



Maypearl FFA

2022-2023

Handbook

Maypearl FFA

<https://maypearlffa.ffa.org/>

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Dear FFA Members, Parents, Booster Club and supporters,

Welcome to the new school year! We are looking forward to a successful year of many opportunities and great experiences. This handbook covers pretty much everything our chapter is involved in but please feel free to ask an advisor if you have any questions. 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/Ag Students please return the attached **YEARLY field trip/emergency information forms** and the **Maypearl FFA Handbook acknowledgment form** to be kept on file with the FFA Advisors. If there are any questions contact our advisors @ 972-435-1020 ext. 6325. I know this will be a great year!

Sincerely,

Maypearl FFA

Chapter President

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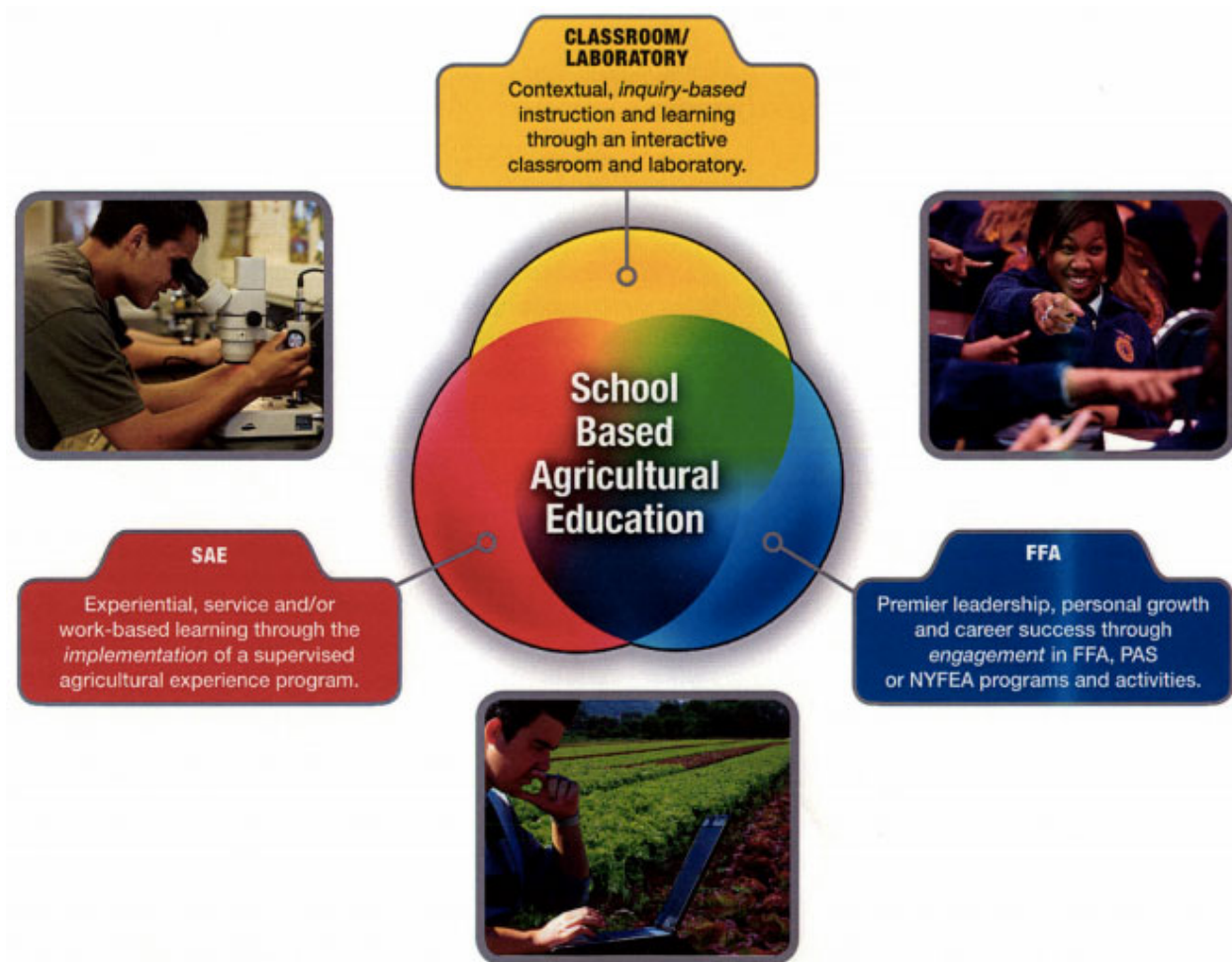
As a member of the MISD Agriculture Science classes, you have the opportunity to join the largest youth led organization in the World: The FFA!

