking lots, is a violation of CCISD Board policy.

An official application, signed by all parties involved and total fees will be required before a student's project is placed in the FFA Project Barn Complex.

All Clear Creek ISD rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct on school property are to be adhered to and will be enforced. A violation of any of the above rules at this facility or on any school property will subject the student to possible dismissal from housing a project at the barn complex for the year. If a student loses the privilege of housing a project at the barn complex, their rent will be prorated and the unused portion will be returned to the student.

A phone is located in the barn for use by student, teachers and parents. The phone number is **281-338-5680**. There is a time limit of 2 minutes.

14. A contact list will be posted by the telephone in case of emergency.

**Clear Creek Independent School District  
Project Barn Complex**

**Rules and Conditions for Housing Projects**

The Agriscience teachers will make stall, pen, storage and facility assignments for each student's project and this assignment will not be changed without permission from the teacher. Animal ownership will not change without the knowledge of the teacher and parent or legal guardian. A break in animal ownership is a violation of CCISD FFA Project Show rules (see show rules for details).

The school district agrees to provide shelter, utilities and major pieces of equipment at a rental rate stated below. All additional production costs are the direct responsibility of the student and/or parent or legal guardian. **Rental rates (payable when ordering projects) Steer stalls - \$30/month, Hog pens - \$50/yr, Poultry - \$50/yr, Lamb - \$50/yr and Goats - \$50/yr.**

The student is responsible for feeding, watering, grooming and exercising his/her project. **ANIMALS THAT ARE NOT PROPERLY CARED FOR WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COMPLEX.** Refer to your animal welfare agreement.

Students should tend to their projects and then promptly leave the complex. Loitering by any individuals will not be tolerated.

Students and parents are expected to leave free access to the main gate at all times. Unauthorized vehicles will not be parked or operated inside the complex. Authorized vehicles and equipment will be operated only when an Agriscience teacher is present.

Only those electrical devices approved by the Agriscience teachers will be permitted in the complex. Electrical devices are not to be used on wet floors or another manner that could cause a safety hazard. Approved outdoor extension cords cannot be wrapped around boards and must be secured to the existing framework of barn. They should be no longer eight feet in length.

The student is to respect the value of the FFA complex buildings, equipment, facilities and projects. Indiscriminate writing and/or carving will not be tolerated. Harassment of other students and their projects will not be tolerated.

Passageways including door openings are not to be cluttered with equipment or animals. Both routine and emergency traffic must be able to move efficiently.

Gates, fences and partitions are NOT to be sat on or ridden by crawling over them. Running and climbing is to be avoided unless an emergency situation warrants such action.

**All students are responsible for keeping the complex clean, safe and operating properly. Any accident or safety hazard is to be reported immediately to an Agriscience teacher. Each student is required to keep his / her pen, feeding and exercising areas clean daily. Failure to do so will result in a documented warning by an Agriscience teacher. Upon a third warning the student must remove their animal within one week from that day. If student does not remove their animal, it will become the property of CCISD.**

All broken or stolen equipment is to be reported immediately. All equipment is to be cleaned and returned to the proper storage site after each use. All wheelbarrows should be emptied after each use and returned to the designated storage area.

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When an animal is moved about the complex, droppings are to be cleaned up promptly and taken to the manure pile by the owner.

No project should be left unattended in the aisles, THE SHOW ARENA, feeding stalls or elsewhere in or around the complex. Steers or heifers should not be turned loose in the show arena. **NO ANIMALS MAY BE TIED TO THE ANY GATE.**

Water containers are not to be overfilled and faucets are to be turned off tightly after each use. Wash, groom and tie projects in special places as directed by the Agriscience teachers.

Bedding material will consist of wood shavings. A student owning a BEEF ANIMAL will clean its stall a minimum of twice daily and replace bedding material as necessary. All manure and soiled bedding will be taken to the manure pile and not dumped in the drive behind the barn.

Students will secure their own feed and supplies using a system that best fits the management pattern of the steer, lamb, goat, hog or poultry operation. Hogs and poultry will be group fed as directed by their individual Agriscience teacher.

All Agriscience students housing projects at the facility must have their school identification card with them. All agriscience students housing projects at the facility are responsible for their actions and for the

actions of their guests and family members. Any violation of CCISD Student Handbook Rules or CCISD Project Barn Complex Rules will result in your removal from the complex. Potential loss of barn privileges will be reviewed with the Agriscience teachers, parents and appropriate school officials.

