

AKINS FFA HANDBOOK

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FFA Official Dress

As FFA members, we have the opportunity to impact many people who may or may not be familiar with the organization: Community residents, business men and women, FFA sponsors, guests, parents, etc. Therefore, first impressions are crucial, and that involves the way we dress. ALL FFA members are required to wear official dress while participating in official activities.

Female Official Dress

- Black skirt.
- Skirt is to be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a slit no longer than 2 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 a closed heel and toe (No boots, sandals, open-toed shoes, or tennis shoes.)
- Black nylon hosiery.
- Official FFA jacket zipped to the top.

Male Official Dress

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

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 highest degree earned, highest office held and the highest award earned.

Proper Use of the FFA Jacket:

- 1) The jacket is to be worn only by members.
- 2) The jacket should be kept clean and neat.
- 3) 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 a small official FFA emblem, the name of the individual, one office or honor and the year of that office or honor.
- 4) 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.
- 5) The jacket can ONLY be worn with COMPLETE official dress.
- 6) The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.
- 7) School letters and insignia of other organizations should not be attached to or worn on the jacket.
- 8) When the jacket becomes faded and worn, it should be discarded or the emblems and lettering removed.
- 9) The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a non-member.
- 10) A member should act professionally when wearing the FFA jacket.

11) All chapter degree, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket, with the exception that a single State FFA Degree charm or American FFA Degree key should be worn above the name 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, the highest office held and the highest award earned by the member.

Information Section:

Greenhouse Workdays: Chapter Hour activity at the Akins Greenhouse. Students help with poinsettias and other activities going on.

Community Service events: Students participate in volunteering as community service events arise. Hours should be tracked in AET.

FFA Meetings: All required for students who want to show in the AISD livestock show. Students must receive approval from advisors if they cannot attend a meeting.

Barn Clean Up/Work Days: Required for barn feeders. Designated work days will be set by the advisors. If you are unable to attend you must inform advisors. Work days are mandatory per animal species. They will last about an hour after school.

Shearing and Clipping: With prior ag teacher approval, students can help the ag teachers with clipping and shearing animals for Progress Show or the Livestock Show. This will include clipping, shearing, sweeping, and general cleaning up. MUST have approval first!

CDE Teams: Career Development Events. These happen in the spring. Teams include: Floral, Nursery and Landscape, Land, Milk Quality, Ag Marketing, Vet Tech, Wool, Wildlife, Livestock, Poultry, and Farm Business Management.

Prospect Show: Our Prospect shows happen in the Fall. It is an opportunity for students showing an animal to practice showmanship and get some experience in the show ring before the Travis County Livestock Show in January. Progress/Prospect Show is not mandatory but highly recommended. Advisors will announce progress shows and which ones we will be hauling to as they are scheduled.

TCYS Livestock Show: Travis County Youth Show. Students get the opportunity to exhibit their animal or youth fair project for a chance to sell in the live auction. They will be expected to show up at required times during this event. Tardies and absences from these meetings will result in fines.

Officer Elections: Occur in the spring. See officer election process info later in the packet for information on becoming an officer.

FFA Banquet: The final FFA meeting of the year. Student's achievements and accomplishments are recognized and new officers are installed.

Greenhands: A first year ag student is known as a Greenhand.

Animal Feeders: Students who raise an animal. A Steer Feeder would be a student who raises a steer.

Ag Barns: AISD Agricultural facility is located at Akins high school. Students raising lambs, goats, and pigs may keep their animals in school facility. All AISD rules apply for dress code and behavior at the barns.

Quality Counts: This is an online program through the AgriLife Extension designed for all students. Students will complete this program on the computer during class. They do not need to work on it at home unless they miss those days in class.

LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES & HIGHLIGHTS

1. No Pass/ No Play is in effect and does apply to the Livestock Show requirements!

2. Students in our organization are held to a higher standard and we require that they pass their classes each six weeks, we will be monitoring grades throughout the stockshow season.
3. Students are ineligible to show if they are suspended from school or placed in ISS. Any student placed in ISS more than one time during the year is **ineligible to show**. There is a NO TOLERANCE for use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products on AISD property. Removal to the District's Alternative Learning Center will also result in automatic dismissal and removal of animals.
4. ALL students in an ag science class that want to show MUST complete the **Quality Counts Program** by the due date at the October meeting.
5. Entry paperwork, money, and W9 forms for animal & Youth Fair projects must be turned in on the assigned DUE DATE given at the October meeting. We will not accept money after this date. **Please note that students must be in "good standing" that are participating in the Travis County Youth Show, this means attending 50 % of the meetings from August through December.***
6. Please visit website for rules, requirements, and schedule.
traviscountyyouthshow.org

Animal Project Fees and Costs

1. Pen Rent \$40- Covers maintenance for barn, emergency medication kept on hand & sand
2. FFA Dues \$20- includes Chapter and District fees, remainder will go towards refreshments.
3. Validation tags: \$15 per animal
4. Alfalfa Rotation with other members throughout year is REQUIRED
5. Show Fees \$20 per entry TCYS, \$40 for majors
6. Optional pad lock to secure tack \$5 - See Ms. Moye

Additional Supplies You May Need to Keep on Hand

- Feed trough, water bucket, and cinder block
- Muzzle, halter, lead, chain, and blanket
- Dawn dishwashing detergent (Blue stuff only) OR Bright Lights for Hogs
- Old towels for drying
- Drench Gun
- Bleach, toothbrush (old), & latex gloves to treat ringworm
- Pepto Bismol and Neosporin
- Hog Stick
- Feed Box
- Rabbit Hutch
- Antifungal Treatment

Thank You Notes

- All Students who sell an animal or youth fair project in the livestock show will be required to write a thank you note to the buyer(s). In order to make letters and notes more personal, students should hand write each one. This is preferred by buyers and demonstrates that you took time to custom write each thank you note. THIS makes a difference.
- All thank you letters must meet the following guidelines when turned in:
 - Stamped & addressed in an unsealed envelope
 - Written in pen
 - Turned in by the due date completed. Missing stamps, envelopes, or submitting a poorly written or unreadable thank you note counts as incomplete. Student must fix the problem before the thank you letters are accepted.

LDE/CDE Information:

Students have a choice of several different leadership teams to compete on; this will require after school and evening practices. Be aware that some of these activities could have a limited number of students who can participate. Remember that NO PASS, NO PLAY is in effect to participate in these contests!

- Wear a collared button up shirt (tucked in), nice blue jeans (without holes) and closed toed shoes. OR Official Dress
- Must attend required number of practices
- Be able to get to the school on contest days, this means very early in the morning.
- LDE Contests take place in the Fall. Students will participate at district level. They then can qualify for area and state contests.
- CDE contests take place in the Spring. Locations and dates depend on the type of contest the students participate in. Advisors will announce upcoming dates.

ALL TEAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

LDES:

Moye- Job Interview & Public Relations & Ag Advocacy
 Urea- Quiz & Creed
 Wildman- Radio & Skills

CDES:

Moye- Livestock Judging & Vet Science
 Urea- Floriculture & Landscape/Nursery & Entomology
 Wildman- Horse & Wildlife

\$ FUNDRAISING \$

Participation is required for ALL participants and FFA Officers. Various fundraising opportunities will be announced throughout the year.

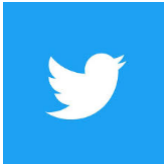
TWO MAJOR FUNDRAISERS:

Fall: Poinsettia Sale- 15 plants PRE SOLD per member

Spring: 2 Weekend Plant Sale- Work total of 6 hours and help with advertisement.

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