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2023-24 School Year

Dear FFA Members, parents, and supporters,

Welcome to the new school year! We are looking forward to a successful year of many opportunities and great experiences. On our FFA website, www.ASFFA.TheAET.org you can find this year's events for your records. We hope to keep the dates current and up to date. Livestock exhibitors please note that this handbook has information for you as well as the information listed on the FFA website. 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 so 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/Ag Students please return the attached **YEARLY field trip/emergency information forms** and the **AS FFA Handbook acknowledgment form** to be kept on file with the FFA Advisors. If there are any questions, contact Mrs. Cosby @ 832-295-5375. I know this will be a great year!

Sincerely,

Brooklyn Byars-Cosby

Anderson-Shiro FFA, Chapter President

FORMS INCLUDED

- Travel Release Form/Acknowledgement Form
Includes: FFA officer contract, stock show contract, grading policy for SAE/AET
- Club Acknowledgement Form for ASCISD
- Hold Harmless Agreement for animals
- Pictures and Social Media
- ASCISD Texting Contract

**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 office bulletin board will be done via the REGISTRATION link on our Website (see above).
You will get a lot of information but you will be informed!**

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Anderson-Shiro FFA

As a member of the ASCISD Agriculture Science classes, you have also become a member of the largest organization on the AS campus. We feel so strongly about our program that we have paid your dues so you can be a part of our team! We have a place for everyone and your opportunity for success is wide open! Plus, we always have a lot of FUN!!

Individual Student Awards

FFA members can compete for many individual awards at the local, district, area, state, and national levels. The applications for these awards can be found on the FFA Website in the spring.

These include awards in;

- Proficiency in the various project areas; found on www.ffa.org
- Star Awards, must have completed the AET and Texas FFA Star Battery and application. www.ffa.org

Scholarships:

As a student becomes a senior, he/she is eligible to apply for several scholarships through the FFA: the State FFA Scholarship and National FFA Scholarships, just to name a few.

FFA AWARDS GIVEN ABOVE THE LOCAL LEVEL:

More information on Proficiency Awards can be found at

<https://www.ffa.org/participate/awards/proficiencies/>

www.ffa.org/documents/prof_handbook.pdf Proficiency Awards

The Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through their [SAEs](#), have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers.

Students can compete for awards in 51 areas covering everything from Agricultural Communications to Wildlife Management. Each award area has two categories, placement and entrepreneurship. For a list of awards go to <https://ffa.app.box.com/s/fkdaq8x6xd5zlia5vhjbpd8c6qzswqn>

Other Activities:

Community Service

The Anderson-Shirol FFA Chapter participates in several community service projects throughout the school year. A few of the projects are:

1. **Assisting with the ASFFA Can Food Drive (November collection)**
2. **Animal Shelter Drive (January collection)**
3. **TxDOT Roadside Trash Pick-up. We host 4 per year. (10/18, 12/13, 2/7, 4/10)**

Camps and Conventions: FFA members are provided opportunities to attend and participate in leadership camps and area, state, and national FFA conventions. In order to participate, the FFA members need to be officers or award recipients.

Note: Throughout the year, other activities take place that are too numerous to mention. Each FFA member is encouraged to take part in as many of the activities as possible in order to feel a part of the total FFA experience.

(FFA MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR ALL THE LISTED ACTIVITIES)

There is something for everyone in the FFA!!!!

SAE's @ Anderson-Shiro

SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

The Grimes County Fair is held in June. This is our county show.

Fair Rulebooks can be found at www.grimescountyfair.com (when released)

More detailed information on projects may be found at
www.grimescountyfair.com

The SAE seems to be an area in which both students and parents have questions. Hopefully, some of the basic questions will be answered here.

One of the first questions to be asked is,

“Do I have to raise an animal to be in Ag and/or the FFA?”

The answer is

“No, you do not have to have an animal project, but you must have an SAE”.

