

2017-2018 Midway FFA Handbook

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[Midway FFA Website: midway.ffanow.org](http://midway.ffanow.org)

Please note: The primary method of communication Ag teachers use to communicate information to parents/guardians is email. The only way a student or parent will be notified of our updates, reminders, deadlines, FFA events, etc. outside of the classroom will be through the Midway FFA weekly email! Please contact Beth Zuilhof at beth.zuilhof@midwayisd.org if you would like to be added to the weekly email list.

FFA Membership

In order to become a FFA member, students must be enrolled in an Ag Science course. Midway FFA offers two levels of membership fees:

- \$20- FFA members will receive a t-shirt and may attend FFA meetings
- \$25- In addition to above, FFA members may compete in LDE's, CDE's, speaking events, raise/show livestock projects, compete in Agriscience Fair, etc.

In order to participate in any event above the chapter level (Livestock Shows, LDE's, CDE's, Speaking Contests, etc.) students must be academically eligible (see Eligibility Policy)

Junior FFA Membership

Students enrolled in grades 3-6 may become Junior FFA members. Membership is \$25 and includes a t-shirt.

Eligibility Policy

FFA members must be academically eligible in order to participate in livestock shows, LDE and CDE contests, SDE's, camps/conventions, etc.

The Midway Independent School District, by state law, must adhere to the "No-Pass, No-Play" policy of the Texas Education Agency. This policy states that all students participating in extracurricular activities must be passing all courses. **Students who fail any subject for the six weeks will be ineligible for a period of three (3) weeks.** Students may not participate in any official competition (livestock shows are included) during the three week period following the failing grade, but they are allowed to continue to practice and be part of other activities. At the end of the three weeks, a grade check will be done in order to determine if the ineligible student is passing. If the student is passing after the third week, then the student becomes eligible for participation in competition after the fourth week (there is a one week grace period). If the student is still failing at the end of the three weeks, then the student will remain ineligible until the end of the next three weeks or the next grading period.

- The semester grade has no bearing on eligibility.
- A grade of "incomplete" renders a student ineligible until it is changed to a passing grade. Students must clear incomplete grades before the end of the five (5) school days grace period following the end of the six weeks, or they are ineligible for the remainder of the following six weeks.
- Students are encouraged to notify the Ag Science teacher as soon as possible if they suspect that a grade is below an acceptable level. It is sometimes possible to offer suggestions and/or locate appropriate tutors from within the Ag program. Remember, the Ag teachers *cannot* help once grades are posted.

Extracurricular Behavior Management Plan

Excerpts from the Midway ISD Policy for all extracurricular programs are below:

Who is subject to the EBMP?

Any student who participates in one or more extracurricular activities is subject to the Extracurricular Behavior Management Plan. A student is subject to the Extracurricular Behavior Management Plan from the time he/she is selected for, elected to, or otherwise joins an extracurricular activity and continues to be subject to the Extracurricular Behavior Management Plan from that point forward unless or until the student no longer participates in extracurricular activities. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right.

When does the EBMP apply?

The privilege of representing the School District carries with it a greater responsibility to conduct oneself with respect and dignity, and to serve as a role model for all students. Consequently, extracurricular activity participants are expected to comply with the Extracurricular Behavior Management Plan at all times, regardless of location. This includes both on and off-campus conduct as well as evenings, weekends, holidays, and summer vacation. The plan literally applies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

What is expected of Extracurricular Activity Participants?

The District retains discretion to address student expectations for conduct even though the conduct may not be specifically included below. Participants in extracurricular activities are representatives of the School District, and must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the School District at all times. Specifically, they must:

- Comply with the rules of the district as stated in the Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, and School Board Policies.
- Be aware that students cannot participate in a scheduled event until an ISS/OSS placement is complete.
- Be present for a minimum of four periods of the school day in order to participate. Extenuating circumstances may be considered.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs. Possession or use is prohibited. All students will participate in mandatory drug testing.

- Avoid tobacco in any form (smoking, dipping, chewing, etc.). Possession or use is prohibited.
- Comply with directives. Insubordination and disrespect to coaches/sponsors may result in suspension from the team/organization.
- Be responsible for use of all equipment and its return to the school in the best possible condition.
- Travel to the activity/event with the team. Exceptions may be requested in writing or by direct verbal request from the parents. Student may sign out with a parent only at the end of the event; otherwise, they must travel home with the team.
- Meet and maintain eligibility criteria as mandated by the U.I.L. and/or club or organization bylaws.
- Remove themselves from situations where prohibited activities are occurring. Students in attendance at an event/party which includes prohibited activities may be found in violation if they knowingly remain at a location/event where prohibited activities are occurring. A student alleged to be in violation of this policy will have an opportunity to respond in an informal, oral conference with an administrator.

Mandatory Self Reporting

Students who engage in illegal or inappropriate activities that may result in criminal charges by a law enforcement agency (other than traffic tickets) are required to report such incidents verbally or in writing to school personnel (coach, sponsor, or administrator) within five calendar days of the incident. Students will be suspended from 10% of scheduled events/contest. Student participants who fail to self-report (where school officials have verified a violation of law) will be subject to a double suspension (i.e. 20% instead of 10%).

Please click the link below to view the district's full EBMP:

[MISD Extracurricular Behavior Management Plan](#)

SAE's

The Supervised Agricultural Experience Program is hands-on, real-life agricultural career preparation experiences tied to agricultural science curriculum, student aptitudes, interests and career and educational goals and to the agricultural industry. Each SAE should be documented in an approved recordbook through The Agricultural Experience Tracker (AET).

Types of SAE Projects:

Ownership/Entrepreneurship

Own and operate an agricultural business- own the enterprise, equipment and supplies, make the management decision and take the financial risk, with the ultimate goal of earning a profit.

(e.g. raise animals or livestock, operate a lawn care service, a pay-to-fish operation, holiday poinsettia production and sales.)

