



Welcome to Ingram FFA!!



Your child is currently enrolled in an Agricultural Science Course at Ingram Tom Moore High School, and this means they are eligible to join the LARGEST youth organization in the United States... **The FFA.** Contrary to what most believe, FFA is NOT Future Farmers of America anymore, and it is not simply about cows, sows, and plows. FFA is a dynamic youth organization that is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. No farming necessary!

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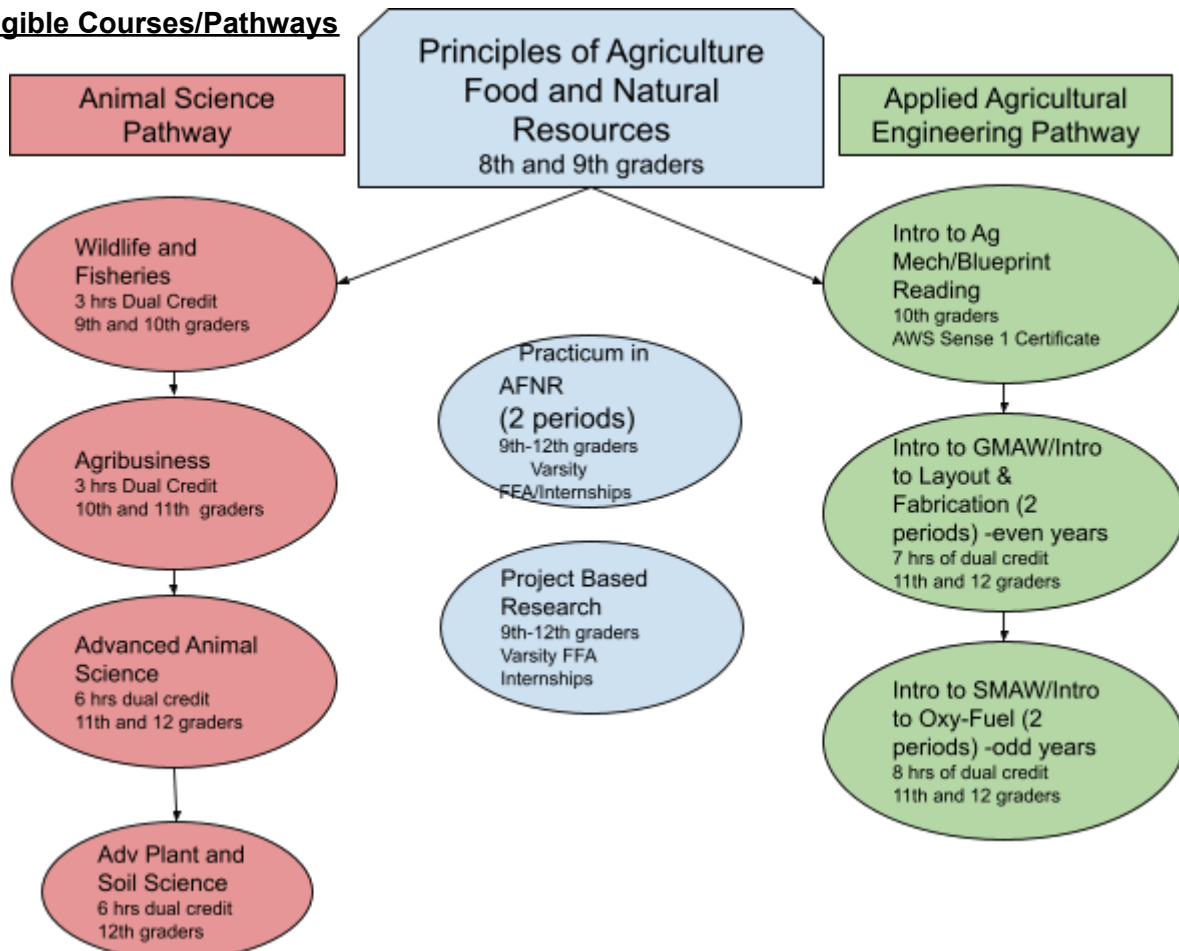
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2022-2023 Eligible Courses/Pathways



About Ingram FFA

Opportunities:

Fall Career Development Event (CDE's) Opportunities:

- Range Plant ID
- Plant ID (8th/9th graders only)
- Land Evaluation
- Home Site Evaluation

Fall Leadership Development Event (LDE's) Opportunities:

Public Speaking:

