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2021-2022 School Year

Dear FFA Members, Parents, Young Farmers and Supporters,

Welcome to the new school year! We are looking forward to a successful year of many opportunities and great experiences. Be sure to visit our website www.granburyisd.org/ffa for more information, and sign up for our Reminds to receive updated information. If you are in need of assistance in selecting an SAE (livestock, poultry or other project) our advisors will be glad to help you. Our chapter is very diverse and offers many different opportunities for our members. We hope that you will take advantage of the FFA and get involved. Our mission is to promote leadership, personal growth and make successful career choices. FFA is an intra-curricular school organization that has something for everyone. Any of our officers or FFA Advisors will be happy to visit with you.

FFA members, please return the attached FFA Contract and Drug Testing Form to your advisor as soon as possible. For our new members, welcome to Granbury FFA, and for our returning members, welcome back. We are excited for this year, and cannot wait to see what our members accomplish.

Sincerely,
Your Granbury FFA Officer Team

Forms Included to be RETURNED:

- Chapter Handbook Acceptance Form
- FFA Membership/SAE Contract
- Drug Form

Please remember: the only way a student or parent will be notified of our updates, reminders, deadlines, FFA events, etc. outside of the classroom and barn bulletin board will be done via the REMIND text registration.

You will get a lot of information but you will be informed!

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*Must be signed & returned

Remind Text Alerts

Text the following codes to 81010 to receive updates

- FFA: text @gburyffa
- Sheep & Goats: text @g-lambgoat
- Pigs: text @gburypigs
- Rabbits: text @g-rabbits



Also follow us on...



Granbury FFA



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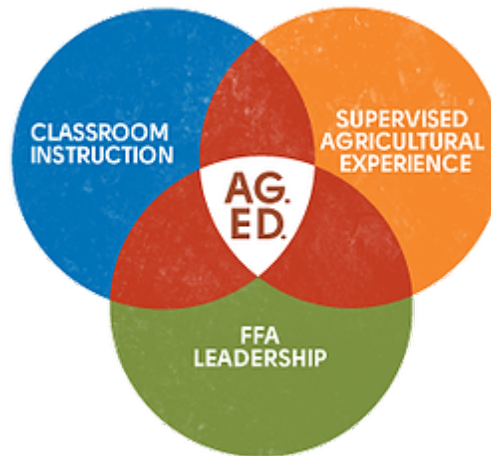


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What is FFA?

“FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education.”

In order to have a complete agricultural education program which enriches the lives of student’s academically, socially and professionally the following three areas must be intact. For a student of agricultural education to gain as much as possible he/she should participate in ALL three areas. No one is more important than the other in a well-rounded agricultural education experience.



FFA Mission

“FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.”

FFA Moto

*Learning to Do,
Doing to Learn,
Earning to Live,
Living to Serve.*



How to Become an FFA Member

Membership is open to all students in grades 9-12.

To become an active FFA member and retain membership, a student must:

1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year. (see qualifying classes listed on page 5).
2. Pay \$20 FFA dues to advisor by October 1st.
3. Show an interest in the affairs of the local FFA chapter by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization (see code of ethics).
5. Achieve and maintain a GPA of at least 2.0.
6. Completely review and sign the chapter handbook acceptance form.
7. Completely review and sign the FFA Contract.
8. Get involved!!! The FFA has many opportunities available for you to take advantage of.

FFA= Recognition + Competition + Excitement

Individuals who demonstrate drive, motivation, commitment, and appropriateness will earn privileges through attitude and involvement.

If you want to get the most out of the FFA experience, follow the following involvement guide:

- Have positive and proactive communication
- Practice and compete in an LDE, CDE, or SDE (see page 6)
- Ask what needs to be done
- Develop and complete an SAE
- Be involved with set up or take down at an activity
- Work effectively and efficiently
- Ask questions if you are unsure
- Be a team player
- Use only appropriate actions and language
- Be positive and uplifting to others
- Maintain your recordbook
- Apply for degrees
- Apply for a proficiency
- Have fun

Junior FFA Membership

Junior FFA Membership is open to students in the 3rd grade (and/or 8 years old) through 8th grade. Students must live in or attend school in Granbury ISD. Jr Members also pay the \$20 dues, and are able to participate in chapter meetings and stock shows. See an advisor for more information.

FFA Code of Ethics

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family.