With that you also join the largest organization on the MISD campus. Your opportunity for success is wide open! And we have a lot of fun doing it!

FFA Membership 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 membership today is comprised of 653,359** student members in grades 7 through 12 who belong to one of 8,568 local FFA chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

FFA operates on local, state and national levels. Student members belong to chapters organized at the local school level. Agriculture educators serve as chapter advisors.

The Agricultural Education Mission Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems



Our programs are considered intracurricular not extracurricular We work under a 3-Circle Model

Through agricultural education, students are provided opportunities for leadership development, personal growth and career success. Agricultural education instruction is delivered through three major components:

- Classroom/Laboratory instruction (contextual learning)
- Supervised Agricultural Experience programs (work-based learning)
- Student leadership organizations (FFA)

What is an SAE? The SAE is a required component of an agricultural education program for every student.

Ownership/Entrepreneurship Students with an ownership/entrepreneurship type SAE own the enterprise, equipment and supplies, make the management decisions and assume the financial risks to produce a product or provide a service. All products or services must be agriculturally related. A few examples would include raising and selling animals or crops, building and selling agricultural equipment, buying and reselling feed, seed or fertilizer, owning a pet care business or a business that programs and installs computer equipment in tractors.

Placement/Internship Placement/Internship programs involve the placement of students in agriculture, food or natural resources-related businesses to provide a "learning by doing" environment. These experiences may be paid or un-paid. Examples would include working on a farm or a ranch, in a farm supply store or a food testing laboratory or in an agriculturally related non-profit organization.

Research In a research SAE students plan and conduct major agricultural experiments using the scientific process and discover new knowledge. As part of the research, students verify and demonstrate or learn about scientific principles in agriculture. Research SAEs can be entrepreneurial or placement. Research SAEs can be conducted alone or cooperatively with other students or mentors/employers. Examples would include conducting research on the most efficient feed supplements for livestock or the best fertilization methods in plants. Research could also be done to study consumer reactions to agricultural products or to determine the best method of welding to hold together a plow.

Foundational Foundational SAEs are appropriate for all agriculture students. This SAE activity is usually beginner level, short term and designed primarily to help students become literate in agriculture and/or become aware of possible careers in the AFNR career cluster. Foundational SAEs should help students create a larger more focused SAE.

School-Based Enterprise This type of SAE is student managed, can be entrepreneurial or placement and takes place in a school setting outside of regularly scheduled class time. The project needs to provide goods and services that meet the needs of an identified market and should replicate the workplace environment as closely as possible. Examples of school based enterprises may include, but are not limited to, cooperative livestock raising in a school facility; managing or working in a school garden, a land lab or a greenhouse; agricultural research done at the school; agricultural equipment fabrication or equipment maintenance services done using school facilities; or managing or working in a school store.

Service-Learning A student-managed service activity where students are involved in the development of a needs assessment, planning the goals, objectives and budget, implementation of the activity, promotion and evaluation of a chosen project. It may be for a school or community organization. The student(s) are responsible for raising funds for the project (if funds are needed). A project must not part of an ongoing chapter project, or community fundraiser. Service-learning SAEs may be individual or a small group effort.

Individual Student Awards

FFA members can compete for many individual awards at the local, district, area, state, and national levels. These include awards in;

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

Gold Members:

1. Star Greenhand- top first year student with the best combined SAE program.
2. Star Chapter Farmer- top second year student with the best combined SAE program.
3. Star Lone Star Award- top student with the best combined SAE program (must be eligible for the state Lone Star Degree)
4. Outstanding Senior - Sr. year student with the best combined SAE for their entire FFA Career

With Members:

- Outstanding Bronze first year student (non-star member)
- Outstanding Bronze second year student (non-star member)
- Outstanding Bronze third year member, (outstanding 3rd year non-star)
The Pearl Fabricator Award
- Pearl Top Hand Award
- Rookie Top Hand Award
- Outstanding Officer of the year
- Outstanding Senior Showman of the year
- Rookie Showman of the year
- The Pearl Barn Award - best student in the barn.
Maypearl FFA Member of the Year
Species Proficiency

Scholarships: Seniors are eligible to apply for several scholarships through the FFA, Ellis County Youth Expo, & the Maypearl FFA Booster Club..