Placement

Gain experience and knowledge through paid jobs or unpaid internships.

(e.g. working at a farm supply store, florist shop, or riding stable or volunteering your time through an agricultural internship)

Research and Experimentation

Plan and conduct a scientific experiment using the scientific the scientific process.

(e.g. Determine whether the phases of the moon affect plant growth, or test and determine the efficacy of different welding methods.)

Exploratory

Designed primarily to help students become literate in agriculture and/or become aware of possible careers in the AFNR career cluster and results in the development of a plan to begin an SAE. ***Beginning Fall of 2017, only 45 hours of exploratory hours during the Greenhand year will be counted toward any degree above the chapter level.**

Livestock Projects (Entrepreneurship SAE's)

Raising a livestock project is both a huge time and financial commitment, but can be an extremely rewarding experience that teaches student responsibility, time-management, and record-keeping skills.

Most Midway FFA members that raise livestock projects exhibit their animals at the McLennan County Livestock Show in February, but major shows, such as Houston and San Antonio, are also options if students qualify through the Livestock Point System.

Frequently Asked Questions About Livestock Projects:

- **What kind of animal?** Students may exhibit beef cattle (market steers or breeding heifers) market swine, market lambs, market goats, broilers, turkeys, and rabbits (meat pens or breeders) at the McLennan County Youth Livestock Show
- **When do I get my animal?** This will depend on two factors: the type of animal and the animal's intended show. The suggestions below are listed for MCJLS. All market animals must be validated in order to be shown.
 - **Steers-** must be purchased and validated by the end of June, but most students purchase late March-May; should be "Fall born" (September-November) to be the correct age
 - **Heifers-** may be purchased any time of year (because they are breeding, not market, projects) but must be validated either in June or November to be eligible for major livestock shows
 - **Lambs and Goats-** most are purchased July through August, some through September
 - **Swine-** most are purchased in October; should be born in late July- early August to be the correct age
 - **Rabbits-**
 - **Chickens-** all pens of broilers must be purchased through MCJLS and are usually delivered at the end of December
- **What kind of facility/pen do I need for my animal?** This will depend on the type of animal that you raise. The Midway Ag Science Facility is available for students raising large animals that do not have a facility of their own in which to house their projects. Pen fees are \$50 for lambs, goats, and pigs, and \$100 for cattle (all per animal).
- **Where is a good place to buy my animal?** Please understand that all projects are **SHOW ANIMALS**, not commercial grade animals. Animals that are exhibited in livestock shows are not ordinary "farm animals". They are bred to be of a higher quality, specifically for shows, which does mean they will be more expensive. Ag teachers will be happy to help you find an animal in your budget!

Things to keep in mind...

When you begin to consider/look for animal projects:

1. Read the rules for the show you are buying an animal for.
2. Select and purchase a *quality* animal
3. Feed the protein requirements for your animals' age and condition, but stay consistent. Do not switch feeds just because you forgot to get to the feed store before they closed! This can upset their digestive system and be a problem.
4. Always offer free choice *clean* cool water.
5. Keep them healthy by de-worming as needed.
6. Exercise in the correct manner for your species.
7. Practice, practice, practice! Showmanship is an extremely important part of exhibiting livestock projects and can truly make or break you in the show ring and mean the difference between a sale spot and "getting the gate".
8. Keep in contact with your Ag teacher. We are here to help and do not know if you have questions or need help unless you ASK!

Species Expectations Guide

Below is a table with each market species, approximate time on feed (how long you would have the animal, and an *approximate* cost. The cost for each individual is *extremely variable* and can depend greatly on your initial buying price, type of feed, whether or not supplements are recommended, whether or not your animal gets sick (vet costs), etc. Please use this only as a guide!

Species	Time (months) on feed	Approximate purchase price	Approximate total cost
Steer	9-12 months	\$2,500+	\$5,000+
Sheep/Goat	6-8 months	\$750+	\$1,000-\$2,000+
Swine	5-6 months	\$500+	\$1,000-\$2,000+
Poultry	6 weeks	\$45 or \$90	~\$500 (not including housing)
Rabbits (meat pens)	4-6 weeks		\$500-\$1,000+

Livestock Points System

The Midway FFA Livestock Point System is designed for students to accrue points throughout the livestock project season to be eligible to participate in a livestock project experience the following year.

**Point System Rubric for students housing livestock projects at the
Midway Ag Science Facility.**

The Midway FFA Livestock Point System is designed for students to accrue points throughout the livestock project season to be eligible to participate in a livestock project experience the following year. Students may earn points in the following categories:

Midway Livestock Show- (10 pts) *Students may participate in the Midway Livestock Show- clinic, jackpot show, showmanship show, and quiz bowl.*

10 points= Participation in all 4 segments	5 points= Participation in 2 of 4 segments
7.5 points= Participation 3 of 4 segments	2.5 points= Participation in 1 of 4 segments

SAE Report – (25 total pts) *Students will use the Agriculture Experience Tracker (AET) recordkeeping system to keep records on their project (www.theaet.com). In order to encourage students to continually utilize and update their recordbook throughout the project period, a checkpoint and endpoint will be evaluated.*

The SAE Report should be continually updated throughout the year in AET and the following components should be entered and complete for the project's entire feeding period:

- Finances- receipts entered correctly spanning the entire feeding period and income entered (animal's selling price)
- SAE Plan- description, time investment, financial investment, and learning objectives (suggested outlines on AET should be followed)
- Journal entries- minimum of livestock shows, species clinics attended, and individual meetings with species supervisor entered, but students may also journal vet visits, FFA meeting attendance, FFA contests attended, etc.

