

Klein FFA Swine Handbook 2024-2025

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PURPOSE

The purpose of a production livestock feeding program is to allow students to develop responsibility, leadership skills and gain hands-on knowledge and application of the livestock industry. Agriculture Science Teachers/FFA Advisors are here to assist you with your project and provide guidance throughout the year.

GOALS

1. Learn proper feeding and general care methods that will help your project be successful at show.
2. Keep your pen and surrounding areas clean at all times.
3. Be respectful to all students and adults. Remember that you are representing Klein FFA at all times. Inappropriate actions or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.
4. Have fun!

RULE BOOK AND FFA INFORMATION

- Klein ISD Agriscience Project Center Rules (available on [Klein FFA Website](#))
 - A. The Klein ISD Agriscience Project Center is only for those students that raise their animal project at the school facility. The Klein ISD Agriscience Project Center rules **MUST** be signed and fees **MUST** be paid prior to animals moving into the facilities.
- Home Project
 - A. You do have the option to raise your project at home. Please be aware of the zoning regulations when deciding to keep your project at home. The Agriculture Science Teacher will make home visits to help you with your project as needed, however, all transportation is the responsibility of the student.

FORMS THAT MUST BE SIGNED & ON FILE

- Klein ISD Agriscience Project Center Rules
- Klein FFA Barn Rules Addendum
- Species Handbook Receipt

MEETINGS/WORKDAYS/SHOWMANSHIP

Meetings

Any student with a project for the Klein ISD Livestock and Project Show must attend the following mandatory meetings with a parent:

- August Animal Show Meeting
- January Animal Show Meeting

In addition, students must not miss more than 2 monthly FFA meetings within the year to remain eligible to show, unless it is due to illness or another school activity. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to inform the Agriscience Teacher if they will not be able to attend a meeting.

Workdays

Workdays will be scheduled on a weekly basis. It is the student's responsibility to attend each workday so that the animal can be properly weighed and evaluated.

- Workdays may be canceled or postponed by Mr. Bill in the event of pending weather, prior commitments, or unforeseen circumstances. Announcements will be made as soon as possible in the Remind group message.

If you do not attend workdays, Mr. Bill can not help you with your project!!

GENERAL ANIMAL GUIDELINES

- No animals may be moved in until all signature pages and fees are paid.
- Our swine facility is focused on housing as many projects as possible, so please plan your projects accordingly.
- District animals take first priority
- No other species of animal will be housed in the swine barn. No exceptions!

TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

- Abuse of any animal will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the farm and the FFA Program.
- Abuse can consist of but is not limited to: riding, roping, striking, pumping, whipping, using a cattle prod, ect.

BARN CLEANUP & MAINTENANCE

- Each exhibitor is responsible for keeping their animal pen, tack pen, and surrounding areas clean at all times. Common areas must also be kept clean by ALL students.
 - This includes the wash racks and scale.
- Manure removed from pens needs to be placed in the large roll off dumpsters. Manure should NOT be placed anywhere outside the barn, left in a pile or in wheelbarrows without being dumped.

- All other trash except manure should be placed in the small dumpster.
- Any community tools or equipment must be cleaned and stored properly after each use.
- Water troughs/feed pans should be cleaned with soap and water weekly.
- All students are REQUIRED to perform additional cleanup duties outside of their pens as needed; including barn workdays!!

ANIMAL HEALTH

- Check your calf daily for any changes in health. Look for scours/diarrhea, proper urination, snotty nose or any signs of fungus such as red spots, scaly or scabby skin.
- Report ANY health changes or change in eating habits to your Agriculture Science Teacher immediately.
- The neglect of animals will not be tolerated and it will result in the student's immediate dismissal from the complex.
- It is NOT the responsibility of the Agriculture Teacher to haul to the vet.
- Any vet visits will be paid at the time services are rendered.