Career Development Events: Students can participate in contests in the spring. A full listing of these contests and descriptions can be found on www.texasffa.org under the tab PARTICIPATE.

Leadership Development Events: Students can participate in contests in the fall. A full listing of these contests and descriptions can be found on www.texasffa.org under the tab PARTICIPATE.

Speaking Development Events: Students can participate in Public contests in the spring. A full listing of these contests and descriptions can be found on www.texasffa.org under the tab PARTICIPATE.

Agriscience Fair: Students can participate in contests in the spring. A full listing of these contests and descriptions can be found on www.texasffa.org under the tab PARTICIPATE.

All contests are governed by the Ag Teacher. Final decision of team participants belongs to the Ag Teacher that is in charge of the particular contest team.

It is highly advised that students participate in at least one CDE and one LDE contest each year. More than one is highly recommended. The Texas FFA Scholarship is very competitive and the more contests that a student competes in the better the chances are of securing one. Besides scholarships, you must complete 10 activities from 3 areas to receive a Lone Star FFA Degree.

Other Activities:

Community Service -

Community service can be completed through the Maypearl FFA Booster club Volunteer program. Realize that each degree requires that you complete community service hours.

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 @ Maypeal FFA

SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

The **SAE** seems to be an area in which both students and parent's 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 an hour system to be completed outside of the classroom per Agri-Science class to receive credit. There are many ways to accomplish an SAE

Other frequently asked questions include:

- **What kind of animal?** Students are able to exhibit the following animals at the Ellis County Youth Project Show: Beef cattle (market steers & breeding beef) swine, (market swine), sheep, goats, chicken (broilers), rabbits (market and breeding).
- **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: The type of animal and which show you want to participate in. Market steers for the Ellis County Youth Expo need to be purchased and on feed by Nov. 1. Market lambs & goats need to be purchased in Sept-Oct-Nov. Swine need to be purchased no later than November 15th

******Students desiring to raise animals for San Antonio, or Houston is another timeline entirely. Please, visit with an Ag Teacher for information.**

• **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 barn for swine, sheep, goats, and cattle. Pen space is limited first come first served basis.

• **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 are purchased through the Ellis County Youth Expo from one hatchery.

All students showing livestock must complete the Quality Counts training and testing!!!! Curriculum can be found by following this link.

<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

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

We have 3 Ag Teachers here at MISD 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. Harton 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 too 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 have a show list of shows sanctioned by MISD that we attend as a chapter during the year listed in the handbook. We will assist with hauling animals to and from the shows listed. We are glad to help and support our youth in these positive and rewarding youth shows.

- Mrs. Harton: cooperatively with swine, sheep, & goats
- Mr. Gartman: cooperatively with swine & Ag Mechanics
- Mrs. Clarke: Steers and Heifers

When you begin to consider/looking for animal projects:

The most important thing you can do is to:

1. Contact one of the Ag Teachers. We have contacts for show quality animals that will fit any budget and price point.
2. Use a reputable breeder with some success in the ring.
3. Do not mix advice from several people.
4. It is paramount to know the signs of sick animals.
5. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
6. Take care of the little things. Skin and hair, cleanliness of pens, etc..etc..

Stock Show Rules

All stock shows attended by Maypearl FFA have specific rules, which must be followed. An exhibitor violating any rule may be given one verbal warning. The second violation may automatically result in the disqualification from any show under the discretion of the Advisor. All exhibitors must adhere to the following rules:

1. Exhibitors will remember any show attended by Maypearl FFA is a school activity. All rules pertaining to school activities will be adhered to. NO PASS, NO PLAY, etc..
2. Exhibitors will not be allowed to leave the show grounds without permission from agriculture teachers.
3. It is up to the exhibitors to secure their own transportation to and from the show for feedings during the day. Ag Teachers are not always off from school to attend all day and miss school. If you need help please contact one of us.
4. All exhibitors must clean their individual pens and the walkways in front of their animal's pen or pens.
5. Exhibitors will be assigned stall duties throughout the livestock show as necessary.
6. Students will be the only persons to work stall duties. We ask that parents please do not work stalls. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Judges will not reward the chapter for stall award points if adults are seen working the cleanup and maintenance.
7. Exhibitors will exhibit sportsmanship expected of them as members of the FFA. .