Midway Show Checkpoint (10 points):

10 pts = All components of the SAE report complete and entered correctly	5 pts = SAE report 50% complete
7.5 pts = SAE report 75% complete	2.5 pts = SAE report 25% complete

Final SAE Report (15 points):

15 pts = All components of the SAE report complete and entered correctly	5 pts = SAE report 50% complete
10 pts = SAE report 75% complete	2.5 pts = SAE report 25% complete

Barn duty – (10 pts) *Students complete barn duties on dates assigned by species supervisor.*

Proof of each completed barn duty will be submitted in picture form with a time stamp on Schoology. Pictures submitted without time stamps may not be awarded points.

10 pts = 100% participation in assigned duty days	5 pts = 50% participation in assigned duty days
7.5 pts = 75% participation in assigned duty days	0 pts = <50% participation in assigned duty days

Weekly Livestock Project Feedback – (5 pts) *Students complete and submit weekly livestock project reports (“weekly updates”) to their project supervisor.*

Students will fill out the Weekly Update form and submit it to the lockbox in the storage building in the Ag Facility Friday-Sunday. Updates submitted after 8am Monday morning may not be awarded points.

5 pts = 100% participation in weekly feedback	0 pts = <50% participation in weekly feedback
2.5 pts = 75% participation in weekly feedback	(Weekly update category is an avg- not 5 pts per week)

Pen Cleanliness (20 pts) *Evaluated by FFA advisors on a weekly basis.*

20 pts = Excellent	10 pts = Meets expectations	0 pts = Below expectations
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* Two points will be deducted from the student’s point total each time pen cleanliness is deemed *unacceptable* by a FFA advisor during weekly checks. Animal welfare is of top priority and pens are expected to be maintained in an acceptable manner at the Midway Ag Science Facility.

Workdays – (15 pts) *Students participate in Ag Facility workdays.*

Workdays may be held at any time throughout the year including, but not limited to, before show season, before the Midway Livestock Show, and after show season.

15 pts = Participation in 90% of workdays	5 pts = Participation in 50% of workdays
10 pts = Participation in 75% of workdays	2.5 pts = Participation in 25% of workdays

Livestock Points Meeting – (5 pts) *Students and/or parents attend Introductory Livestock Points meeting.*

Daily Feeding

Students will not earn points for being a responsible daily feeder, as this is an expectation of all students and animal welfare is of top priority. However, two points will be deducted from the student's point total each time during the feeding period it is deemed by the project supervisor that the student is not feeding their animal in a timely and/or appropriate manner.

Bonus Point Opportunities:

Additional Clinic Attendance – (2 bonus points)

Students may attend clinics, in addition to the informational clinic provided at the Midway FFA Livestock Show, if the clinic is *pre-approved* by the species supervisor. Proof of attendance AND completed survey must be submitted no later than three days post-clinic.

Jackpot Show Attendance – (2 bonus points)

Students may receive 2 bonus points for attending a jackpot show with approved proof of attendance. Students will only receive bonus points for one jackpot show attended.

Chapter FFA Meeting Attendance – (1 bonus pt per meeting)

1 point will be awarded for each chapter FFA meeting attended by the student with a maximum of 6 total bonus points being awarded for attending FFA meetings.

Point System Rubric Overview:

Midway Livestock Show	10
SAE Report (10=checkpoint + 15=final)	25
Barn Duty	10
Weekly Updates	5
Pen Cleanliness	20
Workdays	15
Livestock Points Meeting	5
Total Possible Points	90

Partial credit may be given in any category on discretion of project supervisor/Ag science teacher

Point System Qualifications:

1. Students must complete all documentation for sponsorship letters (if received), fully clean their pen/area, and remove all supplies from Ag Science Facility in order to be eligible to participate in a livestock experience the following year.
2. Students that earn less than 50 points from the point system rubric will not be eligible to participate in a livestock experience for the following year.
3. Students that earn 50 points or more from the point system rubric will be eligible to raise and exhibit a livestock project at the county or local show for the following year.
4. Students must earn a minimum of 70 points from the point system rubric in order to be considered for the major show level the following year. In addition to earning at least 70 points, the student and parent/guardian must interview with the project supervisor of the species of interest.
5. Seniors not complying with barn expectations and standards will be subject to disciplinary consequences that could lead to Agriculture Facility removal.

Point System Rubric for students NOT housing livestock projects at the Midway Ag Science Facility.

The Midway FFA Livestock Point System is designed for students to accrue points throughout the livestock project season to be eligible to participate in a livestock project experience the following year. Students may earn points in the following categories:

Midway Livestock Show- (10 pts) *Students may participate in the Midway Livestock Show- clinic, jackpot show, showmanship show, and quiz bowl.*

10 points= Participation in all 4 segments	5 points= Participation in 2 of 4 segments
7.5 points= Participation 3 of 4 segments	2.5 points= Participation in 1 of 4 segments

SAE Report – (25 total pts) *Students will use the Agriculture Experience Tracker (AET) recordkeeping system to keep records on their project (www.theaet.com). In order to encourage students to continually utilize and update their recordbook throughout the project period, a checkpoint and endpoint will be evaluated.*

The SAE Report should be continually updated throughout the year in AET and the following components should be entered and complete for the project's entire feeding period:

- Finances- receipts entered correctly spanning the entire feeding period and income entered (animal's selling price)
- SAE Plan- description, time investment, financial investment, and learning objectives (suggested outlines on AET should be followed)
- Journal entries- minimum of livestock shows, species clinics attended, and individual meetings with species supervisor entered, but students may also journal vet visits, FFA meeting attendance, FFA contests attended, etc.

Midway Show Checkpoint (10 points):

10 pts = All components of the SAE report complete and entered correctly	5 pts = SAE report 50% complete
7.5 pts = SAE report 75% complete	2.5 pts = SAE report 25% complete

Final SAE Report (15 points):

15 pts = All components of the SAE report complete and entered correctly	5 pts = SAE report 50% complete
10 pts = SAE report 75% complete	2.5 pts = SAE report 25% complete

Weekly Livestock Project Feedback – (10 pts) *Students complete and submit weekly livestock project reports (“weekly updates”) to their project supervisor.*

Students will fill out the Weekly Update form and submit it to their species supervisor via Schoology. Updates submitted after 8am Monday morning may not be awarded points.

