

Ag. Barn Procedures and Contract



## Agriculture Facility and Usage

- Facility usage is to be used for Alpine ISD actively enrolled students and/or paid members of the Alpine FFA and Jr. FFA programs who own or lease an animal project.
- All projects housed at the AISD Ag Barn facility must be owned and cared for by actively enrolled Alpine ISD students.
- **There is a fee of \$30 per lamb/goat and \$60 per swine project kept in the Ag barn. This fee will cover the cost of medicines, wormers and supplies used for the animals. This fee may be paid up front or the fees may be deducted from each person's fundraising profits. If such funds are not available after the fundraisers are finished, it will be the responsibility of that person to pay the chapter for the cost of any remaining fees. Any and all checks payable to the exhibitor will be held by the advisor until all fees are paid in full.**
- Each student is responsible for the feeding and care of his/her project on his/her own time without the assistance of anyone, other than the student's immediate family or the Agricultural instructor, without prior approval by the instructor.
- Reminder, the facility is strictly for Alpine ISD enrolled students with animal project(s), parents of the students, and individuals directly affiliated with the Alpine FFA program.
- Students are expected to provide their own transportation to and from the Ag barn facility.
- The Ag Barn facility is to be used only for feeding and caring for the livestock projects. It is not a hang out location and loitering will result in a campus referral, or demerits. FFA members may spend time at the Ag barn Facility, to help manage the facility (help work animals, clean, etc.)
- No pets are allowed on the Ag Barn facility grounds for any reason, unless otherwise stated by the ASTs. This is for the safety of pet, species projects, and persons at the Ag Barn facility.
- No structural additions or changes will be allowed without Alpine ISD approval. Non-approved additions or changes will be removed immediately.
- Absolutely no chemicals, pesticides, spray, etc. or other forms of pest removal products are allowed at the Ag Barn Facility, unless stated otherwise by the ASTs.
- Students should report any needed repairs to an Ag Science teacher immediately so that repairs can be done in a timely manner.
- The appearance of the Ag Barn facility is a priority; there will be at least 1 scheduled "Ag Barn facility cleanups" which will be mandatory for students with animal projects housed at the Ag Barn facility.
- Students housing animals at Alpine ISD facilities may be assigned duties or responsibilities for the care and maintenance of the facility as determined by the Ag science teacher. Failure to maintain Alpine ISD facilities in clean and proper order or complete duties assigned may result in the dismissal of the student and the removal of his/her animal from the facility.

- No additions, subtractions, modifications, or construction relating to electricity, carpentry, plumbing, or location may be made. The use of electrical devices or extension cords must meet NEC and UL electrical codes. No cords shall lie within reach of any animal and must be properly secured. Animals can chew on the cord and be electrocuted. Use of any electrical devices and extension cords must be approved by Ag Science teacher.
- Due to limited space, only authorized trailers or other items will be allowed to be parked/stored at the Alpine ISD Agricultural facility. Vehicles not authorized by the instructor or the district, are prohibited from entering the facility.

**All Rules, Care Of Project And Feeding Procedures Apply To Holidays And Weekends**

**Animal Projects:**

- No animal, including but not limited to personally owned animals, consigned or leased animals, will be housed at the Ag Barn facility without a current signed receipt of this document and a signed receipt of the “Alpine FFA Handbook” on file with the Ag Science Teacher.
- The required document is located at the back of this manual. All animal projects must be owned, consigned or leased by Alpine ISD enrolled students to be housed at the Ag Barn facility.
- The Alpine ISD, Agriculture Program, District Employees, or volunteers will assume NO responsibility for accidents or injuries to students, parents, visitors, livestock, or personal property resulting from the use of the facilities or equipment, as well as, livestock owned by other persons.
- Insurance for animals kept at the facility is not maintained by the school district, Agriculture Departments or FFA Chapter. It is the responsibility of the student to provide any insurance coverage on his/her animal deemed necessary. The loss of an animal, or expenses incurred as a result of loss, injury, illness, etc., including veterinary bills, is the sole responsibility of the student and will not be the responsibility of the Alpine Independent School District, Agriculture Departments, Agriculture Teacher, Career and Technical Education Department, or FFA Chapter.

**Care of Project:**

- Each animal must be cared for in a proper manner as approved or established by the instructor. The instructor is authorized to determine any necessary practices to ensure proper care of the student’s project. This includes, but is not limited to, daily maintenance of pens/facility, feeding, hair care, showing techniques, exercise, etc.
- Projects without feed or water, or with unsatisfactory pen/area conditions for prolonged periods of time will result in removal of the project from the facility.
- If at any time a student and/or parent does not agree with the Ag Science teacher regarding care of an animal, please contact the appropriate campus administration to resolve the conflict.