FFA members pledge to:

- Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
- Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
- Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
- Respect the rights of others and their property.
- Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
- Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
- Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
- Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience program.
- Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
- Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

Adopted by the Delegates at the 1952 National FFA Convention. Revised by the Delegates at the 1995 National FFA Convention.

Classroom Instruction

Granbury High School proudly offers a variety of courses for students interested in agriculture. Below is the order of classes for each emphasis area. While students are not required to follow one emphasis area, doing so will greatly benefit the student. All courses are a full year.

Year	Animal Science Emphasis	Ag. Mechanics Emphasis	Plant Science Emphasis
Freshman	Principles of AFNR	Principles of AFNR	Principles of AFNR
Sophomore	Livestock Production <i>or</i> Small Animal Management & Equine Science	Ag Mechanics & Metal Technologies	Principles & Elements of Floral Design
Junior	Advanced Animal Science <i>or</i> Veterinary Medical Applications	Ag Facilities Design & Fabrication	Horticulture Science <i>or</i> Advanced Floral Design
Senior	Advanced Animal Science <i>or</i> Vet Med Practicum*	Welding Practicum**	Plant Practicum*** <i>or</i> Advanced Floral Design

*Vet Med Practicum is designed for students who wish to pursue a career in the veterinary medical field. Students must complete Veterinary Medical Applications as a prerequisite, and must work or shadow at a veterinary clinic during enrollment of the Vet Med Practicum course. At the completion of senior year, students will be eligible to take the exam to earn their Certified Veterinary Assistant certificate through the TVMA. Please see Mrs. Hinojosa for more details.

**Welding Practicum is designed for students who hold an agriculture mechanics related job. Students must have successfully completed the previous courses in the ag mechanics pathway to be eligible for this course. Please see Mr. Hinojosa for more details.

***Plant Practicum is designed for students interested in the horticultural sciences. These students will spend their time in the greenhouse taking care of plants and conducting various research projects. Students must have successfully completed the other courses in the Plant Science Pathway to be eligible for this course. Please see Mr. Keys for more details.

Students are encouraged to work with their school counselor and the ag teachers to develop a course timeline that best suits their needs.

→ IMPORTANT ←

In order for a student to be an ACTIVE FFA member, they must be enrolled in an agriculture class for that year. This includes participation in contests, shows, and officer positions.

FFA Contests

Granbury FFA prides itself on successful competition in various contests offered throughout the year. Our members have competed on the district, area, state, and even national levels.

The number of contests offered each year depends on student participation, school funds, and advisor workload. Students will learn more about each contest in their classes, and are encouraged to talk with an advisor if interested in joining a team.

Leadership Development Events (LDEs) – take place during the fall semester

- Agricultural Advocacy
- Agricultural Issues Forum
- Agricultural Skill Demonstration
- Chapter Conducting
- Chapter Agricultural Quiz
- Creed Speaking
- FFA Broadcasting
- Greenhand FFA Quiz
- Job Interview
- Public Relations

Career Development Events (CDEs) – take place during the spring semester

- Dairy Cattle
- Entomology
- Horse
- Livestock
- Poultry
- Range
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife
- Wool
- Ag Mechanics
- Floriculture

Speaking Development Events (SDEs) – take place during spring semester

- Extemporaneous Public Speaking
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking
- Junior Prepared Public Speaking
- Soil Stewardship Prepared Public Speaking

Agriscience Fair – takes place throughout the year

- Students conduct an ag related science fair project either as a team or individually
- Competitions are available throughout the year
- See an advisor for more details

Eligibility Policy

The Granbury Independent School District, by state law, must adhere to the “No-Pass, No-Play” policy of the Texas Education Agency. This policy states that all students participating in extracurricular activities must be passing ALL courses. Students who fail any subject for the six weeks will be ineligible for a period of three (3) weeks. Students may not participate in competition (livestock shows are included) during the three week period following the failing grade, but they are allowed to continue to practice and be part of other activities. At the end of the three weeks, a grade check will be done in order to determine if the ineligible student is passing. If the student is passing after the third week then the student becomes eligible for participation in competition after the fourth week (there is a one week grace period). If the student is still failing at the end of the three weeks, then the student will remain ineligible until the end of the next three weeks or the next grading period.

- It is important to note that the semester grade has no bearing on eligibility.
- One other important thing to note is that a grade of “incomplete” renders a student ineligible until it is changed to a passing grade. Students must clear incomplete grades before the end of the five (5) school days grace period following the end of the six weeks, or they are ineligible for the remainder of the following six weeks.
- Students are encouraged to notify their ag teacher as soon as possible if they suspect that a grade is below an acceptable level. It is sometimes possible to offer suggestions and /or locate appropriate tutors from within the Ag program. Remember, the ag teachers cannot help once grades are posted.

