



# DANBURY ISD FFA STUDENT HANDBOOK 2024-2025

"Danbury ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in admission to or employment in its educational programs or activities."

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DANBURY FFA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and fully understand the Danbury FFA chapter handbook. I agree to abide by the constitution, by-laws and handbook or face the consequences. I promise to uphold the principles of the Danbury FFA chapter and remain a member in good standing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Printed Name Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Printed Name Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature Date

## STUDENT TRAVEL PERMISSION FORM

Participation in school-sanctioned events during the 2024-2025 school year as a member of the DISD CTE Agricultural Science Department/Danbury FFA.

FACULTY SPONSORS: Blake Johnson and Johnna DuBose

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

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

The above-named student has my consent to travel to and/or from each event participated in by this organization during this school year beginning the date signed and continuing through the first day of the following year, including all errands and activities related to duties and assignments made to members of the AGRISCIENCE CLASS/ FFA. The mode of transportation will be DISD-provided transportation.

1. All students must abide by the state, district, and campus policies at all AGRISCIENCE / FFA-sponsored events, whether held during normal school hours or on weekends and holidays.
2. I understand that students who violate said policies will be subject to disciplinary consequences in accordance with the STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT, including possible removal from future participation in FFA events.
3. I understand that infractions to any of these policies, including theft, vandalism, and possession of illegal substances will result in the notification of the parent/guardian and my child is returned to school at the parent's expense with no reimbursements of funds.
4. I agree to, and hereby, release Danbury Independent School District and its trustees, employees, sponsors, and volunteers from all legal responsibility for liability resulting from any activities of this organization, including liability caused or related to the negligence of any such party.
5. I **agree** or **do not agree** (circle one) to allow my child to swim at any events where swimming opportunities are available.

This form must be signed and returned to the sponsor before the student is permitted to participate in any activities of this organization.

The above-named student has my permission to attend FFA/Ag Science field trips and/or class activities with the Danbury ISD Agricultural Science Department during the 2024-2025 school year. I understand these events may take place during scheduled class times and outside of scheduled class times. We understand that all rules and regulations as stated in the DISD Student Code of Conduct also apply to any school-sponsored activity. In case of an accident, we will hold neither DISD nor the activity sponsors responsible. Specific departure and arrival times will be provided to participating students before the various events.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hello and welcome to Danbury FFA!

We are so glad that you have decided to be a part of the Danbury FFA chapter! This handbook will help you answer any questions that you may have regarding our FFA chapter. We are looking forward to this year and cannot wait to meet with all of you throughout the year!

## **2024-2025 Danbury FFA Officers**

President- Jake Karbowski  
Vice President- Adrian Reyes  
Secretary- Morgan Davis  
Treasurer- Maggie Small  
Reporter- Mark Tomlinson  
Sentinel- Arthur Miller  
Historian- Haylie Thompson  
Chaplain- Aaliyah Davis

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## **Danbury FFA Website / Social Media**

Danbury FFA has its own website which contains lots of information about Ag Classes, Alumni Chapter Information, FFA Information, Links to Livestock Show Rules, and a Calendar.

Website: <https://danburyffa.ffa.org/default.aspx?ID=9068>

Follow us on Instagram: danburytexasffa

Like us on Facebook: Dan Farmer

Follow for updates on Sportsyou: QS8D-9WMU

## **Danbury FFA & Agriscience** **Department Code of Conduct**

FFA Members should conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community, and family. Requirements and Expectations at school and during all school sponsored activities are outlined below:

### **FFA members should:**

1. Communicate in an appropriate manner.
2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
3. Respect the rights of others and their property.
4. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
5. Follow all Danbury ISD school rules and policies.

### **FFA Members Will Not:**

1. Be a part of robbery and/or theft.
2. Assault or vandalize people or their property.
3. Fight or be a part of a violent situation.
4. Use or be in possession of fireworks or firearms of any type while on school grounds or at a school-related activity.
5. Be a part of sexual harassment situations.
6. Use unethical practices to show or exhibit their projects.
7. Partake, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol beverages.
8. Partake, possess, or be under the influence of tobacco, vapes, cigarettes, or other inhaled nicotine products.
9. Partake of, possess or be under the influence of illegal substances.
10. Partake in, or be negatively involved in social media and cyberbullying of any kind.
11. Initiating negative comments and connotations about the Danbury Ag Science Department, instructors, or other members and affiliates on social media.