5 pts = 100% participation in weekly feedback	0 pts = <50% participation in weekly feedback
2.5 pts = 75% participation in weekly feedback	(Weekly update category is an avg- not 5 pts per week)

Workdays – (15 pts) *Students participate in Ag Facility workdays.*

Workdays may be held at any time throughout the year including, but not limited to, before show season, before the Midway Livestock Show, and after show season.

15 pts = Participation in 90% of workdays	5 pts = Participation in 50% of workdays
10 pts = Participation in 75% of workdays	2.5 pts = Participation in 25% of workdays

Livestock Points Meeting – (5 pts) *Students and/or parents attend Introductory Livestock Points meeting.*

Daily Feeding

Students will not earn points for being a responsible daily feeder, as this is an expectation of all students and animal welfare is of top priority. However, two points will be deducted from the student’s point total each time during the feeding period it is deemed by the project supervisor that the student is not feeding their animal in a timely and/or appropriate manner.

Bonus Point Opportunities:

Additional Clinic Attendance – (2 bonus points)

Students may attend clinics, in addition to the informational clinic provided at the Midway FFA Livestock Show, if the clinic is *pre-approved* by the species supervisor. Proof of attendance AND completed survey must be submitted no later than three days post-clinic.

Jackpot Show Attendance – (2 bonus points)

Students may receive 2 bonus points for attending a jackpot show with approved proof of attendance. Students will only receive bonus points for one jackpot show attended.

Chapter FFA Meeting Attendance – (1 bonus pt per meeting)

1 point will be awarded for each chapter FFA meeting attended by the student with a maximum of 6 total bonus points being awarded for attending FFA meetings.

Point System Rubric Overview:

Midway Livestock Show	10
SAE Report (10=checkpoint + 15=final)	25
Weekly Updates	10
Workdays	15
Livestock Points Meeting	5
Total Possible Points	65

Partial credit may be given in any category on discretion of project supervisor/Ag science teacher

Point System Qualifications:

1. Students must complete all documentation for sponsorship letters (if received) in order to be eligible to participate in a livestock experience the following year.
2. Students that earn less than 35 points from the point system rubric will not be eligible to participate in a livestock experience for the following year.
3. Students that earn 35 points or more from the point system rubric will be eligible to raise and exhibit a livestock project at the county or local show for the following year.
4. Students must earn a minimum of 50 points from the point system rubric in order to be considered for the major show level the following year. In addition to earning at least 45 points, the student and parent/guardian must interview with the project supervisor of the species of interest.

Point System Rubric for students raising rabbits or broilers:

The Midway FFA Livestock Point System is designed for students to accrue points throughout the livestock project season to be eligible to participate in a livestock project experience the following year. Students may earn points in the following categories:

SAE Report – (30 pts) *Students will use the Agriculture Experience Tracker (AET) recordkeeping system to keep records on their project (www.theaet.com). In order to encourage students to continually utilize and update their recordbook throughout the project period, a checkpoint and endpoint will be evaluated.*

The SAE Report should be continually updated throughout the year in AET and the following components should be entered and complete for the project's entire feeding period:

- Finances- receipts entered correctly spanning the entire feeding period and income entered (animal's selling price)
- SAE Plan- description, time investment, financial investment, and learning objectives (suggested outlines on AET should be followed)
- Journal entries- minimum of livestock shows, species clinics attended, and individual meetings with species supervisor entered, but students may also journal vet visits, FFA meeting attendance, FFA contests attended, etc.

Midway Show Checkpoint (10 points):

10 pts = All components of the SAE report complete and entered correctly	5 pts = SAE report 50% complete
7.5 pts = SAE report 75% complete	2.5 pts = SAE report 25% complete

Final SAE Report (20 points):

20 pts = All components of the SAE report complete and entered correctly	10 pts = SAE report 50% complete
15 pts = SAE report 75% complete	5 pts = SAE report 25% complete

Weekly Livestock Project Feedback – (15 pts) *Students complete and submit weekly livestock project reports to their project supervisor.*

Students will fill out their weekly updates and email to the supervising teacher by 8am Monday morning.

15 pts = 100% participation in weekly feedback	5 pts = 25% participation in weekly feedback
10 pts = 75% participation in weekly feedback	0 pts = <25% participation in weekly feedback

Daily Feeding

Students will not earn points for being a responsible daily feeder, as this is an expectation of all students and animal welfare is of top priority. However, two points will be deducted from the student's point total each time during the feeding period it is deemed by the project supervisor that the student is not feeding their animal in a timely and/or appropriate manner.

Species Knowledge Test – (15 pts) *Students take a species-specific knowledge exam.*

The species test will primarily cover information presented at the species clinic, but may also include additional information at the discretion of the species supervisor. A review will be posted on Edmodo for students to reference.

15 pts = 100%	10 pts = 90%	6 pts = 80%	2 pts = 70%
12 pts = 95%	8 pts = 85%	4 pts = 75%	0 pts = <70%

Species Clinic – (10 pts) *Students attend species specific informational clinic.*

Students are encouraged to take notes during the clinic and must be on time to receive full points. Parents are also encouraged to attend clinics, however, points will not be awarded if students are not in attendance.

Livestock Points Meeting – (5 pts) *Students and/or parents attend Introductory Livestock Points meeting.*

Additional Clinic Attendance – (2 bonus points per clinic)

Students may attend clinics other than the informational clinic provided by Midway FFA if the clinic is pre-approved by the species supervisor and proof of attendance is submitted no later than three days post-clinic. Students will not receive additional points in the points system for attending jackpot shows.

Chapter FFA Meetings Attendance – (5 pts-BONUS) *Students attend monthly FFA meetings.*

1 point will be awarded for each chapter FFA meeting attended by the student with a maximum of 5 total points being earned.