Granbury FFA Communication Policy

2021-2022

The following communication policy is designed to keep each agriculture student safe. **Signing the “FFA Membership/SAE Contract” will signify that you acknowledge and agree with this policy** and that you will not break the policy. If a student breaks this policy, the student could be subject to discipline or removal from the Ag program.

Granbury FFA Policies:

- Students may contact the Ag teachers during the hours of 7AM-9PM **via email or remind**.
 - Parent/guardians can contact the ag teachers via the Ag office phone between the hours of 8 AM-4:30 PM
- **The student is NOT ALLOWED to contact the ag teachers via the ag teachers personal cell phone numbers in any situation.**
 - Students cannot communicate one on one with the ag teachers through social media, text message, etc. (excluding school provided email). The student must include their parent/guardian in EACH conversation initiated through those venues.
- All animal emergencies between the hours of 9PM and 7AM, are the responsibility of the owner. If you need professional advice, please **contact a veterinarian**.
- GHS Ag Teachers are available via GISD email at all hours. If the ag teacher does not respond, speak to them at school the following day.
- Parents/guardians of the student are welcome to contact the ag teachers independently **during the scheduled contact hours of 7AM-9PM**.
- Under no circumstances should students request to follow school personnel on social media sites. It is not appropriate for a student, parent, or guardian to contact a teacher via social media.

Granbury FFA Sanctioned Shows

Participates as a show team at the following school sanctioned livestock shows throughout the year: Advisors will supervise and assist any and all FFA members in good standing with the Granbury FFA Chapter at any of the below shows throughout the year.

(THIS LIST MAY BE REVISED BY GISD AT ANY TIME DUE TO FUNDS AVAILABLE OR RESTRICTIONS)

October 16

- Young Farmer Fall Shoot-Out (Granbury Ag Center)
- Heifers, steers, lambs, goats
- Pigs – Granbury FFA pigs only

October 23

- Battle on the Brazos (Hood County Reunion Grounds)
- Heifers, steers, lambs, goats

January 4-7, 2022

- Hood County Jr Livestock Show
- Broilers, rabbits, pigs, lambs, goats, heifers, steers, ag mechanics, family living
- See separate page for more info and full schedule

January

- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
- Heifers, sheep, goats, steers, pigs
- See POA or website for full schedule

February

- San Antonio Livestock Show
- Steers, lambs, goats, pigs, ag science fair, Ag mechanics
- See POA or website for full schedule

*There are many shows throughout the year that an exhibitor may exhibit their livestock projects individually. However, Granbury ISD is not required to haul animals to shows not listed above, nor are they responsible for animals contracting disease at a show, especially if they are advised not to attend by advisors.

NOTE:

Ag Teachers will assist in the transportation of the animals at sanctioned shows listed in the handbook. Parents/students must stay in contact with advisors as of the needs to weigh, oversee or transport animals for the sanctioned shows. We have a great community of support that offer to help us and transport projects during the year. We can assist you just keep in touch. We have a big program and we are blessed. Help us to continue to be here for the kids and to help each other with a positive influence. We ask that students keep the Remind notifications on at all times. It is imperative that we have constant contact with each of you.

8/31/2021

Hood County Stock Show Info

Below is the schedule for the 2022 Hood County Jr Livestock Show.

Granbury FFA is not responsible for creating the county show rules. Therefore, it is imperative you visit the Hood County Livestock Raisers Association (HCLRA) website to read the official rules. Rules and entries can be found at <https://www.hoodcountylivestockraisersassociation.org/> under the “County Stockshow” tab.

***Advisors will NOT enter you for county, it is up the exhibitor & parents to do so.** This will be completed online on the HCLRA website. Please pay attention to the deadline to enter, as no one will be able to enter once registration is closed. **Registration opens November 1st and closes December 7th.** Granbury FFA will send out reminders through the Remind text system, so be sure you are registered for those.