### **Consequences:**

- Notification of Danbury ISD Administration and appropriate authorities.
- Notification of the parent or guardian.
- Removal of student from the activity.
- The animal or exhibitor will be declared ineligible for further participation in the event.
- Upon returning to the school, consequences outlined in the Danbury ISD Student Handbook will be enforced.

## **FFA Costs**

### **FFA Membership and Dues**

Annual Membership dues are required to become a member of Danbury FFA, and the cost of the FFA dues are \$25.00 for the year. This includes dues for Local, District III-Southwest, Area III, Texas FFA Association, and the National FFA Organization. Membership also includes a subscription to the FFA Horizons Magazine which will arrive sometime after January 1st. Membership fees are due no later than September 23, 2024.

In order to be considered an **ACTIVE MEMBER** of the Danbury FFA Chapter and compete/participate in all aspects of the Danbury FFA Chapter, you must abide by the following rules:

1. Be enrolled in at least one year-long Ag Science class during the course of the membership year.
2. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

### **Danbury Jr. FFA Membership and Dues**

Jr. FFA membership is open to Danbury ISD students that are in grades 3-8 that are not in an Ag Science course. Dues for Junior Members will be \$25.00. Joining the Danbury Jr. FFA allows the member to participate in local meetings as well as showing at county and major livestock shows under the supervision of the Ag Science teachers. Since they are not enrolled in a high school Ag Science class they are not allowed to participate in LDE's that are sponsored by the Texas FFA. Danbury FFA Jr. members will be considered active and remain active FFA members as long as they pay their dues yearly and attend at least 1 FFA meeting a year. Membership fees are due no later than September 23, 2024.

### **FFA Official Dress Jackets**

FFA Jackets can be purchased for \$80. This will include your jacket and a tie/scarf and cover shipping costs. Students who need a jacket "tailored" because a standard size does not fit them properly (i.e. extra long arms) are charged an additional \$20. Please allow approximately 4 weeks for delivery. All members are encouraged to purchase a FFA Jacket if they have plans of competing on LDE's or CDE's. Jacket orders are due to the Ag teachers by September 23, 2024 (cash or check). Members that miss the deadline will order themselves on shop FFA. If you need assistance, ask one of the advisors for help.

### **FFA Chapter Shirts**

FFA Chapter shirts will be available to purchase every year. All shirts must be paid for in full or else a shirt will not be ordered for you. We encourage our members to wear their chapter shirts to school on days of chapter meetings. T-Shirt orders are due to the advisors by September 23, 2024 (cash, check or skyward).

### **State Convention**

Texas FFA convention is the highlight of Texas FFA's year. Nearly 12,000 FFA members, advisors, administrators, alumni, parents and industry partners come together to celebrate the achievements won by the past and present generations of agriculturalists, while continuing to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Attendees will be inspired and motivated to take pride in our industry, serve our communities, and become leaders of the next generation.

While at the convention, FFA members and guests will experience motivational speakers, award presentations, exciting exhibits, and plenty of entertaining activities. Only the officers for the next school year will attend the Texas FFA Convention.

## **FFA Official Dress**

### Texas FFA Association Policy Handbook Section 14.5: Official Dress Expectations

#### **Female Danbury ISD FFA Dress**

- Black skirt. The skirt is to be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a slit no longer than two inches above the knee, excluding the kick pleat. Black slacks may be appropriate for traveling and outdoor activities.
- White collared blouse and official FFA blue scarf.
- Black dress shoes with closed heels and toe (No boots, sandals, open-toed shoes, tennis shoes.)
- Black nylon hosiery.
- Official FFA jacket zipped to the top.

#### **Male Danbury ISD FFA Dress**

- Black dress pants. (No jeans- blue or black, leather, pleather, etc.)
- White dress shirt and official FFA tie.
- Black dress shoes with closed heels and toe (No boots, sandals, open-toed shoes, tennis shoes.)
- Black socks.
- Official FFA jacket zipped to the top.