- Job Interview
- Jr Skills (8th/9th graders only)
- Sr Skills
- Radio Broadcasting

Non Public Speaking:

- Greenhand Quiz (8th/9th graders only)
- Senior Quiz

Spring Career Development Event (CDE's) Opportunities:

- Applied Agriculture Engineering
- Dairy Cattle Judging
- Poultry Judging
- Wildlife

(We do pick back up Range, Land, and Homesite in the spring again if we advance to State)

Speaking Development Events (SDE's) :

- Junior Prepared Public Speaking (8th/9th graders only)
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking

Supervised Agricultural Experiences:

****to pursue an FFA scholarship, at least one SAE is required per year of FFA involvement****

- Raise and show market or breeding livestock
 - * swine (tags must be ordered BY _____ and we need to be notified immediately)
 - *market broilers
 - *lamb (tags must be ordered BY _____ and animal needs to be obtained immediately)
 - *goat (tags must be ordered BY _____ and animal needs to be obtained immediately)
 - *steers and heifers (students raising steers/heifers must have purchased them before validation this summer)
- AgriScience Fair
- Ag Mechanics Project
- Jobs related to the agricultural industry (paid or unpaid)

Commonly asked questions:

1. Does FFA membership affect my child's grade in your class?

Our passion is to provide students countless opportunities to learn, grow, and be successful outside of the classroom setting. FFA membership is not required for the course your child is enrolled in, and membership will not affect his or her grade. We do highly encourage students to get involved though! In Principles of Ag, there is an FFA unit where students will be tested on FFA history and information. Students will memorize the FFA Creed - per standardized state requirement.

2. How do I get involved?

The first FFA meeting is on August 19th at 6pm. There will be a parent introductory meeting where we talk about opportunities and scholarships while the students will have their kickoff meeting!

3. How do I get on a team?

Talk you your ag teacher and watch the board for team tryout and practice information

4. When are FFA practices held?

Practices are held before and/or after school.

5. What if my child is in athletics, band, UIL, theater, etc...Can they still be involved in FFA too?

We work with the student's athletics, band, theater, etc.. schedules to try to accommodate the majority of the students on a team. If there are multiple schedule conflicts on a potential team, we may shuffle the students around to best suit their schedules. There is some give and take during competition season, but all of your child's coaches will work with us to make schedules work for the betterment of the student. We want students to be involved all over campus!

6. When and where are FFA contests?

FFA trains and competes all year long, but it is divided into "seasons". See below...

Due to the fact FFA competitions are not divided by school size (like athletics), we compete all across the state. Since we coach multiple teams that are very successful, we teachers drove over 7,000 miles last year. Students on teams will be required to travel. We use the school district vehicles to transport students to these events. If a child is competing in another school event, we may ask a parent to meet us somewhere with their child.

7. How much is this travel going to cost me?

Competition and travel are expensive, but we work hard to raise money to ensure the students rarely have to pay for anything. We are blessed to have FFA t-shirt sponsors that generously support our program financially. If you know of anyone that would like to provide a sponsorship, please let us know. We also have a meat, dessert, spice, and coffee fundraiser each fall that we ask all FFA members to actively participate in to help raise funds for supplies and travel.

With this money, the FFA covers contest entry fees, hotel rooms, and transportation. For overnight trips, students will get per diem meal money.

Students will purchase their own team shirts, but we can find sponsorships if needed. Students will pay for their own meals or bring a sack lunch for day-only trips.

***Important - If a student fails to notify teachers of absence before contest entries and accommodations cannot be canceled without financial penalty, it will be the student's responsibility to cover the financial loss to the FFA program.**

Scholarships

Upt to \$20,000 is available for Seniors who have actively participated in FFA throughout high school. If students want to apply for these scholarships, they should start working in 8th/9th grade to reach the highest point values both academically and FFA wise on the published rubric. Scholarship information can be accessed through these links:

[Texas FFA Scholarship Information](#)

[Texas FFA Scholarship General Scoring Rubric](#)

[Texas FFA Scholarship FFA Participation Scoring Rubric](#)

'24-'25 FFA T-Shirt Sponsorship Form

Fill out your company information below as it will appear on the shirt

Business Name: _____

Contact Name/Title: _____

BusinessPhone number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Website Link: _____

Check the type of sponsorship

Bronze \$250.00

Silver \$500.00

Gold \$1,000.00

Shirt #1 Size: _____

Shirt #2 Size: _____

Form of Payment:

We accept Cash & Check

Make checks payable to Ingram FFA

Payment amount: _____ Check/Cash/Paypal: _____ Check # if applicable: _____

Donor signature: _____

Please feel free to mail donations and forms to: **Ingram FFA 644 Hwy 39 Ingram, Texas 78025**

Ingram FFA Contact information:

Jessica Reeves (FFA Advisor)

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Your donations are greatly appreciated!