- The student is responsible for proper care of his/her project. This includes adequate nutrition and hydration for proper growth, the development of the project, cleaning the pen and surrounding area. If any project is found to be in need of immediate emergency care, the AISD Agricultural science teachers reserve the right to seek treatment for that project at owner's expense, when owners are unable to be contacted.
- If you are to be gone, it is your responsibility to find someone to take care of your animals. This includes cleaning pens and maintaining fresh water. Any infractions to these rules, will be attributed to the owner of the animals.
- **PENS- Keep pens clean. All pens shall be cleaned daily. Pens shall be sprayed on a regular basis to control dust in the barn.**
- AISLE- the aisles are to remain clean and free of trash, feed, hay, etc.... this is the responsibility of all students. Tack is to be kept in designated areas and put up neatly. Trash and debris can cause harm to animals if ingested.
- TRASH/DUMPING-
  - Wheelbarrows are provided for all to use at the barn.
  - Wheelbarrows must be dumped after each use, no exception.
  - When cleaning out pens it is responsibility of the student(s) to take the wheelbarrow and dump it in the designated area and not outside our barn doors or in the driveway.
  - Improper dumping will attract flies and cause more disease and infections in the barn.
  - Please make sure all your personal and animal's trash is thrown away properly.
- EMPTY FEED SACKS must be thrown in the dumpsters, not left in the trash cans or lockers in the Ag. Barn.
- **FEEDING- Projects shall be fed twice daily. Morning feedings shall be no later than 9:00am. Evening feedings shall not be any earlier than 5:00pm and no later than 8:00pm. Extenuating circumstances may arise but shall not be on a regular basis.**
- WATER- Fresh, clean water should be supplied daily to your project. Empty water buckets are unacceptable; they should be filled every day during feeding. Water buckets must be dumped and cleaned daily outside of the stalling area and not in any aisle. Swine waterers should be checked daily in case of any obstructions that may limit water flow.
- EXERCISE- exercise programs will be on a per species basis and will be given to the student/parent from the Ag Science teacher. Please note these programs can change as needed for the project.
- WEATHER- Students should check the weather each day. Regardless of the weather conditions your animals need to be fed and given fresh water. This includes rain, snow, ice, and just cold weather. If school is postponed or canceled animals still need to be taken care of, no exceptions.

- In the event of extreme weather conditions, Alpine ISD reserves the right to shut off water lines to the Ag barn facilities. In the event this occurs students/parents are responsible for hauling water to the Ag barn facility to care for the animals.
- Always seek Ag science teacher advice if there are questions regarding weather conditions and the daily care of your animal.
- EQUIPMENT- materials used daily by the student will be purchased at the student's expense.
- WASH RACKS - Wash racks will be kept clean. Students are responsible for cleaning their own messes in either wash rack.

### **Medication to Animals**

All projects and animals under the Alpine FFA are the responsibility of the sponsoring Ag science teacher; therefore ALL forms of medication or substances or any other treatment MUST be approved by the Ag Science Teacher and/or the Veterinarian.

- We will follow all major show rules regarding feed and drug residue restrictions. The Ag Science teachers will not knowingly give your child's animals any illegal drug or substance. The rules regarding substances change regularly so do not depend upon what you could or could not do when you were showing previous to the current situation. If you have a question about anything that you may want to give your animal, please check with your Ag Science teacher first. Projects are subject to testing, and if an exhibitor is found in violation, a stock show may ban them from ever participating again. Students and parents will be required to sign an affidavit stating you have not given anything not approved by the FDA or USDA for that particular animal. All major show rules regarding feed and drug restrictions will be followed.
- NO medication including but not limited to off-label or extra-label medications, sprays, feed additives, over the counter medication and/or other substances will be given internally or externally to any livestock project without approval of the Ag Science teacher. All established withdrawal times for any administered product must be strictly followed.
- Ag Science teachers will notify students and/or parents if medication must be administered to any animal
- Ag Science teachers will seek veterinarian assistance if he or she has any questions arise pertaining to administering medication.
- In the event an animal tests positive before, during or after a major event, the student and/or parent must inform the Ag Science teacher immediately.

All animals shown under the Alpine FFA Chapter and/or housed at the AISD Ag barn facility must follow these guidelines regardless of ownership.

### **Pen Assignments**

- Due to space restrictions and equipment costs, the number of animals a student may raise at the Alpine ISD Ag Barn facility is limited to the available space. The Ag Science teacher will assign a stall or pen where the project animal will be kept; they are not to move without permission from the Ag Science teacher. In the

event that more requests for stalls or pens have been made than spaces available, the Ag Science teacher will devise an appropriate plan of action that best fits the needs of said species.

- Pens are reserved for Alpine ISD actively enrolled students, any extra pens may be used for alternate projects.
- No locks are allowed on any animal pens in case of fire or other emergencies. Failure to comply will result in the lock being cut off and removed.
- High School FFA members have first priority over Jr FFA members.

### **Removal of Projects**

- Student's projects are to be removed from the Ag Barn facility within one week after the last sponsored show. NO ANIMAL will be allowed to remain in the barn after this deadline. If the project is not removed by the end of the one-week period, the animal will be removed at the student's/parent's expense and sold at a local auction facility. The proceeds of the sale will be used to offset the expenses incurred due to the removal. After expenses have been covered the remaining balance (if applicable) will be mailed to the student/parents.
- Once a student has finished the show season and all animals have been removed from the Ag Barn facility the pen(s) must be cleaned within 3 days unless prior approval has been obtained from the Ag Science teachers.
- Any student who is required to remove a project due to disciplinary actions will be required to leave within a 3-day period. In addition, departing students must clean stalls. Students may receive campus referrals, if stall/pens are not cleaned appropriately.
- Graduating seniors and/or students not intending to feed a livestock project for the following school year must remove all personal belongings (feed, storage containers, etc.) from the AISD Ag Barn facility within two weeks from the last sponsored livestock show that the student participates in, unless otherwise discussed with the AST.
- Failure to comply will result in the forfeiture of personal belongings to the AISD Ag Barn facility.
- Purchasing and housing animals at the barn without prior permission from Ag Science teacher is prohibited.

### **Project Death**

- It is the student's/parent's responsibility to contact the Ag Science teacher if a project dies at the AISD Ag. Barn facility.
- The Ag science teacher will provide information to students/parents about removal process.
- It is the student's/parent's responsibility to remove the project within three (3) hours after being notified.
- The removal of a deceased animal is at the expense of the student/parent.

## **Ag. Barn Procedures and Contract**

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the procedures and consequences of keeping animals at the AISD Ag. Barn facility.

Sign and return this page only. You need to retain the rest of the contract for your records.

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

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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