#### **Proper Use of the FFA Jacket**

- The jacket is to be worn only by members.
- The jacket should be kept clean and neat.
- The back of the jacket should have only a large official FFA emblem, the name of the state and the name of the local chapter, region, district, or area. The front of the jacket should have only the official FFA emblem, the name of the individual, one office or honor and the year of that office or honor was earned.
  - The jacket should be worn on official occasions with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned.
  - Members and officers should wear the jacket on all FFA occasions and other occasions where the chapter or state association is represented. It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.
  - The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.
  - School letters and insignia of other organizations should not be attached to or worn on the jacket.
  - When the jacket becomes faded and worn, it should be discarded, or the emblems and lettering removed.
  - The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given to or sold to a non-member.
  - A member should act professionally when wearing the FFA jacket.
  - Members must not be under the influence or in possession of any prohibited items as stated in the “DISD Student Code of Conduct” when representing Danbury ISD FFA. In addition, members should show their leadership qualities when they encounter prohibited items and discourage others from inappropriate behavior.



\*\*No facial jewelry, clean shaved faces, no visible tattoos, no hats/caps while in official dress or at any FFA event.

### **How to Wear Awards**

- Chapter degree, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket.
- State FFA Degree or American Degree keys should be worn above the name on the right side of the jacket or attached to a standard key chain.
- No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent the highest degree earned, highest office held, and the highest award earned.

## **FFA Member Participation**

Every FFA member should take advantage of the variety of activities that the FFA has to offer. We will recognize those members of the FFA who have actively participated in the many activities offered. Sign in sheets will be at each activity held.

### **Activities:**

- Local Activities
  - Chapter meetings
  - Chapter fundraisers
  - Community service projects
  - Serving on a committee
  - Recruitment Activities
  - Teacher Appreciation Luncheons
  - National FFA Week Activities
  - Chapter Banquet
- District Convention
- Area Convention
- LDE's / CDE's / SDE's
- District, Area, State and National level camps and conferences
- Exhibiting Animals at Major and County Livestock Shows
- Participating with the Shooting Club
- Participating in FFA Sanctioned Rodeos
- Other SAE activities

## Meetings

Danbury FFA will hold a meeting once a month during the school year. Meetings begin at 6:00p.m and will be held at the DHS cafeteria unless you are notified otherwise. Meetings are an important function of the FFA and all members are encouraged to attend as chapter business is voted upon and important information is passed out. FFA Meetings are highly recommended that you attend.

### The 2024-2025 Meetings will be held on the following dates:

August 19, 2024 - Social  
September 16, 2024  
October 21, 2024

November 18, 2024  
December 16, 2024  
January 13, 2025

February 10, 2025  
March 10, 2025  
April 14, 2025

## FFA Banquet- May 15, 2025

The Annual FFA banquet is a celebration of the Danbury FFA member's achievements throughout the year. Every member and their parents are encouraged to attend. All members should wear their FFA Official Dress. Tickets will be available for purchase in the spring semester.

## Danbury FFA Alumni Chapter

The Danbury FFA Alumni Chapter is made up of parents and extended family members of current and former FFA students, members of the community, business leaders, and former FFA students. The purpose of the Alumni Chapter is to support the Danbury FFA program and its members. Money raised from fundraisers is used to support the FFA chapter with various activities as needed, as well as funding FFA scholarships for seniors at the end of every year. Alumni meetings are going to be held each month in conjunction with the monthly FFA Chapter meetings. Your participation allows for families and community members to work together to ensure the success of our students!

## Fundraising Activities

The Danbury FFA chapter does many activities throughout the year that require money. Our community service projects, camp registration fees, entry fees for Leadership and Judging Teams, our banquet, and other activities that we participate in take a large sum of money to support. **YOU ARE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES THAT WE HAVE.** The more money that our group earns, the more activities we can participate in.

Fundraising activities will vary from year to year, so join our fundraisers and take an active role in supporting your chapter.