Point System Rubric Overview:

Showmanship	20
SAE Report	20
Weekly Updates	5
Species Test	15
Livestock Points Meeting	5
Species Clinic	10
Chapter FFA Meetings	+5 bonus
Additional Pre-Approved Clinic	+2 bonus
Total Possible Points	75 +7 bonus

Point System Qualifications:

1. Students must complete all documentation for buyer letters and plaques in order to be eligible to participate in a livestock experience the following year.
2. Students that earn less than 35 points from the point system rubric will not be eligible to participate in a livestock experience for the following year.
3. Students that earn 35 points or more from the point system rubric will be eligible to raise and exhibit a livestock project at the county or local show for the following year.
4. Students must earn a minimum of 55 points from the point system rubric in order to be considered for the major show level the next year. In addition to earning at least 55 points, the student and parent/guardian must interview with the project supervisor of the species of interest.

Livestock Project Visits

Midway Ag teachers do not have “set” schedules for project visits. For rabbits and broilers, sign-ups may be sent out for specific home visit times, but most projects are visited by Ag teachers on an as-needed basis. Please keep in contact with your species-specific Ag teacher and contact them to request a visit/meeting if you have questions, would like feed advice, showmanship help, etc. We are here to help and advise, but do not know if you need help unless you ask! Mr. Shawn Rejcek will be available at the Ag Science Facility most days from 4pm-6pm, but will serve primarily as a communication channel and will relay questions, concerns, etc. on to the species supervisor.

Midway FFA Trailer Usage

Midway FFA has a gooseneck trailer that may be checked out and used by Midway FFA members for transportation of livestock projects. Written permission should be requested at least one week in advance. The Trailer Use Waiver (obtained from an Ag teacher) and a copy of the driver’s license and insurance must also be submitted before permission will be granted.

Shavings should be provided by the FFA member to maintain cleanliness and all shavings will be removed upon returned as well as all walls, floors, etc. cleaned and free from manure. The trailer must be returned promptly after use (i.e. next school day) and the driver will be held liable for damages incurred while the trailer is being used.

Barn Rules

Midway ISD Ag Science Instructional Facility Contract

IN ORDER TO USE THE MIDWAY ISD AG SCIENCE INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY, I AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES:

The Ag Science Instructional Facility (ASIF) is the property of Midway ISD and is for the convenience of a student who has no place to keep a FFA project animal while being a paid FFA member at Midway ISD. The use of these facilities is a privilege, not an entitlement. All equipment and facilities are under the direct control of the Ag Science Teachers and Midway ISD. Before a student is allowed to place an animal in the facility, the rules and guidelines must be understood fully by the students and parents. The students and parents will sign this contract and signify they understand and will abide by these rules.

For access to the ASIF, each student will be provided with a FOB to be used at the keyless entry gate. FOBs are linked to the student electronically, will be checked out to students at the beginning of their species show-year, and will be returned at the end of their species show-year, typically by March 1st. If a student loses a FOB, the replacement cost is \$10 and should be reported to an Ag Science instructor. FOBs are not to be shared with other students or with anyone not approved by a Midway ISD Ag Science Teacher. Access to the ASIF is granted under the expectation that students and families are respectful to each other, to animals, and to the property. Students are responsible for any activity that takes place at the ASIF under the access granted by their assigned FOB.

Ag Science teachers are available for consultation and guidance in feeding, care, and maintenance. All expenses are the responsibility of the student. Veterinary care is the responsibility of the student when applicable. The project is solely the student's and therefore, the student's responsibility to give appropriate care at all times.

A written warning system will be implemented. If students and parents do not comply with the rules listed in this document, upon receiving their third written barn warning, the student will have to remove their animal within 24 hours.

Midway FFA members will be utilizing a point system that will shape duties, clinics, and their ability to show in future years.

Supervised Agricultural Experience Project

For reference: SAEP examples include but are not limited to:

1. 1 Show animal (i.e. 1 heifer, 1 steer, 1 lamb, 1 goat, 1 pig, etc.)
1. Breeding project (heifers only)
2. Garden

Any SAEP requiring additional pen space (if available) will require extra fees.

GENERAL RULES

1. The Ag Science Teachers have the ability to override this contract at any time and have the authority to remove a student and/or parent from the barn immediately.
2. All rules within the Midway ISD Handbook are enforced at all times.
3. Any student that is placed in an Alternative Education Program will remove their animal from the premise. Removal from the facility will be the responsibility of the owner and will begin upon their AEP start date or the date they receive their second strike via the Extracurricular Discipline Management Plan (EDMP).
4. Facility fees must be paid at issuance of FOB or May 1 for yearlong projects, like cattle. Cattle fees are \$100/pen and sheep/goats/pigs are \$50/animal.
5. Any issues requiring police, emergency services, or animal control must be handled by an Ag Science teacher. Parents and students are not permitted to contact these entities.
6. An assigned cleaning schedule will be posted in the barn and on the Midway FFA website. It is the students' responsibility to fulfill their designated duties on their assigned days in accordance with the Midway FFA points system.
7. Only students that are paid Midway FFA members will be allowed to keep their animals in the Ag Facility. Due to limited space, priority will be granted to Midway FFA members enrolled in an Ag Science course in grades 8-12. Based on availability, pens will then be granted to 7th grade Ag Science students and then to Jr FFA members. Jr. FFA preference will be granted to those individuals that exhibited an animal previously and had an impeccable record. One pen will be granted per exhibitor (within species) per space availability. Additional animals added to a pen must seek approval from an Ag Science teacher (AST).
8. All students with an animal at the Ag Science Instructional Facility are responsible for all guests' actions; including the parents of the student.
9. No animal will be allowed in the Ag Science Instructional Facility until this contract between the student, parents, and the Ag Science teacher has been signed.
10. In order to move an animal into the Midway ISD Ag Science Instructional Facility, an Ag Science teacher must first be contacted and approval received. Any animals that have not been approved may be removed at the discretion of the Ag Science teacher.
11. All students will be assigned a stall/pen by the Ag Science teachers. Once an animal has been assigned a stall, the animal must remain in that stall except when the animal is being cared for or being exercised. When outside the pen or corral animals will be under control at all times. (example: cattle, sheep, etc. must have halters on)
12. Stalls/facilities may not be changed or modified without the approval of the Ag. Science Teacher. All equipment or other items must be approved before they are placed in the Ag Science Instructional Facility. All structures built in the barn must be approved by the Ag. Science Teachers and MISD Administration if necessary. All structures must be freestanding within the students stall. (Items not needing approval within a stall are as follows: feed trough, water trough, hay trough, mineral blocks)