How to Stay Connected with Ingram FFA

We use some technology to stay connected with our students, parents, and community. These include; Remind, Google Classroom, and our social media pages.

- FFA Google Classroom Code: wfb2dho

We use Google Classroom to keep track of assignments in our Practicum class, along with other FFA activities like our CDEs, LDEs, and other contests. Every student involved in our FFA program will be required to join this classroom so that we can push out important documents and assignments to them. Parents are also encouraged to also join this to see what their child is doing in our classroom!

- Google Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=aW5ncmFtaXNkLm5ldF9jbGFzc3Jvb20yY2U3YjdmOUBncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

This is probably the most important tool that we use for Ingram FFA. Our Google calendar allows us to put all future dates important to the chapter (meetings, contest dates, deadlines etc.) so that all students and parents are well informed of these ahead of time. We will have a sign-up sheet at the front of the meeting for parents to put their email addresses for us to share this with them! You can also find this through the Google Classroom as well! If for some reason it does not work for you send one of us advisors an email and we can assist you. It is very important that everyone is a part of this!

- Ingram FFA Social Media

We share contest results, important school, district, and chapter information, and lots of other things! It is a great way to keep up with what is going on with our students, chapter, community, and the agriculture industry. We love to encourage our parents and community members to follow us!!



Ingram Tom Moore FFA: This facebook page is how we keep up with our stakeholders, and is the most up-to-date. We post all of our contest results, student achievements, and chapter information.



@Ingram.ffa: This is a relatively new social media account for our chapter. We hope to post pictures of relevant FFA activities, reminders, etc.

Ingram FFA Code of Ethics

-In conjunction with the National FFA Code of Ethics-

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family. By abiding by the Code of Ethics, you earn the right to be a member in good standing. As an FFA member, I pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others by showing respect for the rights of others and being courteous at all times.
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion. (see below)
 - a. Girls: (for all FFA functions, except those explained, in detail, below)
 - Jeans with no holes
 - Girls' hair should be neatly groomed with no unnatural colors.
 - Girls' body piercings are not allowed. Ears only.
 - No visible tattoos.
 - Girls shorts/ dresses must be fingertip length (No "Nike Shorts").
 - No visible undergarments (including bralettes).
 - Tank tops must be school ID width on the straps.
 - No inappropriate signage on clothing. (if you can't bring it to school, it can't be on your clothing).
 - b. Boys: (for all FFA functions, except those explained, in detail, below)
 - Official Dress (as outlined in the FFA Manual)
 - Boys hair will be neatly groomed, off the ears, and off standing collar. (no man buns)
 - Boys' earrings and body piercings are not allowed.
 - Boys will be clean shaven, at all times.
 - No visible tattoos.
 - No cut-off sleeve shirts.
 - No inappropriate signage on clothing. (if you can't bring it to school, it can't be on clothing).

Livestock Show:

- Jeans (no holes)
- Closed toed shoes
- Collared shirt

FFA Competitions/ Banquets/ Conventions:

- Solid black closed toed shoes
- White button down collared shirt
- FFA tie/ scarf
- FFA Jacket
- Girls: FFA appropriate skirt
- Boys: Black Slacks

CDE Contests:

- Jeans, no holes
- Collared shirt.
- Closed toed shoes

4. No student shall, during any school term and while on school premises or off school premises at a school-sponsored activity, function, or event, sell, give, deliver, use, possess, or be under the influence of any amount of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.
 5. Respect the rights of others and their property (this includes peers, teachers, administrators, etc...)
- **Students shall not engage in prohibited harassment which is motivated by race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law, including dating violence and social media activity that is inappropriate.
6. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
 7. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
- **Any student member of the Ingram FFA representing themselves, or their organization, in an unfavorable, questionable or illegal manner through electronic media (i.e. websites, personal home pages, blogs, text/group messages, chat rooms or similar websites/files accessible through a server or internet) or using electronic communication devices in a such way as to bring discredit, dishonor, or disgrace on their organization or members of any other organization including themselves (i.e. camera phones, digital photos, electronic descriptions, social networking) may be subject to removal from FFA activities. Every situation will be investigated by the Ag Science Teachers and campus administrator before actions are taken. The campus administrator and Ag Science Teachers will make the final decision.
8. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
 9. Make self-aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant; this includes attending a minimum of 80% of the regular scheduled FFA meetings and as many FFA functions as possible.
 10. Taking pride in our organization, activities, supervised experience program, exhibits, and the occupation of agriculture.
 11. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
 12. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