2024-2025 Fundraising Incentives (to be attained by January 31,2025):

- High Point Sales Member (Member with most sales): Custom FFA buckle
- 2nd in sales: Receive a custom FFA windbreaker
- 3rd in sales: Custom FFA RTIC cup

## **FFA Competition Events**

Leadership Development Events (LDE's) are held during the fall semester of the year. These events help you develop public speaking and leadership skills. Danbury FFA competes in as many contests as we can each year. You must compete at the district level and place either 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> to compete at the area and state level. You must win the state contest in order to compete at the National Contest. Lists of the LDEs we will be offering this year are below:

### Mr.Johnson's Teams

Jr. & Sr. Chapter Conducting  
Radio Broadcasting  
Job Interview

### Mrs. DuBose's Teams

Jr. & Sr. Creed Speaking  
Spanish Creed  
Jr. & Sr. FFA Quiz

Public Relations - Coached by both advisors

\*Advisors reserve the right to host tryouts and make cuts from the team.

Career Development Events (CDE's) are held in the spring semester of the school year. You must place either in the top 5 or in the top 15% of all teams competing in that event at the Area contest in order to advance and compete at the State contest. Some contests advance to National competition and some do not. If there are not enough people to make a team, the team will not make. The lists of the CDEs we will be offering this year are below:

### Mr. Johnson's Teams

Horse Evaluation  
Livestock Evaluation  
Vet Med

### Mrs.DuBose's Teams

Poultry Evaluation  
Floriculture  
Milk Quality

\*Advisors reserve the right to host tryouts and make cuts from the team .

Public Speaking contests are held in the spring of each semester. You must compete at the district level and place either 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> to compete at the area and state level. You must win the state contest in order to compete at the National Contest.

### Extemporaneous Speaking:

Gather information in binders or a USB flash drive, draw a topic at a contest and then you have 30 minutes to prepare and then deliver a speech over a drawn topic.

### Jr. Prepared Speaking:

Deliver an original prepared speech over the topic of your choice. Students in 9th can compete. Speech must be 5-7 minutes long and memorized.

### Soil Stewardship:

Deliver an original prepared speech over the assigned topic for that year. There are scholarships attached to this contest.

### Sr. Prepared Speaking:

Deliver and original prepared speech 6-8 minutes long, memorized, in one of the six categories below:

\*\*\*Natural Resources

\*\*\*Plant Science

\*\*\*Animal Science

\*\*\*Agricultural Policy

\*\*\*Agribusiness

\*\*\*Agriculture Technology & Com.

**In the event a student is unable to attend a LDE,CDE or SDE they are already registered for and fail to notify the advisors 48 hours in advance, it is the students responsibility to pay the registration fee back to Danbury FFA.**

## **Awards, Degrees, & Member Recognition**

The following is a description of the awards that are available to members at various times throughout the school year. These are awarded at the chapter level as well as at the District, Area, State, and National Level.

### **Proficiency Awards**

To apply for proficiency awards at the chapter level you must complete the application that will be passed out in April. Proficiency awards are given to members that excel in various Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) areas. Proficiency Awards are also available at the District, Area, and State level. For more information on how to apply at the district, area, and state level talk to an Ag Teacher.

### **FFA Degrees**

There are four degrees available to Danbury FFA members. Each degree has certain criteria that must be met. Below is a brief description of the awards, when they may be received and some of the criteria that must be met in order to be awarded these degrees. (Refer to the Danbury FFA, Texas FFA, and National FFA Constitution)

**Greenhand Degree:**

Given to a 1<sup>st</sup> year FFA member.

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, motto, salute and FFA mission statement.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Personally own or have access to the Official FFA Manual and the Official FFA Student Handbook.
7. Submit a written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

**Chapter Degree:**

Given to 2<sup>nd</sup> year FFA members.

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least 180 hours of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program and be enrolled in an agriculture science course.
3. Have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter's Program of Activities.
4. A student after entering agricultural education must have:
  - a. earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the member's own efforts; or worked at least 45 hours in excess of scheduled class time; or a combination thereof; and
  - b. developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
6. Have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
7. Show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
8. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Have participated in at least 10 hours of community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid supervised agricultural experience hours.
10. Submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

**Lone Star Degree:**

Given to 3<sup>rd</sup> year FFA members.

