

KRUM FFA AGRICULTURAL PROJECT CENTER

RULES AND GUIDELINES CONTRACT

Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs

A unique aspect of the Agricultural Science Program is the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP). It enables students to feed and exhibit livestock projects, develop an 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 Livestock Projects

Species	Time	Duration*	Cost	Feed/Tack
Cattle	12 months	Feb.- March	\$3250	\$1000
Swine	~8 months	Aug.- March	\$500-750	\$1300
Sheep	9 months	July - March	\$350-1000	\$300
Goats	9 months	July - March	\$350-1000	\$300
Broilers	3 months	Jan - March	\$1.25/head	\$300
Rabbits	2 months	Feb - March	\$150	\$100

*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 the quality of livestock and location purchased.

***Animals are not required to be kept at the KISD Project Center. 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.

Krum FFA Agricultural Science Project Center Rules and Guidelines

Introduction

The Krum Agricultural Science Project Center is located on the property of Krum High School in Krum, 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).

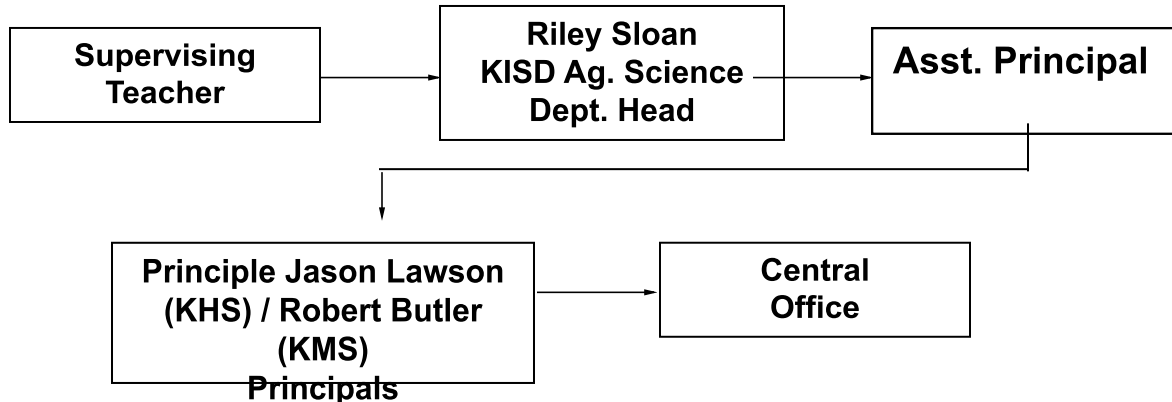
In order for all parties to best utilize the Krum FFA Project Center, there are rules and regulations, which must be observed. To ensure compliance, Krum Independent School District employees including agriculture science teachers, facility managers, and administrators will monitor and manage the complex 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.

Krum FFA Project Center Rules:

1. As a Krum 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 **Krum 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.**
3. The Krum FFA Project Center is accessible only between the hours of **6:00 am to 10:00 pm** daily.
4. Students are not permitted to work or feed their animals during instructional hours, unless prior arrangements have been made with their agricultural science teacher. While animals need to be worked and fed on a daily basis, members should make time outside of instructional time to tend to their projects.
5. The student must be a paid Krum FFA member or Krum Jr. FFA member in good standing to utilize the Krum FFA Project Center. **Guests of the students must have prior permission to enter the complex.** The student is responsible for his/her family and guests at all times on the complex. If the family or guests violate the rules of the Krum FFA Project Center it will be treated as an offense by the student.
6. The student and their guests are to respect the value of the Krum FFA Project Center. Any malicious or negligent behavior will result in immediate dismissal from the complex.
7. The speed limit on the Krum FFA Project Center is 5 mph. All participants must drive and park in the designated areas only.

8. No pets are allowed on the Krum FFA Project Center unless for the purpose of classroom instruction and prior approval is granted by a Krum Agriscience staff member.
9. The Krum ISD, Agriscience Program, Krum FFA Parents and Friends Club, district employees, or volunteers will assume **NO** responsibility for accidents or injuries to students, parents, visitors or livestock resulting from the use of the facilities or equipment, as well as livestock owned by other persons.
10. When a problem or concern arises, the method to resolve it is by following a set "chain-of-command." Always begin with the supervising teacher.
11. Students will be responsible for cleaning their pen once a week.



Visitor Policy Statement

The following guidelines have been developed in order to maintain the safety and security of the Krum Project Center and the Krum students. The Krum Project Center consists of two components, (1) the livestock project center and (2) the instructional facilities and grounds.