We realize that not all students are available to raise an animal project for various reasons. There are many other activities available to students who are unable to participate in the animal project area to do so. This area of the Agriculture program is important and will enable students to receive a more complete concept of the total program. Students enrolled in an Agri-Science class are provided a list of activities related to that class which can be used as a supplement or in place of an animal project. These activities are valued in a point per semester per Agri-Science class to receive credit. There are many ways to accomplish an SAE

Other frequently asked questions include:

- **What kind of animal?** Student are able to exhibit the following animals at the Grimes County Fair: Beef cattle (market steers & breeding beef), market swine, sheep, goats, turkey, chicken (broilers), and rabbits (bred or purchased),
- **How much do they cost?** Obviously, steers cost more than a pen of broilers to raise. For this reason, we have asked some of our students to address this issue later on for each of the species included in our program.
- **When do I get my animal?** This will depend on two factors: 1-The type of animal and which show you want to participate in. Market steers, for the Grimes County Fair, need to be purchased and on feed by Nov. 1. Market lambs & goats need to be purchased in Sept-Oct. Broilers and turkey projects for GCF will be ordered during the school year. Turkeys in December and Broilers in February usually. ******Students desiring to raise poultry for San Antonio, or Houston must have ordered them by late spring. Major show Turkeys will be picked up in October. Check the shows website for more specifics**
- **What kind of facility/pen do I need for my animal?** This will depend on the type of animal that you raise. Once you have made this decision, contact one of the Agri-Science teachers and we will be glad to assist you in planning your facility. We have a school Ag Barn if you need it for lambs/goats/pigs/cattle only. Must request a contract from your ag teacher as well as pay appropriate fees prior to housing the animal at the farm.
- **Where is a good place to buy my animal?** There is a definite need to understand that we are dealing with **SHOW ANIMALS**, not commercial grade animals. Animals that are exhibited in livestock shows are not ordinary “farm animals”. They are bred to be of a higher quality, specifically for shows. We will be happy to assist you in locating quality show stock if you ask. All of the poultry projects (broilers and turkeys) are purchased through the TAMU Ext Service.

Which Ag Teacher do I go to for help with my SAEs

We have 3 Ag Teachers here at AS and we all work cooperatively with the kids. We each have general livestock species that we oversee to make it easier for the kids to know who to go to for input etc. For instance, if you email the ag teacher because your child is in her/his class and you have a goat question, they will most likely forward it to Mrs. Byars-Cosby to reply if it's more than a general quick answer like date of the show, etc. We each work to help with all the projects but generally will refer kids with questions on specifics to the specific teacher that handles that species. When you get to many chiefs telling kids what to do it can get confusing. We have found it just works better this way. You will find that people will offer tons of advice and it can vary a bit due to experience. Everyone wants to help. Help is good but it can get overwhelming when you get started. We will all 3 be glad to help but just remember we will refer those particular questions to each other as needed. We can help the student acquire the animals or you can secure them yourself. We are glad to help and support our youth in these positive and rewarding youth shows.

- Mrs. Byars-Cosby: pigs, goats/lambs
- Mr. Dalrymple: small animals/Ag Mechanics Projects
- Ms. Dalrymple: cattle (market & breeding)

We do have nontraditional projects (research projects, Agri-Science fair, exploratory projects and placement) that kids have and we just work with them as needed.

When you begin to consider/look for animal projects:

The most important thing you can do is to:

1. Read the rules for the show you are buying an animal for.
2. Select and purchase a quality animal
3. Feed consistently the protein requirements for your animals' age and condition. Stay consistent. Do not switch feeds just because you forgot to get to the feed store before they closed. That can upset their digestive system and be a problem.
4. Always offer free choice clean cool water.
5. Keep them healthy by de-worming as needed. Watch their feces and de-worm as needed. When you get your animal start working up to an exercise program as you train them to lead/walk/show. Unless you are prospecting on the weekends at practice shows then you will revise your exercise program to fit.
6. Go to as many prospect shows as you have time to get to for practice. Watch other exhibitors that are successful.
7. Have fun and make as many friends as you can.