Memorandum of Understanding

By each student and parent signing the Memorandum of Understanding at the end of the packet, you are agreeing to abide by the Ingram FFA Constitution, Bylaws, and Code of Ethics. To be active in the FFA and participate in ANY and ALL activities, students must be a member in good standing. If any code is broken, the student is no longer an FFA member in good standing and can no longer participate in FFA activities.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date

Ingram FFA SAE Agreement

Student Name: _____

Student's Ag Class and Period: _____

Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Guardian Cell #: _____ Student Cell #: _____

What species do you plan to raise? _____ What breed do you plan to raise? _____

Does an FFA Advisor need to help you choose your animal? _____

Where will the animal be kept during the show season (address must be given with contact information of home/landowner)? _____

List all county/major livestock shows you would like to be entered in under Ingram FFA?

HCDJLS	Grandstand	State Fair of Texas	Heart O'Texas	Fort Worth
San Antonio	San Angelo	Houston Austin		

1. I understand that I can show at all of the major livestock shows and prospect shows across the state through FFA, BUT I must be of the understanding that an FFA advisor may NOT be in attendance at these livestock shows.
2. My parent/legal guardian will be required to take my animal and me to these shows and remain at the show the whole time if I am showing under Ingram FFA.
3. If Ingram FFA does go to a major show as a group and Mrs. Reeves or Ms. Abbe is supervising Ingram students, I understand we will wait in line and stall together. At Kerr County and Grandstand, stalling together as the Ingram Show Team is encouraged. Students now stalled with Ingram FFA must understand that they are still subject to any and all rules outlined in Ingram FFA documents.
4. I will attend 80% of the monthly FFA meetings to be able to show. ONLY Ingram ISD Extracurricular Activities or doctors notes will be accepted as excuses for missing meetings.
5. I will keep a record of my expenses, income, hours, etc..in my AET record book.
6. My attendance will be coded as an extracurricular activity absence for major livestock shows, the HDJLS, and Grandstand only if I am exhibiting an animal at that specific show under Ingram FFA. Extracurricular absences will not be granted for students to wash animals, load trailers, etc..
7. While representing Ingram FFA, I will be required to follow all Ingram ISD policies and all Ingram FFA policies/code of ethics. I understand that if I break one or more of these rules while at a show representing Ingram FFA and Ingram ISD, even with my parents in attendance, I am subject to appropriate disciplinary action through Ingram ISD as prescribed in the student code of conduct or Ingram FFA constitution, by-laws, and memorandum of understanding.
8. I understand that I will not receive my show checks until I write appropriate thank you notes to my buyers.
9. If raising an animal at the Ingram ISD barn, I will not receive my show check until my pen and school trailers are completely cleaned, power washed, and sanitized.

All of the below must be completed on time to exhibit an SAE under Ingram FFA:

FFA Dues Paid _____

Animal Validation Tags Paid _____

Ingram ISD Ag Barn Fee Paid _____ (if applicable)

Barn Agreement Signed and Turned In _____ (if applicable)

Show Entries Filled Out Completely and Turned In _____

Show Entries Paid _____

Student is Active and in "Good Standing" with the FFA according to the Ingram, District, Area, State, and National FFA policies _____

Barn is cleaned completely by the deadline _____ (if applicable)

I understand all of the above and agree to Ingram FFA's SAE policies; I understand that if I fail to do any of the things outlined above, I will not be in good standing with Ingram FFA, and I forfeit my right to raise and exhibit livestock under them:

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Ingram Independent School District Project Facility Guidelines

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ingram ISD Project facility located at the back of Ingram Middle School and Ingram Tom Moore High School is to provide an extension of the *classroom* to be utilized for students' Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP).

In order for all parties to best utilize the Agricultural Science facilities and to insure the safety of the students, animals, and others on the property, the following regulations must be followed. To ensure compliance, Ingram ISD employees, including Agricultural Science teachers and school administrators, will monitor compliance of facility rules and the operations of the facility.