PEN ASSIGNMENTS

- Students will be assigned pens upon bringing a project into the facility. Students may not move or expand for any reason unless approved by the Agriculture Science Teacher.
- Pens will be given out on a first come first serve basis based on pen fee payment (1 pen/student)
- If there are extra pens available, an extra pen can be purchased for an additional project

TACK STORAGE

- All tack must be kept picked up and locked at all times.
- Each student is allowed one tack box to store feed and supplies in.
- Klein ISD and its Agricultural Science Teachers are NOT responsible for theft or damage of any personal items at the Klein ISD Agriscience Project Center.

FEEDING

- Fresh feed must be provided at each feeding. All pigs must be fed twice a day (including holidays and weekends) on a regular basis scheduled approximately 12 hours apart. It is understood that some exhibitors will have other commitments after school and will have to take care of their animals at a later time. If this is the case, your pig should be fed no later than 9PM.
- Mr. Bill is available to help you with a feeding plan, but can not effectively help you unless you show up for weekly workdays.

WEIGHING

- Your pigs need to be weighed weekly. It is your responsibility to maintain a record of these weights throughout the feeding period. Make sure you weigh the animal at the same time of day and during the same conditions, preferably before feeding.

MEDICATIONS/ADDITIVES/TREATMENTS

It is prohibited to administer any type of off-label or extra label vaccine, medication, spray, feed additive or other substance internally or externally to any livestock project without veterinarian approval and awareness of the supervising teacher. All established withdrawal times for any administered product must be strictly followed. The Agriculture Science Teacher will NOT be held liable for injury to livestock while assisting the exhibitor with their project. This includes giving medications, worming, trimming or any other activity directly involving the teacher and animals. If your calf has a problem or needs specific medication it is the responsibility of the exhibitor and/or parents/guardians to contact a veterinarian and seek medical treatment.

EXERCISE

- Walking your animal daily is imperative in success to maintain flexibility and increase athleticism.
- Pigs should be walked daily.
- The working arena in the back is for working your animal only. Failure to comply will result in loss of a farm point.

CLIPPING

- Pig clipping will be supervised by Mr. Bill, and pigs will be clipped according to the KISD Livestock and Project Show rules on an “as needed” basis.
- Pig Clipping Chutes are off-limits to any student without Mr. Bill present, unless given specific permission from Mr. Bill himself. No exceptions.

ANIMALS LEAVING THE COMPLEX

- Animals may not leave the facility for any reason without permission from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher and a completed Rule 3 Approval for all state validated animals must be filled out and turned in prior to leaving.
- The Rule 3 Approval for all state validated animals MUST be received by the supervising Agriculture Science Teachers no less than 7 days prior to the date of departure.
- A new form is required for each event. Animals removed from the facility without this form in place are subject to permanent removal from the facility. The only exception to this rule is animals leaving for the purpose of livestock shows attended with the Ag Science Teacher.

TRAVEL TO LIVESTOCK SHOWS

- Klein ISD will provide transportation, when possible, for livestock projects to shows and/or validation. Your animal is NOT required to be transported by Klein ISD.
- The Agriculture Science Teacher will attend all planned and Klein ISD approved shows.

REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN LIVESTOCK SHOWS

- Be enrolled in an agriculture science class at Klein High School.
- Be a member in good standing with the Klein FFA Chapter. Livestock feeders must have their FFA dues paid in full as well as their Klein ISD Project Center dues.
- Attend all mandatory livestock meetings and workdays.