13. Animals will not be moved from their assigned pen into other pens without the approval of an Ag Science teacher.
14. Any damage done to fences, water lines, or any property in the facility will be repaired at the expense of the person or persons responsible.
15. All animal diseases and/or health issues will be reported immediately to an Ag Science teacher. These issues can often become endemic and cause widespread problems.
16. Animals leaving the Ag Science Instructional Facility for shows and exhibitions must be disinfected and cleaned before their placement back into their pens. Preventative disease measures are required to maintain a healthy environment.
17. Stalls will be cleaned daily with waste disposed of properly. Disposal of waste should be done in the pasture in the designated areas. All mounds should be leveled.
18. Students are expected to clean areas around pens, barrels, boxes, aisles, trim chutes, tables and scales after each use.
19. Animals must be fed at appropriate intervals approved by the species specific Ag Science teacher. Inappropriate feedings will be determined by the Ag teacher and deemed to be cruelty to animals.
20. No alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco, and firearms are allowed at the Ag Science Instructional Facility. This rule will be enforced for parents and students. No one under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be allowed at the Ag Science Instructional Facility.
21. Students and parents will not abuse animals in any manner at the Ag Science Instructional Facility or any place relative to FFA presentation. Abuse will be determined by the Ag Science teachers and will result in the immediate removal of that student's animal from the Ag Science Instructional Facility.
22. All motor vehicles are to be kept on the road and parking areas. Any student or parent who violates responsible driving and/or parking habits will not be allowed to drive to the Ag Science Instructional Facility. Special approved situations are permitted (i.e. livestock show parking).
23. Trailer and cage usage is prohibited without approval from the Ag Science teacher. Prior approval is mandated by the district and individuals will be permanently banned from usage of said equipment if approval is not sought. Any trailer usage must be accompanied by a signed trailer usage contract, up to date insurance, and driver's license of the intended driver. Written request must be granted prior to use of the cage. Trailer and cage must be returned promptly (next school day after use) and no modifications will be made to either. All damages incurred are the responsibility of the borrowers.
24. No one is allowed at the Ag Science Instructional Facility between hours of 10:00 pm and 5:30 am. Special approval is required to be present between the said hours.
25. Parents are encouraged to accompany and help their children or to visit the Ag Science Instructional Facility. Students come to the Ag Science Instructional Facility to work their animals, therefore students and parents should only be at the barn long enough to feed, water, exercise, and maintain their animal and pens. (No loitering)
26. Students are not to enter the stalls of any other student's animals, unless accompanied by the animal's owner. Students are responsible for the animal/animals they own. If there is a problem with another student's animal, contact an Ag Science Teacher.
27. No HORSEPLAY in the barn. This includes ropes, fighting with show sticks, bike riding, etc.

28. No dogs or other non-show animals will be permitted at the Ag facility without approval.
29. If an animal dies at the Ag Science Instructional Facility, the student, with Ag teacher assistance, is required to positively identify the cause of death. This identification may require an autopsy, in which case the student is responsible for the cost of the autopsy.
30. All medication must be approved prior to administration.
31. The Ag Science Instructional Facility will not be a housing unit for animals that are not being shown (this excludes breeding heifer projects). All animals that have passed their project completion date for a specific event have 14 days to be removed from the facility. This may be due to but not limited to grade issues, failure to enter, missing show, etc. If animals are intended for a particular event and circumstances prevent that exhibition then the animal is past its completion date. All market projects shown at the McLennan County Livestock Show will not be allowed to return to the ASIF (unless entered in a major livestock show).
32. All swine will remain in the swine area or walking pens. At no point are swine allowed to be in the cattle or sheep/goat areas.
33. Only approved bedding will be permitted for all species.
34. All electrical cords must be tightly secured to poles.
35. No mature breeding age male animals of any species will be allowed in the Ag Science Instructional Facility (bulls, rams, billies, boars). No bull calves will be allowed over the age of 6 months. No boar pigs will be allowed over the weight of 50 pounds. No rams or billies will be allowed over the weight of 75 pounds. Animals must be castrated for market projects or removed from the facility.
36. No feed will be stored in the barn (except in approved above-pen shelves). Storage assignments will be provided in the storage barn (except cattle-green barn). Feed and supplies should be kept in assigned storage areas in enclosed and locked containers to prevent rodents and theft. Areas should be kept clean. Anything in violation will be confiscated.

Breeding Animals

1. All breeding projects (heifers only) must be monitored by the species specific Ag Science Teacher. Ag Science teachers are consultants for your project; however, a veterinarian needs to be consulted for health issues.
2. After they are past their show-age, breeding projects will not be permitted in the barn.
3. Students will pay their share of the supplemental pasture feeding and care based on the number of head they have on the pasture. These costs can include but are not limited to: round bale hay, protein blocks and supplements, vitamin and mineral supplements, range cubes, pasture maintenance and improvement (weed control, fertilization, mowing, etc.) and health, vaccination products and supplies.
4. Breeding projects will be removed upon graduation or as determined by the SAE plan predetermined end date. Breeding projects must have a concise start and end date with appropriate records being kept through the AET system.
5. All non-show breeding projects must have an accompanied record book representing their SAE.