Ingram FFA members who do not have a place to raise projects are eligible for space in the project facility. Agricultural Science teachers will assign all stalls and stalls will not be changed without their approval.

Eligible students will be allowed project space according to the following priorities:

1. Exhibitors at the Kerr County Livestock Show and Hill Country Grandstand Show
2. Exhibitors at San Antonio or San Angelo Livestock Show
3. Exhibitors at other major shows

If space is not available for a particular animal project, the following priorities will be in place to determine the assignment of project space:

1. Students who have exhibited animals through the Ingram FFA for the longest time.
2. Students in the higher grade level (Ranked from 12th down to 8th).
3. The names of eligible students exhibiting at the same level, members of FFA for the same number of years, and in the same grade level will be placed in a box and randomly drawn by the Agricultural Science teachers to determine the order of priority for the remaining available spaces.

All students' projects are under the direct supervision of their Agricultural Science teacher. The student is to respect the value of the Ingram ISD Agricultural Science Facility. Any defacing of property or equipment will mean dismissal from the complex **IMMEDIATELY**.

Neither Ingram ISD, any Ingram ISD Agricultural Science teacher, the FFA Chapter, nor any school official is responsible for any loss or damage to any person, property, or any project animal while it is on school property or any other property.

It is the policy of Ingram ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

PROJECT FACILITY RULES

A. Use of Facilities

1. As an Ingram ISD facility supporting school-related activities, the most recent IISD Student Handbook will be followed.
2. For security purposes, the facility will be used between **6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. only**. If an emergency arises outside of these hours and an animal must be fed, an ag science teacher must be notified.
3. All users must drive and park in designated areas; must abide by fire code.
4. The Project Facility is for Ingram ISD students and Ingram FFA and Jr FFA animals only.
5. No breeding animals are allowed at the facility unless solely used for show purposes.
6. All manure and feedstuffs must be properly disposed of in the approved designated areas.
 - Any student dumping waste products in any area other than the dumpster or leaving it in the wheelbarrow will receive an automatic second offense disciplinary action (see number 21 below).
7. Animals are to be washed in the designated wash rack only.
8. Feed Storage at the facility will be limited to tightly sealed containers in your pen or a designated area in the supply pen. No feed may be kept in the alleyways or left outside of a sealed container; it **WILL** be thrown away if this happens.
9. The safety, sanitation, and appearance of the barn are a priority.
10. Cleanliness of the Project Facility is the direct responsibility of every student with a project. Each pen **MUST** be cleaned **TWICE** a day and manure dumped in the approved area.
11. All broken or stolen equipment is to be reported immediately. All equipment is to be cleaned and returned to the proper storage area after each use. All wheelbarrows **WILL** be emptied after each use.
12. No glass containers are allowed at the barn complex. Broken glass can cause severe damage to a student or project.
13. Passageways, including door openings, are not to be cluttered with boxes, equipment or animals. Both routine and emergency traffic must be able to move efficiently.
14. Any accident or safety hazard is to be reported to a teacher immediately.
15. If an animal gets sick at any time, an Agricultural Science teacher must be notified immediately and the animal moved to a quarantined area specified by the teachers.
 - Agricultural Science teachers are not veterinarians. They will do their best to help sick or injured animals, but it is the responsibility of the student to contact a local veterinarian and haul their own animal to the vet clinic if necessary. An Agricultural Science Teacher will not be held liable for the quality, placing, sickness, injury, or death of any livestock at the Ingram ISD Ag Facility.
16. The use of power equipment such as tractors, bobcats, other front-end loaders, etc. owned by students is **NOT** allowed at the facility.
17. No pets are allowed on the project facility grounds.
18. No modifications will be made to electricity, carpentry, plumbing, or anything else related to the project facility without approval from the appropriate Ancillary Service Department.
19. There will be **NO** use of tobacco products at the facility. Students seen in person, on surveillance video, or on social media platforms participating in any activities listed in #19 at the project facility will be reported to administration
20. There will be **NO** use of alcoholic beverages or other illegal substances on the grounds. Anyone seen in person, on surveillance video, or on social media platforms participating in any activities listed in #20 at the project facility will be reported to administration and their animal removed from the facility.

