

# Humble Independent School District Agriculture Science Facility Rules

The purpose of the Humble I.S.D. Agriculture Science facilities is to provide an extension to the classroom for students to utilize in their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program(s).

In order for all parties to best utilize the Agriculture Science facilities, several rules and regulations must be followed. To insure compliance, Humble I.S.D. employees including Agriculture Science teachers and school administrators, will monitor and control the facilities and may implement change when deemed necessary and may do so at any time during the year. The Humble ISD barn facility is for High School FFA members' only showing animals under their respective FFA Chapter. Eligible students will be allowed project space. Exhibitors at the Humble ISD Show take precedence over all other shows, should the barns reach their capacity. Your patience and positive attitude is vital as we work together to make this a productive and enjoyable learning experience for all!

**The Agriculture Science facility is a remote campus and therefore all rules and regulations found in the Humble ISD student handbook apply and will be enforced. The following rules will be followed by all students, parents, guardians, family members, guests, or general public while visiting the facility. No alcoholic beverages, tobacco product, or controlled substance will be allowed. No persons under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances will be allowed on the premises at any time.**

## **A. Eligibility**

1. **Must be enrolled as a full time student in Humble ISD** and is raising an animal project(s) for the HISD Livestock Show.
2. Student and parent/guardian must attend a mandatory meeting prior to utilizing the facilities. The Agriculture Science teacher will notify students of the time/location for this meeting. Failure to attend this meeting will result in not being able to use the facilities.
3. Ownership - Animal ownership may not change.

## **B. Facilities**

1. The student must obtain permission from their Agriculture Science teacher before housing any projects at the facility. Facility agreements do not guarantee individual or private pens.
2. (In the case of a split pen, the barn rate would be prorated only if individual pen space cannot be provided due to excessive animal numbers.)
3. Vandalism, accidents, or harassment that occurs at the facility should be reported to the Humble ISD Police immediately (**281-641-7900**), and then to the student's Agriculture Science teacher.
4. Parents, students or guests who become argumentative, hostile or threatening to other students parents or Humble ISD employees can result in their removal from the facilities and loss of future privileges and privilege of visiting the facilities.
5. Ag facility should not be damaged in anyway; this includes but is not limited to, sitting on gates/panels, throwing rocks, and damages caused by automobiles.
6. Neither Humble I.S.D. nor the FFA and its supporters are responsible for any damages/thefts incurred the personal property of members or guests.

7. Gates - are to remain closed and locked at all times, unless otherwise instructed by an Agriculture Science teacher or school administrator.
8. Stall/Pen Assignments - the students will choose their stall/pen assignments for their project(s). Returning seniors to that specific barn will have first choice, then juniors and so on. First time exhibitors will be last. These assignments may not be changed without *prior* approval by the Ag teacher. First priority is given to projects for the Humble Livestock Show. Raising animals at the center for non-HISD shows are of secondary concern; therefore, pens/stalls may not be available for that purpose.
9. Fees - a yearly fee shall be paid prior to move-in as follows per project:
 

<b>Cattle</b> (per head) \$ 200.00	<b>Sheep/Goat</b> (per head) \$ 150.00
<b>Swine</b> (per head) \$ 150.00	<b>Poultry</b> (per show) \$ 50.00 (KW/KWP Barn only)
	<b>Rabbits</b> (per show) \$50.00 (KW/KWP Barn only)
10. Students are not to share keys or combinations with anyone. Keys are **not** to be copied.
11. Students are allowed to keep their animals at other facilities however; all animals must remain within a 5 mile radius of Humble ISD **and have approval of the AST.**
12. Guests - students and parents should be extremely selective to guests. Guests are the responsibility of the student; therefore must follow all facility rules and HISD rules and regulations. The student will be held responsible for any and all actions by individuals brought into the ag facility. Misuse of the facilities or suggestion of improper handling or unethical treatment of animals may result in denied access to the facilities and/ or barn privileges.
13. Pets - household pets such as dogs, cats, etc are **not** allowed at the project center.
14. Driving - you should drive only on designated areas. Please drive *slowly and with extreme caution* while on the property and on the roadways leading to the project center. Avoid excessive noise, recklessness, littering, or other disruptive displays.
15. Hours - the project center is open from 5:30 am until 10:00 pm each day. The facility is designated for students working with their project(s) and maintaining their areas. Excessive loitering is not allowed.
16. Students are responsible for preventive maintenance and individual pen repair (e.g. proper insulation of watering devices prior to extreme weather conditions).
17. Modifications –no additions, subtractions, modifications, or construction relating to electricity, carpentry, plumbing or location may be made without *prior* approval.
18. Electricity - the student is responsible for the safe use of electricity on the Project Center. The use of electrical devices or extension cords must meet NEC and UL electrical codes. The following guidelines are for use on a farm facility:
  - Must be heavy-duty outdoor rated and utilized for temporary use only (Powering fans, heat lamps and radios are not considered temporary use). Surge protectors should be used in lieu of extensions cords where electricity will be required for extended periods of time.
  - Multi-plug adaptors are prohibited at any time.
  - All electrical cords shall only be run with prior approval from the agriculture teacher.