Trash

Please be aware that red trash cans are currently at the barn for trash purposes ONLY. Do not dump feed, shavings, feces, etc. into trash cans. Shavings, pen excrement, and swept crusher fine are all to be taken out to the pasture in the appropriate dumping area. Trash will be picked up on scheduled dates and all trash needs to be in the trash cans, not next to it.

Storage

Please remember that all storage is in storage barn. There will be no boxes or storage for pigs, sheep, or goats within the aisles of the barn. Approved shelving above the pens is suitable provided you seek approval from an Ag Science Teacher. Remember that feed should be in a lockable sealed container to keep rodents out of feed stuff and prevent any theft.

CLIPPER USAGE

1. A \$20 **CASH** deposit **and an additional \$5 usage fee** will be required to check out clippers for personal usage.
2. Clippers will be signed out to an individual and must be returned by the same individual within 3 days of the checkout, otherwise the deposit is forfeited.
3. ANY damage caused to any set of clippers signed to an individual will be fixed at the expense of the individual signed to. Lost or stolen clippers must be replaced by the individual that signed them out at the same cost of the original clippers.
4. **Clippers must be returned in the same state they were checked out in.**
5. If your deposit is forfeited at any time, you must re-submit another deposit in order to check them out again.
6. All preset clip dates under the supervision of the Ag Science Teacher will not require the stated deposit.
7. Clippers can only be checked out at the ASIF from Shawn Rejcek. Written requests must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Leadership Development Events

LDE's focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. Listed below are the different LDE's and their respective Ag Science teacher/"coach"- for descriptions of each, please visit <https://www.texasffa.org/lde>

Practices for LDE's usually begin by the beginning end of September, but vary teacher to teacher. If you are interested in a specific LDE, be sure to contact the Ag teacher that coaches that team.

- Agricultural Advocacy- Antis
- Agricultural Issues Forum- Zuilhof
- Greenhand Agricultural Skills Demonstration- Zuilhof
- Sr. Agricultural Skills Demonstration- Burch
- Greenhand Chapter Conducting- Wood
- Sr. Chapter Conducting- Wood
- Chapter Agricultural Quiz- Davis
- Greenhand Creed Speaking- Zuilhof
- Sr. Creed Speaking- Antis
- FFA Broadcasting- Davis
- Greenhand FFA Quiz- Zuilhof
- Job Interview- Taylor
- Public Relations- Burch

Career Development Events

CDE's build on what is learned in agricultural classes and encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. These events are designed to help a member prepare for a career in agriculture by testing and challenging the student's technical, leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills as well as their knowledge of the subject matter. CDEs answer the question, "When will I use this knowledge in the real world?" Listed below are the different CDE's in which Midway FFA participates and their respective Ag Science teacher/"coach"- for descriptions of each, please visit <https://www.texasffa.org/cde>

CDE teams usually require significant travel to attend invitational/practice contests.

Practices for CDE's usually begin after Winter Break, but vary teacher to teacher. If you are interested in a specific CDE, be sure to contact the Ag teacher that coaches that team.

Additional CDE's (besides those listed below) may be available.

- Dairy Cattle- Antis
- Entomology- Wood
- Floriculture- Wood
- Food Science- Taylor
- Homesite Evaluation- Burch
- Horse- Antis
- Land- Burch
- Livestock- Zuilhof
- Milk Quality- Davis
- Poultry- Wood
- Vet Science- Antis
- Wildlife- Zuilhof
- Wool- Davis

Speaking Events

Speaking Development Events are designed to develop the ability of all FFA members to express themselves on a given subject. Students are encouraged to develop their communication skills and learn to formulate their remarks for presentation in a variety of situations. Students may participate in District, Area, and state level (if qualified) events as well as major livestock show speaking contests. FFA Speaking events are held in the spring (District is usually in April), but major shows must be registered for in November. Listed below are the different Speaking Contests - for descriptions of each, please visit <https://www.texasffa.org/speaking-events>

- Extemporaneous
- Senior Prepared- Agribusiness
- Senior Prepared- Animal Science
- Senior Prepared- Plant Science
- Senior Prepared- Natural Resources
- Senior Prepared- Agricultural Policy
- Senior Prepared- Agriculture Technology and Communications
- Junior Prepared
- Soil and Water Stewardship

Agriscience Fair

Students use the scientific process as they reinforce skills and principles they have learned in agriscience courses to conduct research projects and prepare a scientific report and display for judging at the state level.

State winners in each category in divisions 3-6 are awarded \$1,000 scholarship. State winners in each category in divisions 1-2 are awarded \$250 scholarship. All state winners will advance to the National FFA Summer Judging Process and are eligible to compete at the National FFA Agriscience Fair held in conjunction with National FFA Convention. All state winners will need follow the link to claim an award scholarship. <http://mytexasffa.org/foundation/claim-award>

Competition Categories

Students can compete in the Agriscience Fair as an individual or with a team.

- Division 1 – individual member in grades 7 and 8
- Division 2 – team of two members in grades 7 and 8
- Division 3 – individual member in grades 9 and 10
- Division 4 – team of two members in grades 9 and 10
- Division 5 – individual member in grades 11 and 12
- Division 6 – team of two members in grades 11 and 12

Animal Systems (AS):

The study of animal systems, including life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management and study of small animals, aquaculture, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry.

Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems (ENR):

The study of systems, instruments and technology used in waste management; the study of the environment, wildlife, forests and air as natural resources and their influence on the environment.

Food Products and Processing Systems (FPP):

The study of product development, quality assurance, food safety, production, sales and service, and food service within the food science industry.

Plant Systems (PS):

The study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrition and cultural practices, through the study of crops, turf grass, trees and shrubs and/or ornamental plants.

Power, Structural and Technical Systems (PST):

The study of agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources and precision technology, woodworking, metalworking, welding and project planning for agricultural structures.