1. Have received the Chapter FFA Degree.
2. Have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree.

3. While in school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, which includes FFA traditions
4. A student after entering agricultural education must have:
  - a. earned and productively invested at least \$1,000; or
  - b. worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time; or
  - c. a combination thereof, in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
  - a. Performing 10 procedures of parliamentary law.
  - b. Giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or FFA.
  - c. Serving as an officer, committee chairperson or participating member of a chapter committee.
6. Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor and the principal or superintendent.
7. Have participated in the planning and completion of the chapter's Program of Activities.
8. Have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level.
9. Have participated in at least 25 hours of community service, within at least two different community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid supervised agricultural experience hours.

#### **American Degree:**

Given to an FFA Member the year after they have graduated High School.

1. Have received the State FFA Degree, have been an active member for the past three years (36 months) and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities on the chapter and state levels.
2. Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years (540 hours) of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural education program, or have completed at least the equivalent of 360 hours of systematic secondary school instruction in agricultural education and one full year of enrollment in a postsecondary agricultural program, or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the secondary school last attended.
3. Have graduated from high school at least 12 months prior to the national convention at which the degree is to be granted.
4. Have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program, through which the member has exhibited comprehensive planning and managerial and financial expertise.
5. A student after entering agricultural education must have:
  - a. earned at least \$10,000 and productively invested at least \$7,500; or
  - b. earned and productively invested \$2,000 and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours, times a factor of 3.56, plus actual dollars earned and productively invested must be equal to or greater than the number 10,000. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be

duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree.

6. Have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement and have achieved a high school scholastic record of “C” or better as certified by the principal or superintendent.
7. Have participated in at least 50 hours of community service, within at least three different community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid supervised agricultural experience hours.
8. Applicants must submit an application with the signatures of the chapter president, chapter advisor, superintendent or principal, and state advisor or state executive secretary, certifying accuracy of all statements in the application and that the applicant conducted him/herself in a manner to be a credit to the organization, chapter and community.

## Scholarship Opportunities

There are over \$2 million in scholarships given out to Texas FFA members each year at the State FFA Convention. There are also many local scholarships that are available to FFA members as well. Below is a list of some of the scholarships that are available to qualifying FFA members. Many scholarships are based on FFA activities. It is important that you participate in as many FFA activities as possible beginning with your freshman year. Check with the Ag Teachers about deadlines.

### **1. Scholarship Opportunities through Texas FFA Association Scholarship Programs**

Graduating Seniors apply during the Spring Semester at the District Degree Check. Scholarship is based on academic rank (must be in top 25% for Houston, top 50% for the others), SAT/ACT scores (minimum 1000 on SAT, minimum of 20 on ACT), financial need and FFA activities. A minimum of seven members from each Area Association will advance to state interviews to compete for these awards.

- San Antonio Livestock Show \$20,000 (13 offered)
- Houston Livestock Show \$20,000 (70 offered)
  - You do not have to be an Agricultural or Life Science Major to receive this scholarship.
- Rodeo Austin Scholarship \$16,000 (2 offered)
- Richard Wallrath Education Foundation \$10,000 (35 offered)
- Jim Bob Norman Memorial \$10,000 (12 offered)
- C.J. “Red” Davidson \$8,000 (6 offered)
- Southwestern Exposition \$4,000 (4 offered)
- Farm Credit Bank of Texas \$2,000 (4 offered)
- Texas Agricultural Education Fund \$2,000 (4 offered)
- Young Farmers of Texas \$2,000 (1 offered)
- Vickie Rosenbusch Memorial Scholarship \$2,000 (1 offered)

### **2. National FFA Scholarships**

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

### **3. Danbury FFA Alumni Scholarship**

Graduating seniors who have been an active, dues-paying FFA member for two years may apply for the Danbury FFA Alumni Scholarship. Applications can be picked up each spring from the Ag teacher or Counselors office. They will be awarded at the Banquet in May.

### **4. Brazoria County Fair Scholarship**

Graduating seniors who have participated in the Brazoria County Fair are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications will be available during the spring semester on the fair's website [www.bcfa.org](http://www.bcfa.org).

### **5. Agriscience Fair Competition**

The Agriscience Fair offers the opportunity for members to demonstrate their agriscience abilities through a science fair competition. These competitions are available at most major stock shows and through Texas FFA. Various scholarships are awarded at each of these events.

### **6. Proficiency and Star Awards**

Students can obtain various scholarships through participation in advanced awards. Students who win on the state and national levels will receive scholarships.