All visitors to the Krum Project must obtain a visitor badge identification and background clearance through the attendance office of Krum High School during the regular hours of the school day. All non-school hour visitors must obtain prior written permission through a member of the Krum FFA staff or the administration of Krum High School. Any violator of this policy will be reported to the Krum Police Department and will be subject to a criminal trespass charge. Security cameras are in place to monitor compliance with this policy.

A visitor is any person that does not meet the following descriptions:

1. Livestock Project Centers
 - A. Krum FFA and Junior FFA members (and their immediate family members) that are actively participating in an approved SAEP on the Krum FFA Project Center.
 - B. Any invited guest of the KRUM staff or administration of the Krum High School.
 - C. An invited guest of a FFA member that is actively participating in an approved SAEP and has received written approval from the supervising teacher of the livestock project center.
2. Instructional Facilities and Grounds
 - A. All students enrolled in an agriculture science class and their immediate family members.

- B. Any invited guest of the KRUM FFA staff or administration of the Krum High School.

Livestock Feeding Regulations:

1. Introduction

The raising of livestock as a project is the most popular SAEP that is conducted at the Krum FFA Project Center. The project is a cooperative effort of the student, parent and advisor. It is designed as a training instrument to allow students the opportunity to apply information acquired in the classroom. However, there are several areas that need clarification before the student undertakes a livestock project.

- The raising of livestock on the Krum FFA Project Center is a student's privilege, **not** a student's right! Feeding rules, regulations and guidelines must be strictly followed in order to reap the benefits of this privilege.
- Not all animals are of suitable quality for exhibition purposes. Most animals are of commercial quality and therefore rarely suited for exhibition in the show ring. Only those animals of superior confirmation should be selected. Therefore, the agriculture science teacher should assist in the selection and ultimately approve the animal purchased and housed at the Krum FFA Project Center.
- Only a small percentage of those animals exhibited in the show ring will actually realize a profit. **Do not be misled; this is not an easy money making proposition.** Only the best of the best will fall into this category. The ultimate purpose of the livestock project is to have the student learn and understand those approved practices that will allow an animal to reach its full genetic potential. Learning the true meaning of responsibility is another outcome of the project program.

2. Eligible Livestock Projects

Only the following livestock projects are allowed to be raised on the Krum FFA Project Center: Market Steers, Commercial Steers, Market Sheep, Market Goats, Market Swine. Livestock projects may not be moved to the Krum FFA Project Center without the notification and approval of the supervising teacher.

Space is limited in every livestock project area and it is the task of the Krum FFA staff to ensure that the largest population of students can have the privilege of raising a livestock project.

3. Requirements to Participate in Livestock Shows

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

- Be a bonafide FFA member.
- Be a member in good standing of the Krum FFA Chapter. Livestock feeders must have their FFA dues paid in full within two weeks after the start of school.
- Exhibitors must adhere to due dates. These dates will include but may not be limited to tag order and entry deadlines designated by the advisors. Note: These

dates will be prior to deadline dates posted by shows or organizations handling validation material.

- ❑ Attend all mandatory livestock meetings for the specific livestock project.
- ❑ Be passing **ALL** subjects 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 meet show requirements.
- ❑ Livestock in poor condition due to disease, injury or neglect will not be allowed to participate in livestock shows. The final decision will rest with the supervising teacher.
- ❑ Students will be responsible for all personal travel to and from all livestock shows.
- ❑ 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 it is at the livestock show.
- ❑ It is the sole responsibility of the student to be familiar with all rules pertaining to his/her livestock project (i.e.: weight limits, entry requirements, age, etc.).
- ❑ All Krum FFA members will stall together at major livestock shows.

4. **Animal Cost**

The student is responsible for the initial cost of the animal as well as any expenses incurred while feeding and caring for the animal during the feeding period. This includes, but not limited to, feed costs, facility usage fees, entry fees, validation fees, transportation fees, and medical expenses.

Purchasing of Projects:

Livestock may be purchased by the individual or through the assistance of the Krum FFA Advisors. If an exhibitor desires assistance in securing a project, the animal must be paid for in advance. Livestock will not be purchased without prior payment.

Livestock may be purchased without the assistance of the Krum FFA Advisors. Exhibitors purchasing projects on their own will notify the advisors after purchasing these projects. Exhibitors may choose or not choose to receive assistance from the advisors. Exhibitors choosing to not receive assistance from the advisors will sign the livestock exhibitor agreement form and identify that they will not be requesting the assistance of the advisor. In doing so the said exhibitor assumes all responsibility for that project.

