



# JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Agricultural, Food, and Natural Resources



### Agricultural Science Complex Instructional Facility Guidelines and Expectations

Students enrolled in Agricultural Science classes may choose to have a production livestock project (i.e. poultry, lamb, pig, calf, goat) in order to gain 20 hours per semester of the 110 hours which are required to receive SAEP credit for Agriculture Science classes. The remaining hours are gained by completing activities that are outlined in the Course Activity Guide. Records must be kept on the project and the activities—this is a Texas Education Agency requirement and is in addition to class work. **Livestock projects are NOT required to participate in the Agriculture Science career pathway.**

The purpose of a production livestock-feeding program is to allow students to develop responsibility, leadership skills, and gain hands-on knowledge and application of the livestock production industry. All feeders should experience success and pride in their accomplishments. **The raising of livestock on the Agriculture Science Complex (ASC) is a student's privilege, not a student's right! Feeding guidelines and expectations must be strictly followed in order to reap the benefits of this privilege.**

**The Agricultural Science Complex (ASC)** provides a place for those students who do not have their own facilities available, yet desire to have a livestock project. **Again, students are NOT required to keep their project at ASC facilities.** As with any place where students gather, there are certain necessary guidelines and expectations. Any additional guidelines and expectations that may become necessary will be effective immediately upon **written notification** to all agriculture students by the Agriculture Science teachers. While all guidelines and expectations are intended to be applied consistently and fairly among all students of the program, it is recognized that occasional waivers due to extenuating circumstances and/or emergencies do occur. Any and all such waivers need to be communicated by the student **AND** approved by the supervising teacher.

Below are the established Guidelines and Expectations of the Judson AFNR Facilities. It is the intent of this document to outline the expectations of the Supervised Agricultural Experience. It is the expectation of the Judson ISD and FFA to establish a working relationship with families of the program with effective communication and a common understanding. By virtue of using the facilities, all expectations will be followed.

### **FACILITIES EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

1. Each project must be cared for in a proper manner according to the instructions of the supervising teacher, but outside regular school hours. The gate to the complex must be closed upon entering or leaving the facility. Access parameters to the facilities are as follows:

- School Days: 5:00 am – 8:30 am and 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Non-school Days: 5:00 am – 8:00 pm

**\*\*\*It is your responsibility to be out of the ASC facility before 8:00 pm. The gate will not open with the access code outside these parameters. Students will be written up if found within the facility outside these set parameters.**

2. Each student will be given the access code to the facility. This code is to be used by the student only and not to be given out or shared with others.

3. The complex is for the use of students enrolled in the agriculture science program. Any student that is not in an agriculture class will be considered a visitor and must be introduced to the Agriculture teachers upon

arrival. Visitors to the ASC facilities must also comply with the guidelines and expectations listed in this handout.

4. No modifications of any kind may be made to school facilities without permission from the supervising teacher.
5. Lockers are available for students. The student will have to provide their own lock, and the combination or extra key must be given to the supervising teacher.
6. Parking is available in designated areas only at the Ag Science Complex (ASC). Please observe non-parking zones, handicap, and fire lanes. Extra parking is provided at the Performing Arts Center.

### **PROJECT EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

1. Student will comply with project guidelines that are established by the supervising teacher.
2. All projects to be kept at the ASC must be approved by the supervising teacher. The projects must be inspected by the teacher BEFORE being brought into ASC facilities.
3. Pen Assignments: Students will be assigned pens upon bringing a project into the facility; students may not move, or expand pens for any reason, unless approved by the supervising teacher. Locks will be allowed on pens only if the key or combination is provided to the supervising teacher.
4. Students will be responsible for keeping their individual project stall or pen clean at all times. The student is responsible for keeping the barns and grounds around the area free from litter, hay, straw, feed, and waste. Each student is required to help with the general upkeep and management of the entire complex. Any neglect to an animal will be grounds for removal.
5. Approximate project costs will be provided to feeders at the beginning of the feeding period.
6. Students are required to pay a facility use fee for each animal project that they raise.
7. Students have the opportunity to obtain and purchase their own feed. The student must sign an INDEPENDENT FEED RELEASE Agreement.
8. Medication, vitamins, etc. must not be dispensed without first discussing this with Supervising Agriculture teacher.
9. Teachers will provide transportation to selected events; however, Judson ISD and the Agriculture teachers reserve the right to not provide transportation to ALL events—a schedule will be provided at the start of the year.
10. As such, students are allowed to haul their project(s) to events provided they have notified the supervising teacher. Notification must be submitted in writing 2 weeks (14) days in advance (e-mail is acceptable), and is to include the event, location, day/time expecting to leave, and anticipated return.
11. In the event of an emergency and/or scheduled appointment, notification should be provided prior to leaving the ASC facilities.
12. In order to keep a project during the summer months, permission must be obtained from the supervising teacher. All other livestock must be removed from the ASC facilities within ten (10) days following the animals' last show.

### **GENERAL EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

1. Students will only be allowed to miss one general FFA meetings to participate in livestock shows.
2. Students must participate in the fundraising activities to participate in livestock shows.
3. Students must be eligible, according the standard UIL rules “No Pass No Play”, to participate in any shows.
4. Student exhibitors must be enrolled in a fall Agriculture Science class. Major Show Exhibitors must be enrolled in **fall and spring** Agriculture Science classes.
5. State law prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotic drugs, or controlled substances on any school property.
6. **Each student will be required to attend a mandatory barn cleanup day following completion of the feeding period (the date will be determined at the beginning of the school year and students will be notified of that date). Students failing to attend/participate in Clean-Up Day will incur a \$50.00 fee.**

- **Again, if there is need for a waiver due to extenuating circumstances or an emergency, prior notification and permission must be obtained from the supervising teacher. Alternative make-up duties must be arranged by the student.**

Note: Students not meeting any of the above guidelines and expectations will not be allowed to participate in any shows; additionally, **any unpaid program obligations, will result in the inability to start a new project.**

Any student who fails to observe the standards listed in this handout will be required to remove his/her project immediately from the ASC facilities upon receipt of notification to this effect. Offenders will be dealt with in the following manner:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Student will be notified (student signature required).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Student and Parent will be notified (both signatures required).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Student will be required to remove his/her project from the complex.

If an animal is not removed immediately following student/parent notification of the third offense, the animal will be sold at market. Any expenses incurred by this process will be deducted from the sale of the animal. Any money remaining will be forwarded to the student's parents. Upon removal of the project, the student will be removed from the FFA.

**\*\*\*If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please notify the supervising teacher during regular school hours\*\*\***

**Note:** *Insurance for animals and veterinary fees in excess of normal animal health incurred for animals kept at the Agricultural Science Complex is not maintained by the school district, the Agricultural Science Department or the FFA Chapter. Losses of animals will not be the responsibility of the school district, the Agriculture Science Department, or the FFA chapter.*



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**This page must be signed, returned and on file before monies for the project can be accepted**

I understand all the guidelines and expectations written in the Agricultural Science Complex (ASC) Instructional Facility Guidelines and Expectations and hereby agree to abide by them at all times.

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_