### **7. Career Development Events**

Students can win various scholarships at various contests if they win high individual honors. Additionally, colleges scout judging team members and offer those students with exceptional abilities scholarships to judge at their universities or colleges, respectively.

## **FFA Graduation Cords**

Students who meet at least one of the following criteria by the FFA Banquet of their Senior Year will be eligible for their graduation cords.

- Meet minimum requirements for the Texas FFA Lone Star Degree.
- Qualify for a State LDE, CDE, or SDE contest.
- Must have at least 50 cumulative hours of community service as documented in the AET Record Book System.
- Serve as a Danbury FFA Officer for two years, one of which being your senior year.
- Meet minimum requirements for letter jacket

## **Letterman Jacket Qualifying Criteria**



Points for FFA Letterman Jackets will begin to accumulate on the first day of the student's first year as a FFA member. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ADD UP THEIR POINTS AND TURN IT INTO THE AG TEACHERS BY THE DEADLINE EACH YEAR. THE DEADLINE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS. Ag Teachers will check for accuracy. Students need the following point totals to qualify:

A total of 20 points from at least three categories accumulated during your FFA career is required to receive a letter Jacket, unless 20 points are achieved in a single event. Point totals in each area are non-cumulative where applicable to increasing levels of success.

### **Leadership Development Events**

- Top ten (individual or team) any LDE contest 1 pt
- Member of District Leadership Team 2 pt
- Member of Area Leadership Team 3 pts
- Member of State Leadership Team 5 pts
- Member top 10 State LDE 7 pts
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place State LDE Team 10 pts

### **Career Development Events**

- Member of Invitational CDE 1 pt (does not add up per event)
- Member of Area CDE 2 pts (Or state team with no area qualifier)
- Top ten individual at a Spring CDE contest (area & state) 1 pt
- Member of State Qualifying CDE Team 5 pts
- Member of Top Ten State CDE Team 7 pts
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place State CDE Team 10 pts

### **Speaking Development Events**

- Compete in District Speaking event 1 pt
- Compete in Area Speaking event 2 pts
  - Compete in State Speaking Event 5 pts
- Top 10 at State Speaking 7 pts
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place at State Speaking 10 pts

### **Ag Mechanics** (each project may only be exhibited once)

- Exhibition of an Ag Mech. project at any show 1 pt
- Exhibition of a Blue ribbon Ag. Mech project at any show 2 pts
- Division Winner @ Majors or county 5 pts
- Grand or Reserve Overall @ Majors or County 10 pts

### **Horticulture Shows** (Majors only)

- Exhibition of Horticulture project in class @ major 3 pts
- Exhibition of Top Ten Horticulture project @ major 7 pts

### **Livestock Shows** (Majors or County)

- Grand or Reserve at majors 10 pts **Livestock** (each animal may receive points once a

year ex. heifer)

- Exhibiting an animal at the Brazoria County Fair 1 pt
- Exhibiting an animal at a major show 1 pt per show
- Exhibiting a scramble project at county and/or major show 2 pts
- Exhibiting a Division Winner at county and/or major show 3 pts per show
- Exhibiting a Reserve Division Winner at County and/or major 2 pts per show
- Making Grand Showman at county and/or major show 7 pts
- Making Reserve Grand Showman at county and/or major show 5 pts
- Making Grand Overall at Brazoria County Fair 7 pts (one show only ex. Jr breeding beef)
- Making Reserve Overall at Brazoria County Fair 5 pts (one show only ex. Jr breeding beef)
- Making sale at county fair 3 pts
- Making sale at Major 5 pts
- Catching a BCFA Show Calf in Calf Scramble 2 pt
- Catching a Major Show Calf in Calf Scramble 3 pts
- Ultimate Scramble Championship Winner @ major 7 pts
- Ultimate Scramble Top 5 @ major 3 pts
- Grand or Reserve Overall banner @ Major 15 pts
- Majors include: Rodeo Austin, HLSR, SALE, FWSSR,