- Be passing ALL classes at the time that eligibility is determined. If a student is ineligible to show due to grades, the animal is ineligible to show as well.
- Have paid entry fees on time and met show requirements.
- Livestock in poor condition due to disease, injury or neglect will not be allowed to participate in livestock shows.
- Livestock that cannot be properly handled safely on and off the trailer, to and from the show ring will not be allowed to participate in livestock shows.
- The final decision will rest with the supervising teacher.
- Students will be responsible for all out of town personal travel to and from all livestock shows, including hotels, unless riding to and from to assist in the trailer.
- Exhibit the proper conduct while in attendance at livestock shows.
- The student will be responsible for all feeding, care and grooming of his/her livestock project while at the livestock show. This includes all arrival and departure times set by the Ag Science Teacher.
- It is the sole responsibility of the student to be familiar with all rules pertaining to his/her livestock project (ie: weight limits, entry requirements, age, etc.). This information may be obtained from the supervising teacher of the livestock show.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Feed and check your animals' water twice daily.
- Keep feed troughs and water pans clean.
- Clean pens daily including sifting.
- Add sand as needed, not a dig out and reload weekly.
- Check your pigs' health daily. Look for cuts/sores, runny noses, fungus, etc. Report any abnormalities to the Agriculture Science Teacher immediately.
- Do NOT leave your pig unattended for any reason.
- Weigh weekly and record your pigs weight.
- Keep your pig on a proper deworming schedule.
- Handle your pig and practice showing it daily.
- Know that you will get injuries handling these animals, safety is key, so doing what you need is important.
- Attendance is MANDATORY at ALL barn cleanups, workdays and meetings from start to finish!
- Students will work together with other students and parents and advisors at all times
- Students will speak appropriately to all other students, parents and advisors at all times.
- If you feel there is an issue contact the advisor in charge of your species immediately.
- Failure to speak and work together appropriately will result in discipline referral or even removal from the project center/ FFA program

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- General supervision of your student and their project on a day to day basis.
- Communicate with the teacher should a question or problem arise concerning the project or the student's performance.
- Provide transportation of your student to and from the Klein ISD Agriscience Project Center for twice daily feedings, if they cannot drive.
- Provide transportation, cost of lodging and accommodations of students to all stock shows.
- Make sure all required payments are made by the provided due dates.
- Be aware of student grades to prevent inability to show.
- Follow ALL Klein ISD Agriscience Project Center rules and regulations.
- Read and follow all rules of shows entered by the students as well as the Klein ISD Agriscience Project Center Rules, and the Klein Cattle Handbook.
- Parents will work together with other students and parents and advisors at all times
- Parents will speak appropriately to all other students, parents and advisors at all times.
- If you feel there is an issue contact the advisor in charge of your species immediately.
- Failure to speak and work together appropriately will result in possible removal from the project center.
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AGRISCIENCE TEACHER EXPECTATIONS

- Provide advice in regards to any problems that may occur with the animal project during normal working hours.
- Provide assistance when needed for breeding heifer projects.
- Contacting teachers outside of working hours is for emergencies only! The teacher will make every effort to assist with problems.
- The teacher will check projects weekly at scheduled workdays ONLY, unless an emergency has arised.
- Assist with feeding programs and make recommendations if they are the only one doing the feed plan.
- Attend all scheduled and approved shows.
- The teacher will assist in giving medications when possible. The Agriculture Science Teacher will NOT be held liable for injury to livestock while assisting the exhibitor with their project. This includes giving medications, worming, trimming or any other activity directly involving the teacher and animals.
- If your calf has a problem or needs specific medication it is the responsibility of the exhibitor and/or parents/guardians to contact a veterinarian and seek medical treatment as well as provide transportation.
- The teacher will provide transportation for all animals raised at the Klein ISD Agriscience Project Center to shows entered by the chapter provided there is adequate trailer space available.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

If a situation arises the following chain of command MUST be followed:

- Address the issue with the Agriculture Science Teacher of that species.
 - Mr. Bill
- Address the issue with the student's Assistant Principal.
 - Varies depending on your last name
- Address the issue with the Klein HS CTE Administrator.
 - Mr. Bryan White
- Address the issue with the Klein HS Associate Principal for Curriculum & Instruction.
 - Ms. AJ Hatcher
- Address the issue with the Head Principal.
 - Mrs. Shannon Strole

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Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Student Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Number: _____

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AGREEMENTS

I have received a copy of the Klein FFA Swine Handbook 2024-2025. I understand it is my duty to become familiar with and abide by the rules and policies set forth by the Klein FFA in this handbook and the Klein ISD Livestock Project Center Rules. I understand that if I do not abide by these rules and policies that disciplinary actions can and will be taken against me and I risk being removed from the Klein ISD Livestock Project Center as well as the Klein FFA.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Agriscience Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____