

Oakdale High School FFA Agriculture School Farm Project Policy

1. Using the school farm is a privilege. All school and district rules and policies outlined in the student handbook apply throughout the duration of the project.
2. You will be assigned a pen. You may not change pens. You will be responsible for that pen while your project is occupying that space. The number of animals you can raise on the farm may be limited by the space available. Your project may need to be moved on occasion as conditions on the farm change. You will be notified before this occurs.
3. In an effort to ensure disease control and biosecurity, all animals raised at the school farm should be **purchased from the same breeder** as identified by the agriculture department. This can include private treaty, group purchasing, and/ or auctions.
4. Feed, bedding, and other supplies for all projects will be purchased through a co-op system. In an effort to supply consistent feed resources for animals at the farm, *feed will be selected and purchased by the agriculture department*. Students are required to pay a \$50 deposit for startup feed and bedding prior to the start of the project. Students will pay one month's worth of feed, bedding, and other supplies due at the end of each month as indicated on their invoice.
5. You are responsible for keeping track of all expenses and records (feed, vet costs/supplies, insurance, and equipment) to back up the agriculture department records. All information needs to be recorded in your AET record book.
6. As a student with an agriculture project, you are responsible to feed and clean you animal and pen each day. *Feeding schedules will be determined by each species advisor.* **The farm is to be used by students in the agriculture program only. Please leave your pets and uninvolved friends at home.** Farm hours are 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. All chores must be done by 8:00 P.M. including the weekends. Loitering at the farm after this time is not permitted.
7. Proper cleaning of the pen will be determined and assigned by the species advisor. **You will be required to adhere to these policies through the completion of the project.**
8. Manure and soiled bedding is the only thing allowed to be dumped into the manure spreader. Paper, straw, empty cups, or trash are not allowed in the manure spreader. These items are to be put into the trash cans or dumpster.
9. Periodic parental assistance is welcome/ However, the parent cannot complete daily project responsibility If a student cannot fulfill the project responsibilities including but not limited to feeding, cleaning, attending mandatory work days, showmanship practices, and any other management practices, the student will be allowed two weeks to remove his or her project from the farm site upon notice from the teacher or administrator.
10. Any student obtaining property of others without permission will be removed from the program. **No exceptions!** The animal will also be removed at the discretion of the agriculture teacher.
11. If an animal was determined to be a show project and does not meet the specific expectations set forth by the agriculture teacher, *the animal will not represent the school at the livestock show*. Selling the animal is the responsibility of the student and must be done within one week after the County Fair. Projects must have prior approval before animals are removed from the farm.
12. In the even you are unable to abide by the above stated rules, the agriculture instructors have the right and responsibilities to dispose of the project in any means they feel is in the best interest in the project. This includes selling the project at a livestock yard, processing at a local meat locker or student removing the project at their own expense within 48 hours. Student is responsible for all costs.

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13. Sign in and sign out with the biometric timeclock daily and maintain accurate daily AET records of your project work. Failure to do so may result in your not being allowed a project next year.
14. **Steps for removal of an animal:** (1) Oral communication to the student. (2) Written communication to the student and parent. (3) Written communication from the site or district administrator to the student and parent. (4) Removal of the animal. If severity of the issue warrants immediate removal, this may be done at the discretion of the ag department and administration.
15. Students must be eligible based on the OJUSD rules at the 3rd quarter grading period and semester. In order to show at the fair, a student must be eligible according to the school eligibility guidelines. Advisors will conduct a grade check at the 2nd semester progress report period. Students in jeopardy of being ineligible will be given a warning.
16. All medications or treatments must be approved by project advisors prior to administration, regardless of over the counter or prescription.
17. If for any reason you cannot care for your project on a day-to-day basis, including but not limited to family vacations, camps, illnesses, it is your responsibility to notify your species advisor prior to. Failure to comply will result in a warning.
18. Attendance is mandatory at farm work days, showmanship practices, fair preparations/ tear down unless prior arrangements have been made with the species advisor.
19. Understand that the nature of this project will expose students to veterinary and livestock processing practices.
20. Students and parents must have a signed waiver on file with their species advisors.

I agree to abide by this Oakdale High School FFA school farm policy:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____