21. Any student who does not abide by the rules of the project facility will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

1st offense – Written warning by an Agricultural Science teacher and parent notification

2nd offense – Written warning by the Agricultural Science teacher which will be passed on to the administrator* of the campus which the student attends. They will meet with student and one legal guardian,

3rd offense – Removal of animal from facility*

Upon being evicted, the student has 7 days to remove the animal and clean out his/her pen. After 7 days, the animal becomes the property of IISD.

*A fee, determined by a IISD administrator, may be charged for any offense that requires time, materials, or actions to correct.

*If evicted from the IISD Facility, the student will not be allowed to stall an animal at the facility anymore.

B. Student Responsibilities

1. The student must be a paid IISD FFA member **in good standing** to utilize the facility. Only the student's immediate family may enter to feed or assist the student. No guests, other than those **approved** by the ag teacher such as veterinarians, hoof trimmers, etc. should enter.
2. Students and parents will follow the Key and Access Policy in Section E.
3. All students will share the responsibility of the community areas. Teachers will assign specific duties if necessary. At certain times of the year, teachers may schedule a work day which is mandatory for all students having a project in the facility. Failure to attend these work days could result in eviction. If sick, the student must give the agriculture teachers notice and bring a doctor's note when he/she returns to school.
4. If a student is evicted from the facility, he/she will not be allowed back on the premises.
5. No student may leave a vehicle or trailer at the project facility overnight unless given prior approval from an Agricultural Science teacher.
6. Any valuables should be brought to and from home as needed. The school district and employees are not responsible for theft and damage.
7. All students will provide their own shavings or bedding.
8. Only the owner of a project may provide feed, water, other care, or move the project unless that owner has given permission to another student or family member.
9. No student shall administer any medication to an animal without prior approval from an Agricultural Science teacher.
10. Any complaint or questions concerning the facility and the rules applied to its use should be presented to the student's Agricultural Science teacher.

C. Timelines for Removal of Projects

1. If a student becomes ineligible to show or moves out of IISD, the student has 7 days to remove his/her project and clean out his/her pen.
2. If a student is assigned to the Alternative Education Program (AEP) then he/she becomes ineligible to show the project and the animal must be removed within 7 days and the pen must be cleaned.
3. If an animal has not been removed within 7 days and other arrangements have not been made with the Agricultural Science teachers, the project becomes the property of IISD* (C.1, C.2, C.7).
4. **After exhibiting the animal at the designated show, students have 14 days to remove the animal(s), clean out the shavings, clean drains, pressure wash, and bleach the pen. On the**

14th day, the student's pen will be checked to ensure it meets expectations. If not, a note will be left with the corrections needed and that student will have 48 hours to make the necessary adjustments. If the student fails the second inspection a fine of \$25 will be assessed and the student will not be allowed to stall an animal at the facility in the future.

5. **A mandatory barn clean-up day will be arranged by the Ag Science teachers for each student to clean common areas of the facility. If there is a conflict, the student must make prior arrangements with their teacher and send another person to represent them.**
6. If death of an animal occurs while on the project facility, an Agricultural Science teacher must be contacted and the animal removed IMMEDIATELY. The student has 7 days to clean out the pen.
7. If a student abuses or neglects his/her animal project, he/she may be eligible for legal prosecution and the abused/neglected animal(s) will become the property of IISD*, and be removed from the facility immediately.

***Property of IISD means the animal will be removed and sold by the Agricultural Science teachers. Any money received will go directly back into the FFA Account.**

D. Costs for Facility Use

1. All students must pay a non-refundable pen rent that is due prior to the animal arriving at the facility. **Pen rent amount is determined by waste removal amount and not pen space.** They are as follows:

Swine = \$ 50.00 per project per year
Lamb = \$ 50.00 per project per year
Goats = \$ 50.00 per project per year
Chickens (cull only)= \$ 50.00 per pen per year
Turkey (cull only) = \$ 100.00 per pen per year

***Students/parents may discuss pen rent in exchange for labor with Ag Science Teacher

2. There may be a fee charged to correct problems created by any violation of a facility rule (A.19).
3. Failure to remove an animal and clean the pen within 7 days after any request for removal (See Section C) will result in a charge of \$50.
4. Failure to return a gate key within the designated time period will result in a charge of \$50 or the cost to replace the lock-key system

E. Key and Access Policy for the Project Facility

1. Students will enter the facility through the main door. The gate code should not be given out to other individuals without the consent of the Agricultural Science Teacher.

I agree to abide by all of the Ingram ISD FFA Barn Rules. I understand that if we do not, we are subject to eviction and the consequences lined out in this document.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

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