Jr FFA Membership
Texas FFA Association
Policy Handbook
Section 2: Junior Membership
July, 2007

Anderson-Shiro FFA Junior Membership

Anderson-Shiro Junior FFA Membership shall be permitted to children in grades 3-8.

- Jr Membership dues are \$15 and are due by October 16th.
- Exhibition of Major Show livestock and poultry requires 4H or Jr Membership (and to be in the 3rd grade and 8 years old or 9 years of age or HS FFA membership prior to December 1st of the current year thru their local FFA Chapter.
- Membership will be permitted by the Local FFA Advisors in accordance with the guidelines of our ASCISD school policies and FFA Handbook.
- Parents and Junior Members will follow all guidelines/rules required by HS FFA members in the exhibition of livestock.
- Parents will be responsible for the transportation and overseeing of all livestock projects unless other plans have been made **14 days prior**. Parents will maintain contact with the FFA Advisors for livestock and poultry entries and deadlines.
- Parents should stay current with their email address on the FFA Chapter email out.
- Parents/exhibitors should stay current with their show rules and deadlines.
- Because Junior FFA members are not in the high school agriculture classes and Advisors do not have daily access to the Jr members, Parents/Jr Members should be attentive to all show rules and information.
- Ag Teachers are advisors to the students only.

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 (small animal scales are always available for ASFFA students at the Ag Complex and cattle scales upon appt), oversee or transport animals for the sanctioned shows. We have a great community of support that offer to help us weight 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.



Parent Involvement

The Anderson-Shiro FFA is supported by a very active Ag Booster Club 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.

Anderson-Shiro ABC

Meet the 2nd Monday of every month in the
High School Library @ 6:00pm.

Contact: **Angie Hulsman**
936-870-7866
ahuslman@ascisd.net

More Parent INFO:

How to ensure you will get all of the information about your student's class and the FFA.

Go to the website www.asffa.TheAET.org

Fill out the parent information and you will be put on the email list for the Anderson-Shiro FFA/Ag department. If you choose not to do this you may miss some important emails. If you join and no longer want to receive these emails just email sbyars-cosby@ascisd.net and we will remove you from the email list.

Acknowledgement Form

Agri-Science Course Grades for SAE's

THE AET system will be maintained online unless a printed version is requested
Every student has access and will know their login information.

Parents may also view online at <http://www.THEAET.com> ask your child for their personal log in information

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I have read and understand the above requirements in this document for the SAE and AET and that my child/I the student must complete:

- SAE Hours: a minimum of 10 hours journaled (with a max of 5 hours in one journal entry at a time/day) of the SAE Project/semester. Multiple SAEs may be required if necessary.
- This SAE will count as a daily grade weekly
- Students will also be keeping a journal of inside class hours of instruction which will be a min of 75/semester

I understand that failure to complete this project and enter it online will make it difficult to pass the class. Furthermore, I understand that record books cannot be turned in late.

By signing the AS FFA Handbook my child/I acknowledge that this SAE/AET grading policy will be a major part of the Agriculture Course Grade.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Text Messaging:

During the course of the school year, it may be necessary for a sponsor/coach to text message your child's personal cell phone to apprise him/her of important information and vice versa. Text messaging is an easy way to send and receive information fairly quickly. We would like to have your permission to use this form of communication during the scheduled events or activities that your child is participating in during the year. As a rule, we have advised that all text messaging should occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. However, there may be situations that require a school employee to text outside of that time frame. For instance, if students are scheduled to leave prior to 7:00 a.m. and there is a schedule change (i.e. rain delay or cancellation), a sponsor or coach would notify the student as soon as information becomes available even if it is before 7:00 a.m.