All students housing animals at the CCISD Project Barn Complex will be assigned a locker by the CCISD Agriscience teachers. Poultry owners are limited to one garbage can. ALL HAY MUST BE STORED IN CONTAINER #1. IF FEED, HAY OR OTHER EQUIPMENT IS STORED IN ALLEY OR OUTSIDE OR LOCKER OTHER THAN IN THE PEN ITSELF, THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A WRITTEN WARNING.

**Students may not bring in other sources of storage to the CCISD Project Barn Complex. If other sources of storage are brought into the Project Barn, they will be removed by the CCISD Agriscience teachers.**

All lockers must be organized to close doors without force. Violation will result in a written warning.

Each animal is fed for a designated livestock show with Agriscience teacher approval. If a student is ineligible at time of eligibility check for the show in which the animal is designated for, the animal project must be removed from the facility within 7 days.

All feed bags must be labeled with owner's name.

**NO PETS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED AT OR IN THE BARN FACILITY.**

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**Application for Project Housing at FFA Project Barn Complex**

Date of Application\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name\_\_\_\_\_

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

City:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code:\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Work Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Home Address\_\_\_\_\_

City:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code:\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level (Circle One) Senior Junior Sophomore Freshman

Number of years in Agriscience Classes (Circle One) 1 2 3 4

Type of Animal to be housed at the FFA Project Barn Complex (Circle One)

Steer Hog Lamb Goat Turkeys Broilers Heifer

Have you ever housed a project prior to this year at the FFA Project Barn Complex?

Yes No (circle one) If yes, what type\_\_\_\_\_ School year(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Total Rent for this project\_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and understand both the General Rules and the Rules and Conditions for Housing a Project at the FFA Project Barn Complex. I agree to abide by all of the rules if I am approved to keep an animal at the FFA Project Barn Complex. I further understand that failure to follow these rules may result in the loss of the privilege to use the facilities.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent / Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Agriscience Teacher Approval**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## **FFA Animal Welfare Agreement**

Dear FFA Member:

The primary purpose of this letter and the attached agreement is to ensure that you, your parents or guardians and we as FFA advisors have an equal understanding of the importance of the welfare of the animal project(s) which you are currently raising. We believe that every FFA member would agree that all of our livestock, poultry and rabbit projects should be treated humanely. Nevertheless, there are some students who fail to meet the standards of acceptable treatment of their FFA animal project(s).

Through the use of animal project reference material that we have provided you along with suggestions made at project visitations by your advisor, each student should know what is expected of them in terms of acceptable, humane animal treatment.

Please read and sign the attached agreement regarding the welfare of your animal project and consequences for failing to meet the needs of your animal project. Please be aware that the use of the project center is a privilege, not a right and your privilege can be taken away at any time if rules are not followed.

Sincerely,

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CCISD FFA Agriscience Teacher

**Clear Creek I.S.D.**  
**FFA Animal Project Welfare Agreement**

As a student member of a Clear Creek ISD FFA Chapter who is currently raising an animal project, I know of the importance of the humane treatment of our livestock, poultry and rabbit projects.

I agree that my project(s) must be fed on a daily basis throughout the feeding period with a feed ration approved for my animal(s) and on a consistent feeding schedule.

I agree that their stall, pen or coop must be cleaned by me daily by removing any manure and any soiled bedding.

I agree that they should be provided with fresh water daily with all watering and feeding equipment remaining clean.

I agree that my project(s) should be dewormed regularly and be provided veterinary attention when their health deems necessary.

I agree not to be abusive or use excessive force on my project, especially when training or exercising my animal.

I agree not to use any drugs (or unnatural alteration techniques) on my animal without the approval of a veterinarian and my advisor.

In the event that I am feeding with a group of other students, I agree that I should share the feeding and cleaning responsibilities when it is my turn.

I know that failing to meet the standards set by my FFA advisor(s) and those listed in steps 1-7 above will be grounds for removal of my project following the third verbal or written warning from my advisor. The animal(s) will then be sold at the current market value at a local livestock exchange if applicable. I will then receive the sale money once travel and related expenses have been subtracted from the total.

\_\_\_\_\_  
FFA Member

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Approved: Director Career & Tech.

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Parent or Guardian

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Approved: Building Principal