5. **Care of Livestock Projects**

Students will assume full responsibility for the proper care of his/her livestock project. The student must provide good treatment, fresh and clean water and feed, and a clean pen for their livestock project on a **daily** basis. The **NEGLECT** of animals will **NOT** be tolerated and it will result in the student's immediate dismissal from the complex.

6. **Livestock Project Management**

Management Information: After a livestock project has been selected and put on feed, the supervising teacher will make available more detailed information on feeding, caring, grooming, and exercising of specific types of livestock. The student must attend mandatory livestock feeders meetings for information and education on their specific livestock project.

Pen Assignments: Students will be assigned pens upon bringing a project into the facility. Students may not move, or expand pens for any reason, unless approved by the supervising teacher.

Daily Care: It is the responsibility of the student to provide the following for their livestock project and the facilities every day (including weekends, holidays, etc.):

- Fresh feed for the livestock project (minimum of twice daily for most livestock projects)
- Fresh water for the livestock project (clean water buckets or watering areas)
- Removal of MANURE, soiled areas, and debris from the pen**
- Grooming of the livestock project
- Exercise of the livestock project
- Monitor the wellbeing of the livestock project
- Clean feed areas, alley ways, exercise areas (arena), wash racks, and grooming areas after each use
- Return all equipment to its proper storage place
- You will get **THREE WARNINGS** about your pen, if you still are having trouble getting your pen clean after the **THREE WARNINGS**, your animal will be removed from inside the school farm, and a pen will be built outside.
- TRASH CANS NEED DUMPED** in the barn, (**DO NOT LET IT GET FULL**)

Feed Areas: Each student will be provided with a space to utilize as a feed area. It is expected that the students keep their feed area clean, organized (free from clutter), and secure (locked). The Agriscience Program is not responsible for theft or damage of student property. All feed areas are subject to inspection at any time and combination codes or keys must be provided if requested by the supervising teacher.

Medications / Additives: 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.

Use of Livestock Equipment: Arrangements must be made prior to the use of any livestock equipment belonging to the Agriscience Program. Any equipment lost, stolen, or destroyed while in the possession of a student or parent will be replaced at their expense. Use of livestock trailers and livestock transport cages may **only** be granted to parents that assist the KRUM staff in transporting livestock to designated

events. Parents must have provided proof of insurance with Krum ISD to cover any damages that may occur while using a livestock trailer.

Records: The student will keep a system of records on all livestock projects that they raise. Students will receive instruction on an approved computerized record keeping system acknowledged by the FFA.

Disposition of Livestock: All livestock must be removed from the Krum FFA Project Center within two weeks from the end of the feeding period or per the guidelines set by the supervising teacher.

Non-Returning Students: Graduating seniors and/or students not intending to feed a livestock project for the following school year must remove all personal belongings (feed, storage containers, etc.) from the Krum FFA Project Center within two weeks from the last livestock show that they participated in. Failure to comply will result in the forfeiture of personal belongings to the Agriscience Program and the student may be charged for the removal of the items.

Removal of Livestock: The Agriscience Program reserves the right to remove any animal from the complex if any one of the following conditions exists:

- Animal abuse or neglect in any form.
- Diseased or infected animals.
- Animals that are unsafe to handle.
- Students failing to observe rules.
- Animals not being fed for show purposes.
- Students are no longer involved in the program.
- Pen/Stalling conditions have been neglected to the point it is affecting someone else
- ANYONE** who's pen conditions have been deemed **UNACCEPTABLE** (Told to clean their pen more than 3 times) by the supervising AG Teacher, will be asked to **Leave the Facility**.

Due Process for Removal of Livestock: The following process will be used if any conditions listed above warrant so:

1. Teacher / Student conference.
2. Teacher / Student / Parent conference.
3. Removal of livestock from the complex at the student's expense.

Livestock Surgical Procedures: At times it may be necessary to perform surgical procedures on livestock. Whenever possible, a veterinarian will be used to perform the procedures. However, regardless of who does the procedure, the student and parent must realize there is always the possibility for complications. The owner must accept all risk of illness or death of the livestock project. The owner also assumes all charges associated with the treatment of the animal.

Removal of Deceased Livestock: Any cattle, swine, sheep, or goat projects that die while on the complex during the feeding period, will be removed by a professional rendering company. The cost of this removal will be the responsibility of the student.

Prohibited Practices: The following practices will not be allowed by students, parents, or guests to the Krum FFA Project Center:

- ❑ The use of electrical shock devices
- ❑ The use of any motorized vehicle to exercise livestock projects

7. **Invoices for Payment**

Students will be invoiced from the FFA chapter for expenses incurred for their livestock project during the feeding period. Invoices will be issued periodically and it is expected to be reconciled within thirty days from the invoice date.