The Maypearl FFA CHAPTER SHOW TEAM:

School sanctioned livestock shows are:

Fort Worth Stock Show
State Fair of Texas (Dallas)
San Antonio Livestock Show
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Ellis County Youth Expo

(THIS LIST MAY BE REVISED BY MISD AT ANY TIME DUE TO FUNDS AVAILABLE)

Students are to adhere to all school rules and regulations at livestock shows when representing Maypearl FFA. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action. You can enter any shows listed below . Just understand that the shows we will haul to are the ones listed above.

Links to shows:

[Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo | RodeoHouston | Houston ...](#)

[Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo](#)

[SARodeo.com](#)

[State Fair of Texas: Home](#)

[Ellis County Youth Expo](#)

<https://rodeoaustin.com/>

[San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo](#)

[Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo](#)

We will have a night to enter all of these shows with a notary present for the Houston paperwork!!!!

Letter Jackets

Maypearl High School Letter Jacket



CRITERIA FOR EARNING A H.S. LETTER JACKET:

To be eligible to earn a letter jacket for the FFA a student must have never received a Maypearl jacket in any area of school competition. Students will be responsible for the cost of the jacket. All patches and embroidery are the responsibility of the student. It is the **responsibility of the student** to notify the Advisors when they are qualified.

He or she must complete two of the following (#1-9) during their High School FFA career: (and at least be a sophomore)

1. Have won Grand or Reserve Champion with an animal or other SAE project with at least one SAE within 2 years of exhibition at the (as an FFA member) Ellis County Youth Expo *and* one year at Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston or San Antonio Stock Shows, and have plans for a S.A.E. program for the current year.
2. Have placed in the top 4 of any of the FFA leadership contest on the area level
3. Have placed in the top 5 or qualified for the state contest in the judging contests that are held in the spring or summer.
4. Have placed in the top ten as an individual in any leadership or judging contest on the area/state level.
5. Have earned the State FFA Degree.
6. Have placed in the top 4 in any of the speaking contests on the area level.
8. Have qualified to the state level in any proficiency award.
9. Have been elected to a district, area or a state office.



All active FFA members will need to purchase an FFA jacket as part of the official dress (OD) for FFA members. The official dress for boys is as follows: FFA jacket, FFA tie, white dress shirt, black pants, and black boots or shoes. The official dress for girls is as follows: FFA jacket, FFA scarf, white shirt, black skirt or pants, black hose, and black shoes. The approximate price for the FFA jacket and tie/scarf \$75.00. Ordering the FFA dress items will be done shortly after the school year starts.

THE OFFICIAL FFA JACKET IS DESIGNED TO BE WORN TO LEADERSHIP CONTESTS, BANQUETS, CONVENTIONS, AND OTHER PLACES THAT REQUIRE PROFESSIONAL DRESS FOR FFA MEMBERS. IT IS WORN AS "OFFICIAL DRESS" AND IS NOT DESIGNED TO "KEEP A MEMBER WARM" OR TO WEAR TO STOCK SHOWS, OUTDOOR JUDGING EVENTS, AND ECT.

You can order yours online yourself @ <https://shopffa.org/cat/2/OFFICIAL-DRESS/>

Maypearl FFA Project Center Agreement

Below are the general rules and regulations of the Maypearl FFA Project Center. Students, parents, and guardians are expected to read the agreement thoroughly, sign the appropriate page(s) and turn the signed agreement into the supervising AST's before moving any animals into the facility. The Maypearl FFA Project Center will uphold all MISD policies stated in their student handbook and district code of conduct.