Tuesday, January 4: Fairgrounds Open at 6:30am

7:00-10:00am Rabbit Weigh-In
8:00am Livestock Skill-a-thon Check-In
8:00-11:00am Ag Mechanics Check-In
8:30am Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest
10:00-10:30am Broiler Check-In
11:30am Broiler Show
12:00-1:00pm Sheep: Market Lamb Weigh-In/Classification & Breeding Ewe Check-In
12:30pm Livestock Skill-a-thon Buckle Presentation
2:00pm Rabbit Show
2:00-3:00pm Goat: Market Goat Weigh-In & Breeding Doe Check-In
10:00pm Gates Close

Wednesday, January 5: Fairgrounds Open at 6:00am

8:00-11:00am Family Living Division Check-In
8:00-11:00am Swine: Market Swine Weigh-In/Classification & Breeding Gilts Check-In
11:00am Sheep Show: Breeding Ewe Show followed by Market Lamb Show
12:00pm Family Living Division Judging (Exhibit Building Closed)
3:00pm Goat Show: Breeding Doe Show followed by Market Goat Show
6:00-8:00pm Ag Mechanics Check-In
6:00pm Family Living Division Opens / Silent Auction Begins
7:00pm Non-Silent Auction Family Living Division Items Removal Deadline
10:00pm Gates Close

Thursday, January 6: Fairgrounds Open at 6:00am

6:30am Family Living Division Silent Auction Continues
9:00-10:00am Cattle: Market Steer Weigh-In/Classification & Heifer Check-In
9:00am-12:00pm Ag Mechanics Show
1:00pm Breeding Gilt Show
2:00pm Market Swine Show
10:00pm Gates Close

Friday, January 7: Fairgrounds Open at 6:00am

6:30-8:30am 4-H Pancake Breakfast
6:30am Family Living Division Silent Auction Continues
11:00am Heifer Show
1:00pm Market Steer Show
4:00pm Family Living Division Silent Auction Closes
10:00pm Gates Close
*** Release of All Projects Not Making Premium Sale***

Saturday, January 8: Fairgrounds Open at 6:00am

11:00am Buyer Meal
1:00pm Premium Auction Sale

Official Dress Acknowledgement

Official Dress as outlined by the National FFA Association is as follows:

Boys

- White Button Down Shirt (with fold down collar)
- Black Slacks (jeans are not official dress)
- Black Shoes (black boots are allowed as per state Constitution)
- Black Socks
- Official FFA Tie (or plain black or navy tie)
- Official FFA Jacket



Girls

- White Button Down Shirt (with fold down collar)
- Black Skirt (school dress code will be followed for length)
- Solid Black Shoes (closed toe & closed heel)
- Black Nylons or Tights
- Official FFA Scarf
- Official FFA Jacket

*NOTE: girls will be allowed to wear black slacks for certain events. Confirm with advisor before wearing

Proper Use of the FFA Jacket

These are some of the National FFA Guidelines for using & wearing the FFA jacket:

- Jacket is to be worn by members only
- The jacket should be kept neat and clean
- The jacket should be worn to official functions with the zipper fastened to the top, collar turned down, and cuffs fastened
- School letters and insignia of other organizations (i.e. all of the great buttons and stickers they give you in the career fair) should not be attached or worn on the jacket
- FFA members should act professionally while wearing the FFA jacket
- Only three medals should be worn on the jacket, these should represent 1) the highest degree attained, 2) the highest honor achieved, and 3) current officer pin.

***By signing the Chapter Handbook Acceptance Form, I have read this document and fully understand that I am expected to wear full official dress to all official functions, while traveling, and attending official FFA functions. I will also abide by the proper use of the FFA jacket as listed above and set forth by the National FFA Organization.**



**How can
parents help?**



Join our Parent support group!

Parent Involvement

The Granbury FFA is supported by a very active Young Farmer organization made up of parents, former students, and community members. Without the help of these dedicated individuals, our chapter would not be what it is today. We encourage all parents to become active in our adult education/agriculture support organization. It will keep you and your student more informed of chapter opportunities.

Granbury Young Farmers

Chapter Handbook Acceptance

Please obtain signatures and return to your advisor

Student Acknowledgement

By signing, you are signifying to:

Reading, studying, and understanding the prerequisites of being an agricultural student and FFA member in the Granbury FFA Chapter. I will carry out my responsibilities in accordance to these statements and understand what is required of me to be successful in the total agricultural program. I also agree that my membership in the FFA chapter is subject to my conduct at any and all activities and may be revoked at the discretion of the chapter officers and/or FFA advisor(s).