8. **Additional Duties**

The safety, sanitation, and appearance of the Krum FFA Project Center are a priority. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure our barn stays in "tip-top" shape. If at any point the barn gets to be unacceptable (judgment by the Ag Teacher) We will have barn cleanup days. If the problem persists, we will find out who is causing the issue, and they will be asked to move their animal off the farm. These activities will be coordinated through the supervising teacher. Those students who do not cooperate must remove their livestock projects from the complex.

9. **Security**

The Krum FFA Project Center is supervised by the Krum AgriScience teachers and high school administration by physical and video monitoring. It is the responsibility of all participants to conduct themselves in a proper manner and to report any security concerns to any of the above parties immediately.

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 Krum FFA Chapter (Dues paid for current year)
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

Show Entries

- The agricultural science teachers will assist in making arrangements for participation in the Denton County Youth Fair and approved major shows. Entries in all other shows will be the responsibility of the student.

- 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.

Student Travel to and from Shows

- Krum 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

- Krum FFA entries are encouraged to travel to each show together. This will include leaving at the same designated time or meeting prior to entering the staging area of the show.
- An Advisor will be available to assist in hauling of livestock or the exhibitor may transport their own project.

Discipline While at Shows

- Livestock shows are an extension of the Krum ISD Classroom; therefore students will be responsible for their personal conduct. ***All school rules are in effect at these shows.***
- ***Students as well as PARENTS*** will be expected to act responsibly. If at any point they are bringing a negative light to Krum ISD or the supervising Ag Teacher that is with them, they will be asked to leave.

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 money or buy their project. An official show photograph should be taken at the show and accompany the note. Proof of delivery of the Thank You note must be given before the premium/auction check will be released to the student.

Equipment/Trailer Use

- Arrangements must be made for the use of any equipment belonging to the FFA. Clippers, blowers, etc. must be returned in a diligent manner so that others may be able to use them. The use of livestock trailers will be limited to the agricultural science teachers and others as deemed necessary. Anyone using a livestock trailer, should have their driver's license and proof of insurance on file in the Superintendent's office. Any equipment lost, stolen or destroyed while in the possession of a student/borrower will be replaced at the expense of the student/borrower.

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 from the Agriscience teachers or 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 by all rules governing the exhibition of the animal at that show.

Medications

- It is strictly prohibited to administer any type of vaccine, drug, spray, feed additive, or substance internally or externally without first receiving approval of the Agriscience teachers. All substances used on the animal must be approved for use on the animal or be recommended by the Agriscience teacher. All withdrawal times must be followed. All students are expected to read and agree to abide by the Animal Welfare Agreement that can be found on the pages following.

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 (7:30-8:00 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 deworming 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. Each student will be required to let the Ag Teacher over the species of their animal(s) weight once a week.

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 on regular intervals 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.*

Source List

Livestock Show Feed and Supplies

- Sullivan's Show Supply Hillsboro, Texas 1-800-588-7096 (will send catalog upon request)
- Krum Feed Store (940) 482-3136
- Dennis Farm Store (940) 382-1235
- Pilot Point Feed Store (940) 686-2080

Veterinarians

- Dr. Joseph Strittmatter (940) 382-1986
- West Gate Animal Hospital (940) 387-9522
 - Dr. Mark Moynagh

Stock Show Information

- San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo www.sarodeo.com
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo www.hlsr.com
- Fort Worth Livestock Show www.fwssr.com
- State Fair of Texas www.bigtex.com
- Denton County Youth Fair www.dclayf.com

FFA

- National FFA Association www.ffa.org
- Texas FFA Association www.texasffa.org
- [Krum FFA](#)

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It is important to state that the Agriculture Science Teachers have the right to final decisions in the barn, and also want to remind everyone that the most important thing is the students' experience. We are all in this together, Krum FFA is a TEAM, and we will always strive for what's BEST for the TEAM!

- *I agree with everything stated in the Krum FFA Agricultural Project Center Rules and Guidelines Contract, and wish to exhibit an SAE project with Krum FFA.*
- *I agree that I will follow my Ag Teachers Instructions, and know that they are doing everything they can to ensure I am successful.*
- *I agree to follow all guidelines stated above.*

Student Signature

Date:

- *I agree to support the student(s) of which I am helping this year.*
- *I agree to follow all the same guidelines and rules as the students.*
- *I understand the responsibilities that it takes to show an animal, and my student and I are prepared for it.*
- *I agree to keep students as the focus, and genuinely want the best experience for my student(s)*

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Signature

Date:

Received By Ag Teacher:

Date: _____