Social Systems (SS):

The study of human behavior and the interaction of individuals in and to society, including agricultural business economic, agricultural communication, agricultural leadership and other social sciences, agriculture, food and natural resources.

Proficiency Awards

Proficiency awards provide recognition to FFA members at the local, state and national levels for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. There are 51 proficiency award areas that individuals can apply for, ranging from Agricultural Communications to Wildlife Production and Management. Proficiencies are time-consuming applications and should be started no later than March 1st. See <https://www.texasffa.org/prof-awards> for details on Proficiency awards and categories.

Proficiency awards will be judged by the following criteria:

- Skills and competencies learned that relate to an agricultural career field.
- Financial achievements, including growth in scope.
- Personal growth and development through FFA activities.
- Evidence of student accomplishments based on available resources and opportunities.
- Communication skills as demonstrated in the written portions of applications and clear, concise answers given during interviews.

Star Awards

An outstanding member at each degree level can be awarded the Star Award based on an exceptional overall Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program and FFA involvement. The four divisions reflect the diversification of supervised agricultural experience programs and student populations in the state. Divisions are listed below. Visit <https://www.texasffa.org/star-awards> for more information.

Star in Production: Outstanding achievement in an entrepreneurial production agriculture SAE and active participation in the FFA.

Star in Agri-Business: Outstanding achievement in an entrepreneurial agribusiness SAE that focus on agricultural sales, service or other entrepreneurial endeavors along with active participation in the FFA (All horticultural enterprises fall under agribusiness even if they are production oriented).

Star in Agricultural Placement: Outstanding achievement in an employment SAE, these can include work-based learning, along with an active participation in the FFA.

Star in Agri-Science: Outstanding achievement in an SAE where the student's SAE programs are aimed at developing higher order scientific knowledge and skills along with active participation in the FFA.

Scholarships

Various scholarships are available to graduating seniors through Midway FFA. Several, but not all, are listed below:

Midway FFA Alumni

Texas FFA

National FFA

Ryan Mott

John Justin

Go Texan

FFA Letter Jacket

Midway FFA members may earn a Midway Letter Jacket (jacket only- no patches) by participating in various FFA events throughout their FFA career. See the Midway FFA website for the Midway FFA Letter Jacket application.

Information/Requirements: Students must earn a total of 20 points in their uninterrupted FFA career to be eligible for a letter jacket.

Point totals in each area are cumulative. Jackets are available for all 9-12 students. 8th grade students continuing their FFA careers will roll their totals and come into effect upon their payment of freshmen year dues.

A member must be a FFA member in good standing as defined by respective chapter and MISD policies. If a student commits a serious offense as defined by the MISD Student Code of Conduct, the student will not receive their letter jacket. FFA letter jackets will be purchased by the respective chapter and all other patches will be the financial responsibility of the student.

Letter Jacket Applications will be submitted each semester, as of Dec. 1 or May 15.

Students must receive points in at least **4** of the following **7** categories to be eligible for a jacket:

Leadership Development Events

- Participant in a District LDE 2 pts _____
- Participant in an Area LDE 3 pts _____
- Participant in a State LDE 4 pts _____
- Member of a top 10 State LDE team 5 pts _____
- Participant in a National LDE 10 pts _____

Career Development Events

- Participant on an Area CDE (or state team, no area qualifier) 2 pts _____
- Top ten individual in Spring CDE 1 pt _____
- Participant on a state qualifying CDE team 4 pts _____
- Member of a top ten 10 CDE Team 5 pts _____
- Participant in a National CDE 10 pts _____
- Participate in the District talent contest 1 pt _____
- Participate in the Area talent contest 2 pts _____
- Participate in the State talent contest 3 pts _____

Ag Mechanics (each project may only be exhibited once)

- Exhibition of AG Mech project at HOT Fair 1 pt _____
- Exhibition of blue ribbon winning Ag Mech project at HOT Fair 2 pts _____
- Exhibition of placing Ag Mech project in class at a major show 3 pts _____
- Division Winner, Grand, or Reserve Over All at a major show 7 pts _____

Livestock (each student may receive 1 pt per division. i.e. heifer, swine, etc.)

- Participant in sale at County Fair 1 pt _____
- Grand or Reserve breeding specie at County Fair 1 pt _____
- Participant at one or more Major Stock Show 1 pt _____
- Championship banner one or more Major Stock Show 7 pts _____

Awards

- State FFA degree 2 pts _____
- Star or Proficiency participant on District level 1 pt _____
- Star or Proficiency participant on Area level 2 pts _____
- Star or Proficiency participant on State level 4 pts _____
- Star or Proficiency participant on National level 7 pts _____

Offices

- Elected Chapter FFA Officer 1 pt _____
- Elected District FFA Officer 2 pts _____
- Elected Area FFA Officer 3 pts _____

Other

- Serve as a delegate at the District, Area, or State level 1 pt _____
- Attend all community service projects during school year 1 pt _____
- Attend all FFA meetings during school year 1 pt _____
- Attend State Convention 1 pt _____
- Attend National Convention 3 pts _____

- Participate in State Agriscience Fair 1 pt _____
- Participate in National Agriscience Fair 4 pts _____
- Serve as a member of the Courtesy Corps 1 pt _____
- Participate in District Speaking Events 1 pt _____
- Participate in Area Speaking Events 2 pts _____
- Participate in State Speaking Events 4 pts _____
- Participate in National Speaking Events 10 pts _____

Midway FFA Alumni Association

Midway FFA and its members are supported by the Midway FFA Alumni Association made up of parents and community members. No, you absolutely do not have to be a former FFA member to join the Alumni Association! The Alumni Association serves to support Midway FFA through fundraising, volunteering, and other various means. We encourage all parents to become active in our support organization!

Please visit the Alumni's section of the Midway FFA website for more information, or contact an Ag Teacher or Alumni Officer to become involved!

[Midway FFA Alumni Association Website](#)