*By signing, I also agree to follow the communication with ag teachers policy outlined in this handbook

Student Name (Printed) _____

Mailing Address: _____
(street or PO Box) (city, state, and zip code)

Phone: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Acknowledgement

I hereby acknowledge that my student _____ has my complete support, approval and encouragement for being a student of the agricultural education program and a member of the Granbury FFA. I understand that in order to fully benefit from this program, my student will be required to complete the responsibilities of the total program as stated in this handbook. I also understand that at the discretion of the chapter officers and/or advisors, my student may be removed from the FFA chapter should their behavior become detrimental to the program.

*By signing, I also agree to follow the communication with ag teachers policy outlined in this handbook

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____

A copy of our handbook can be found on our website: www.granburyisd.org/ffa or by scanning the QR code →



FFA Membership/SAE Contract

Student Name: _____ Year: 2021/2022
Print Name Campus

1. As a member of Granbury FFA, you are held to a higher standard of behavior in any Ag Classroom, Ag Laboratory, Ag Center, during any FFA Activity, and in your other classes. Participation in any FFA sponsored activity will require FFA members to follow all applicable rules mentioned in this contract.
 - a. Repeated disciplinary referrals, regardless of what class/teacher, could result in removal from FFA and Ag Center.
 - b. **A placement in BTC or transfer to STARS will require you to remove your animal or project from the Ag Center within 24 hours of your placement. It will be your responsibility to find another place to care for your project, as you will be unable to have access to the barn.**
Initials
 - c. Multiple disciplinary placements into an alternative campus (BTC) will result in termination of barn access and FFA membership.
 - d. Students will be referred to the GHS Administration for disciplinary action and removal from the Ag science program/FFA Chapter and Ag Center for noncompliance of SAE Contract, Student Handbook, FFA Code of Conduct, or other inappropriate conduct, (examples - fighting, profanity, vandalism, graffiti, drug or alcohol use)
 - e. Anyone stealing or vandalizing any GISD equipment or property will be turned over to the GHS administration immediately. You are expected to report someone that if you see someone vandalizing or stealing please report this to the agriculture department or the GHS administration.
 - f. **No alcohol, tobacco, drugs or weapons (knives of any type) are allowed at any FFA activity or on any GISD property.**
Initials
 - g. Any project validated under another organization will be ineligible for exhibition under Granbury FFA. Exceptions to this rule will be: ex. when a student moves into the district and is in good standing with the previous organization and the FFA organization.
 - h. **The communication with ag teachers policy outlined in the handbook will be followed with NO EXCEPTIONS**
Initials
2. Upon successful completion of a disciplinary placement to an alternative campus (BTC), if applicable and eligible you may be able to resume participation in FFA activities.
3. The Ag-Teachers reserve the right to remove any animals from the GHS Ag-facility for noncompliance of rules, neglect of care, rule violations, or violation of FFA Code of ethics, the Ag- Teachers also reserve the right to quarantine animals to remain locked in their pens or moved off farm for a specified period of time.
 - a. It is the responsibility of the animal owner to feed, water, clean, and care for the animal, this will be done daily according to the feeding schedule recommended by the GHS Ag teachers. (Don't do any changes without consulting the Ag Teacher)
 - b. Animals will be fed by the owners only, unless permission is granted from the animal owner.
 - c. **Pen and alley in front of pen will be cleaned daily as instructed by Ag-Teachers. If a pen goes without being cleaned longer than 3 days student is subject to an offense.**
Initials
 - d. Notify Ag-teachers if an animal becomes ill.
 - e. Supplies for cleaning pen and grooming animals are the responsibility of the student.
 - f. FFA animal projects at the Ag-Barn will be supervised exclusively by the GHS Ag-Science teachers.
 - g. Pens will be assigned/determined by teachers and use only those assigned. You are responsible for leaving the pen clean and GISD property returned as it was checked out to you (Storage box, feeder, feed barrels, etc.) The proceeds from the sale of your animal will be held until the above items have been accounted for and your pen cleaned. **This is all to be completed prior to the Annual Spring Cleanup meeting. You will not be allowed into the Ag center the next year if you fail to comply.**
 - h. Animals will be shown only by Granbury FFA Members and fitted according to rules of the show and/or approval of GHS Ag-teachers.
 - i. Students must be enrolled in at least one ag-science class during the first semester to be eligible for use of the ag-facility or shop area for project exhibition.
 - j. **Only students with animals and their parents are allowed at the ag center** (no friends, or persons giving rides allowed, they must remain in vehicle in parking lot)
 - k. No animals will be purchased or unloaded without prior approval and supervision from the GHS Ag- teachers.