#### **FFA Awards, Offices & Misc. Activities**

- Chapter Officer 1 pts
- Talent team at the District level 1 pts
- Talent team at the Area level 2 pts
  - Talent team State qualifying 5 pts
  - Talent Team- top 5 at state 7 pts
- Talent Team State Winner 15 pts
- Selling over \$1000 in fundraisers 3 pts (1 point per additional \$500)
- Greenhand Honor/ Star Award 3 pts
- Most Active / Star Award 1 pt
- State Courtesy Corps 1 pt
- State FFA Leadership Program applicant (FFA Ambassadors, Chorus, Media, Ford Scholars) 2 pts
  - State FFA Chorus Member 5 pts
    - FFA Ambassadors 5 pts
  - State Convention Media 5 pts
    - Ford Scholar Program member 10 pts
- Earning Lone Star FFA Degree 10 pts
- Running for District / Area Officer 1 pt
- Elected District officer 2pts
- Elected Area officer 3pts
  - Exhibit Ag Science Fair project (majors and/or state convention) 2 pts
- Top 10 Ag Science Fair project (majors and/or state convention) 7 pts

- Win state Ag Science Fair project (majors or state convention) 10pts
- Apply for Star or Proficiency District Level 2 pts
- Apply for Star or Proficiency Area level 3 pts
- Apply for Star or Proficiency State level 5 pts
- Win star / proficiency award state level 10 pts
- Participating in FFA-sanctioned community service 1 pt/5 hours

#### **Junior Creative & Culinary at BCFA (1 entry per division)**

- Exhibition of a jr. creative 7 culinary project 1pts
- Blue ribbon winner 2pts
- Outstanding ribbon winner 3pts
- Best of Show award 4pts
- Grand Champion 5 pts
- High Point Individual 7pts

### **County Fairs & Major Livestock Shows**

Danbury FFA is able to participate in the following County Fair & Major Livestock Shows. Please see attached Danbury FFA Show Team contract for more information.

- Brazoria County Fair
- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
- San Antonio Livestock Expo
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Rodeo Austin Livestock Show

#### **Show Entries**

The Agricultural Science teachers will assist in making arrangements for participation in any approved county and major livestock shows by holding a meeting to collect all entries. Entries in all other shows will be the responsibility of the student. 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.) Major Livestock Show Entries will be completed in November of each year.

#### **Travel to and from Shows / Hotels / Meals**

At least one parent or guardian is required to attend all major livestock and agricultural mechanics shows. It is strongly recommended that they also attend Brazoria County fair if a member is showing livestock or ag mechanics. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make arrangements to get themselves to and from shows as well as make arrangements for the hauling of their projects to and from shows. Please notify the FFA Advisors AT THE VARIOUS ENTRY MEETINGS if you are needing transportation to and/or from various shows. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor's family to purchase hotel rooms and all meals while at the shows.

**\*At least one parent of all Junior FFA exhibitors MUST accompany the exhibitor to ALL shows, including the Brazoria County Fair.**

### **Equipment / Use**

Any equipment that was donated to Danbury FFA and is loaned to a member is required to be given back at the conclusion of the time the animal is shown. This is so other members will be able to loan the equipment as well. Any other equipment that belongs to Danbury FFA and is borrowed must be returned immediately after use. All other equipment is available for use to the members. It must be returned in working order and in good repair or the student will be expected to repair and/or replace the equipment, such as scales, chutes, blowers, etc.

### **Responsibilities to Buyers for projects**

The student will write, gain instructor approval, and deliver a Thank You note to the individuals who provide the premium money or the buyer of their project. A photograph of the exhibitor and their project should accompany the note if at all possible. Some Thank you notes will have a deadline to be completed by. These deadlines will be announced in class and on sportsyou.

### **Quality Counts Certification**

Texas has the largest number of 4-H and FFA livestock projects in the nation. Young people participate at the county, district, regional and state level. The tremendous support and dedication of livestock show officials help make this possible. With this opportunity comes a responsibility for each exhibitor to learn and demonstrate the highest standards, both in personal character and in the feeding and care of their animals.

“Quality Counts” is designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character in carrying out livestock projects, and in every aspect of their lives. “Quality Counts” helps them learn the importance of using proper livestock management practices so that food quality and safety are preserved.

Each student that exhibits a livestock project at a livestock show in the State of Texas must complete the online Quality Counts program. The website is <http://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/verification/> .

# Danbury FFA Show Team Contract

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MEMBERSHIP ON THE DISD SHOW TEAM IS CONSIDERED A PRIVILEGE; THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.