- Heat lamps shall be placed in such a manner as to not allow contact from project animals or with any combustibles (bedding, hay, wood chips, plywood, paper, fabric, tarps, etc.), and must be secured in a manner to prevent contact with combustibles. **All electrical cords must be plugged into a surge protector.**

19. Cleanliness - cleanliness is a necessity. The cleanliness of the project center is the direct responsibility of every student who has a project. It is the student's responsibility to keep your pen area along with other areas you may use neat, clean, and orderly. This includes but is not limited to manure, trash, can drinks, water bottles, bags and old bedding material. Failure to attend barn clean-ups, without an excused absence, may result in eviction and fines.
- All feces and other organic waste must be deposited in large dumpster and all other waste generated at the project center deposited in the small dumpster.
  - The cleanliness of the project center includes your assigned pen, community areas, proper storage of district equipment and supplies.
  - All materials, feed boxes, hay etc. must be stored in designated area. Storage in the alleyways is not permitted.
  - Sand and /or other bedding must follow guidelines outlined by teacher.
  - Failure to maintain proper cleanliness of facility may result in disciplinary action and/or eviction.
  - Up to \$ 50.00 pen cleanup fee may be assessed for students who cause the project center to be excessively dirty. The Ag teacher may determine if this fee is taken from the student's show check.

### **C. Care of Projects**

1. Cruelty to the animals will not be tolerated and is cause for immediate eviction of the offender's animal by the AST. This includes but is not limited to: neglect, abusive training, malicious actions or unapproved drugs.
2. Each project must be adequately taken care of to maintain good animal health and sanitation.
3. The student must provide fresh clean water daily, feed twice a day, and manure emptied out and into the designated manure area. Any animal not fed, watered, and cared for daily will be removed from the facility at the owner's expense.
4. Students and family members may not feed, move, water or provide any care regardless of the intent, to help other another student's project(s) without *prior* permission from the animal(s) owner. Please do not make it your business to feed or care for another person's animal or to complain about the care of the project. You may not be there when they are or they may come and go at different times than you. The AST will monitor the projects.
5. Student must administer prescribed medications when advised by the teacher if failure to do so would affect health of other student projects.
6. Each student will be responsible for providing personal locks for their individual feed/tack storage rooms and gates to their stalls. Feed /hay/water troughs also will be provided by the student. Advisors may cut the lock if necessary.
7. Shavings may be used with pig and poultry barns. Sand may be used in the steer, lamb and goat barns. **No other bedding will be permitted.**

8. **(Kingwood/Kingwood Park Barn Only)** - At the approval of the AG teacher you can use one heat lamp per pen. However, remember they are a fire hazard and they must be permanently attached to the fence and out of reach of all animals.
9. **(Humble Barn Only)** – Barn tenants must attend all worm/weigh workdays or have a representative in attendance. If students are not represented at the workday there will be a \$10 fine assessed to the campus fine list. No exceptions. Dates can be found on the chapter calendar.

## **D. Safety and Discipline**

1. The student must comply with all Humble ISD student handbook policies and home campus rules while working at the Agriculture Science Project Center. Parents and school administrators shall be notified of student violations while at the Agriculture Science project center.
  - a. Any accident or safety hazard is to be reported *immediately* to the Ag teacher.
  - b. Alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, and/or firearms are NOT allowed at any time. Any student or parent in possession of these items will have their project evicted.
  - c. Excessive loitering, games, and horseplay is not allowed.
2. The Ag teachers have the same measure of authority with the student at the project center as in the classroom. The Ag teacher may have additional campus-specific rules, projects, and project center guidance. Such information will be distributed by the Ag teacher to the student.
3. HISD Ag teachers and administration reserve the right to pursue immediate eviction and/or other disciplinary action when warranted of projects, parents, guests for failure to comply with facilities agreement.
4. Students receiving a disciplinary assignment (i.e. ISS/OSS) shall work directly with their campus administrator(s) and Ag teacher to coordinate facility access during the discipline period.

## **E. Removal of Projects**

1. If a student becomes ineligible or moves out of the district, the student has fourteen (14) days to remove the project and clean out his/her pen.
2. All projects should be removed 14 days after the move in date of the HISD Livestock Show or any major show. This includes digging out pen area, painting and disassembling/storing the panels, and removing all excess feed in the designated area. \$100.00 fine will be charged for failure to clean pen or loss of future barn privileges. **Projects not removed become property of the FFA chapter and will be sold.**
3. If a student's animal dies, it is the student's responsibility to remove it IMMEDIATELY from the barn. The student is responsible for contacting the Agricultural Science teacher.

## **F. Other**

- The Humble ISD is not responsible for thefts/damages to personal property/livestock on the Agriculture Science Project Center facilities.
- Your patience and positive attitude is vital as we work together to make this a productive and enjoyable learning experience for all participants.

- Please contact your Agriculture Science teacher(s) with questions and/or concerns related to the Agriculture Science Project Center and sign/return the “Acknowledgement of Rules and Procedures” in a timely manner.
- Best wishes for a successful year!