Should you ever be concerned about the nature of any text message, please contact the campus principal immediately.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

832-296-5375 Stacey Byars-Cosby

830-275-2905 Haley Dalrymple

830-591-9887 Bryson Dalrymple

Please sign and return the signature form of this handbook to your child's sponsor.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PERMISSION FORM FOLLOWS
FIELD TRIP & SCHOOL TRAVEL**

Club/Organization: Anderson-Shiro FFA

Sponsors: Stacey Byars-Cosby, Haley Dalrymple, Bryson Dalrymple

1. The school is responsible for the control of student behavior while attending school or any school related activity on or off campus. This responsibility carries with it the authority to administer punishment for misbehavior.
2. All policies, regulations, and rules approved by the A.S.C.I.S.D. Board of Trustees will apply on all school-sponsored activities on or off campus.
3. Students who participate in school-sponsored trips shall be required to ride transportation provided by the school to and from the event. Exceptions may be made if the student's parent or guardian requests in writing that the student be allowed to ride with the parent or an adult designated by the parent and presents the request for approval to the principal or sponsor. The District shall not be liable for any injuries that occur to students riding in vehicles that are not provided by the school.
4. If, in the judgment of any representatives of the school, the above student needs immediate care and treatment as a result of any injury or sickness, I do hereby request, authorize, and consent to such care and treatment as may be given to said student by any physician, trainer, nurse, hospital, or school representative; and I do hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the school and any school representative from any claim by any person whomsoever on account of such care and treatment of said student.

5. RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The undersigned, being desirous of using Anderson-Shiro CISD/ FFA animal related and mechanical equipment, and facilities used during FFA events does hereby forever release "ASCISD" and all their employees, students, volunteers from any and all cause and causes of action. This shall include personal injury, illness, death, property damage and liability of any kind arising out of use of "operator and volunteer" equipment, facilities, livestock, animals and/or participation in outdoor recreation, handling of livestock and agriculture-related functions.

This release shall cover any and all injuries (fatal or non-fatal), all illness, and property damage, which might arise out of use of the "operator and student" equipment, facilities and livestock or participation in outdoor or class time use, recreation, and/or any and all animal-related functions.

The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless Anderson-Shiro CISD and its employees from any and all cost, charges, claims, demands and liabilities arising from the improper or negligent use of "operator" equipment, livestock or facilities. The undersigned agrees that he/she will exercise reasonable care in the use of all equipment, facilities and livestock and will return in the same condition in which it was received or used.

6. The following Emergency forms serve as parental permission for the current school year unless otherwise noted.

Yearly Travel Release & Acknowledgment Form For Anderson-Shiro FFA
Stacey Byars-Cosby, Haley Dalrymple, Bryson Dalrymple - Advisors

Student's Name (please print)

Date

The above-named student has my permission to attend FFA/Agriculture field trips &/or class/shop/lab/school barn activities with the Anderson-Shiro Agriculture Department throughout the current school year. We authorize the Advisors to publicize achievements/pictures of my child in School related activities on the official FFA web-site/FFA magazine, the Ag Experience Tracker-AET, in the classroom and social media.

- We have read and understand the FFA guidelines-including rules, FFA field trip, travel and hold harmless agreement and will follow instructions of FFA Advisors.
- I give permission for the advisors to text my child to notify my child of relevant information regarding the FFA activities they are participating in during the school year.
- I also understand that my child may be handling livestock/animals and agree with the animal handling regulations and hold harmless agreement in this packet.
- We understand that all the rules and regulations as stated in the school handbook also apply at any school sponsored activity. We understand that the sponsor and chaperones have the right to search handbags or personal belongings for illegal items in order to protect the entire group.

Class Rules are very simple and as follows:

Student must agree to the following:

-Effort- 100% everyday in class

-Listening- 100% everyday in class

-No put downs

-Abide by the social contract created in your class.

Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian

Signature of student

Street address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone contact #1 _____

Telephone contact #2 _____

Emergency Contact name and number: _____

Parents Please join us for our Ag Booster Club Parent Meetings 2nd Monday of each month in the HS Library at 6pm.

Please go to the www.asffa.TheAET.org website and register for email notifications of events and deadlines.