## Rules and Responsibilities

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**Advisor:** As your advisors, we are dedicated to your success, the success of the livestock team, and the welfare of the animals that represent our team. As your advisors, we will

- Assist with the selection & purchasing process for student animal projects
- Provide advice on feeding, grooming, equipment, and other necessary purchases
- Provide instruction and recommendations to help students properly groom animals for show, train their animals prior to show, teach animal anatomy and facts necessary for showmanship and exhibit their animals successfully in the show ring.
- Provide students with entry forms for all school sponsored livestock shows
- Validate animals for DISD school sponsored shows.
- Ensure that all students who are competing have followed the rules and guidelines set forth in this contract.
  - The DISD teachers reserve the right to dismiss any student from the Livestock Show team on a per show basis based on eligibility, behavior, or improper care of animal

**Students:** As members of the DISD FFA Livestock Show Team, students will conduct themselves in a way that brings pride to our team:

- Treat animals ethically at all times
- Submit entry forms for shows by due date set by FFA advisor
- Read and follow all show rules and regulations for each show in which you compete
- Follow all school student rules at all FFA show team events including anytime the student exhibits their animal as a representative of DISD FFA
- Follow all rules and regulations as set forth in this contract.
- Work with fellow show team members and advisors to maintain cleanliness in the livestock trailers, barns and other work areas.
- While at a show, arrive on time to scheduled feeding and team meeting times, remain in the areas designated by the advisors, and leave only when dismissed by the FFA advisor
- Follow all instructions from DISD FFA advisor(s), show coordinator or judge(s) while at a livestock show
- Refrain from cursing, arguing and horseplay in the barns and show ring
- Wear appropriate clothing at all times while representing the show team at livestock events
- Wear appropriate show clothing including: jeans pressed and in good condition, collared shirt and appropriate footwear
- Assist fellow show team members before, during and after show
- Remain eligible with school to participate in extracurricular activities (i.e. attendance, grades, discipline)
- Obtain supplies necessary to show your animal (see Supplies)

- Display a positive attitude and good sportsmanship at any time you represent the DISD FFA Livestock Show Team

**Other Key Rules/Responsibilities:**

1. Students are responsible for caring for and monitoring their show animals on a daily basis. Advisors have the right to deny student’s participation in FFA livestock shows if their animal is obviously underweight, underfed, in poor health, or in poor physical or mental condition that diminishes their show appeal, threatens the health of other animals, threatens their animal’s health, or brings discredit to our organization.
2. Parents/Students may be asked to leave school or county property or any FFA sponsored event for misconduct, aggressive or disrespectful behavior towards advisor(s), parents, or for any behavior that brings discredit to our organization.
3. Students must follow the DISD CTE student organization eligibility rules.
4. Students who choose to attend livestock shows outside of the designated school shows must follow all school, FFA, and show team guidelines as they still represent our organization
5. Any decisions or instructions made by FFA advisor at a school sponsored show are final. Any discussion can be directed to the FFA advisor or school district administration at a later date.
6. Attend any scheduled species meeting as scheduled by the FFA advisor(s)

By working together as a team, caring for the health and welfare of your animal(s), and dedicating your time to practicing, studying, and grooming for exhibitions, the DISD FFA Livestock Show Team is sure to have a smooth and successful year!

Shows

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School sponsored livestock Shows (all entry forms for this will be filled out at the Major Livestock Show Meeting):

-TBD

General Show Team Supplies

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- Feed for correct number of days (please think about how much this will be so not to over or under pack feed)
- Show stick/whip (cattle and hogs)
- Original papers (heifers only)
- Feed pan and water bucket
- Show halter
- Neck Tie (cattle)
- Grooming materials (all species)

Expectations While at a Show

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- Animals are to be fed and watered daily
- Stalls are to be kept clean
- Be on time for feeding, washing, grooming and show
- Be properly dressed

\*\*\*Additional instructions from advisors at the show will be provided

## Danbury FFA Show Team Contract Acknowledgement Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and fully understand the Danbury FFA Show Team Contract. I agree to abide by the constitution, by-laws, handbook and contract or face the consequences. I promise to uphold the principles of the Danbury FFA chapter and remain a member in good standing.

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Student Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_