Hours of operation: M-F 5:30am-7:30am & 3:30pm-8:30pm

Gate Codes will be utilized on the weekends

- The Maypearl FFA Project Center is only for students who are dues paying, FFA members. Junior FFA members must be in at least 3rd grade & 8 years old to be eligible. Students in 8th-12th grade must be enrolled in at least 1 agricultural science class to obtain FFA membership. All members must pay their annual dues (details regarding this will be discussed at the 1st FFA meeting).
- If you are a dues paying FFA member in good standing, the facility is available for you to use whether you keep your animal at home or at the school farm. You are welcome to use the wash rack, scales, trim chute etc.
- All animals kept at this facility must be validated and entered for shows under the Maypearl FFA chapter. In the event that animals are entered/validated under another organization, the student will have 7 days to remove the animal and all tack.
- Gate Codes are for the use of students with animals at the barn. Under no circumstances should the gate code be given out to students without animals or other persons. Penalty for passing the code around will be on the three strike system.
- Guests MUST sign into the main office of the high school when visiting the barn during school hours. Guests are to include family members. No extraneous guests will be allowed. Exceptions can be made by the supervising ag. teacher.
- Due to limited space and a fast-growing program, each student may house no more than 2 animals of the same species at this facility. If pen space allows, the supervising AST will adjust this rule. NO additional animals will be kept at this facility without the supervising AST approval.
- Stall assignments will be given by the supervising AST to each student once the agreement and stall fee is turned in to the AST. Students may not change or swap their pen assignments.
- Students are required to attend every barn clean up that is scheduled by the AST. If a student cannot attend, they must notify the AST prior to the scheduled day of barn clean up.
- The swine, lamb/goat and cattle exhibitors will have a cleaning schedule posted by the supervising AST that must be followed. Students are responsible for helping maintain the cleanliness of this facility. All alleyways, aisles, and in and around the pens will be swept morning and evening. (This is called taking care of the little things)
- Students are responsible for providing all necessary tack, equipment, feed, supplements, medication, and pen bedding for their projects.

- **Supervising AST's will not feed animals at the barn for absences of students being out of town. It is the student's responsibility to provide someone to feed and tend to animals in this event (includes cleaning pens and area). The student must inform AST's of absences from feeding and cleaning duties and who is responsible for the animal during this absence.**

Some wheelbarrows, shovels, manure forks and water hoses will be provided by the chapter.

- Supervising AST's will have some medication on hand in the event of a sick animal. Supervising AST's will help assist in giving medication, such as wormer or antibiotics, if needed.
- All pigs will be watered using automatic cup waterers. During freezing conditions students are expected to water either in a feeder or in a pipe waterer. All water will be shut off at night during inclement weather.
- Once heifers reach 2 years of age, they are ineligible for show. When this occurs, the student has 7 days to remove the animal from the school farm.
- Cattle exhibitors are required to store their water troughs at the back of the stalls. No water troughs will be kept in the front of stalls by the main aisle. This is to avoid flooding other stalls if a hose is left on or a calf tips the trough over.
- All tack, feed hay etc. will be kept in areas designated by the supervising AST.
- All feed sacks, hay string, and hay wire will be dispensed properly.
- All feed and supplements will be kept in a container with a lid. (rodent, bird, and varmint prevention)
- All poop will be picked morning and evening for all species.
- Absolutely NO renovations to anything in the barn will be permitted unless approved in writing by the supervising AST, school maintenance lead and school administrators.

Never, under any circumstances, are the following to happen:(animal safety)

- Utilizing pig wash pens as a holding pen while you clean your stall
- No cattle will be permitted to stand tied in the arena, main aisle, trim chute, or wash rack (unless washing/working hair). Cattle need to utilize the paneling outside by the turn out to tie up or tie up in your individual stall.
- Leaving lambs/goats unsupervised on a stand
- Letting pigs wander throughout the barn unsupervised while you clean stalls or chit chat with friends
- The student will be expected to follow the three strike rule on these.
- The wash rack, trim chute and scales need to be cleaned up after each use. Along with cleaning the wash rack all water hoses will be rolled up and put in a place designated by the Ag Teachers. Nothing is to be left on or at the wash rack when not in use.

- Cattle exhibitors need to be aware that turning out during the day may cause sunburn as there is little to no cover in the turn out. NO cattle will be permitted to be housed permanently in the turn out.
- No round bales will be allowed in the turn out UNLESS permission is granted by the supervising AST.
- When cleaning stalls, students must dump the wheelbarrow in the school provided receptacle.
- No pets will be allowed at the Maypearl FFA Project Center under any circumstances.
- No livestock will be permitted on grounds until a Maypearl FFA Project Center Agreement form is filled out and on file with the supervising AST.
- Stall fees will be collected before any livestock will be permitted on grounds. Stall fees are charged to help with the purchase of medications, tack, equipment etc. that will be moderated by the supervising AST and is available for use by all exhibitors. Stall fees will be \$30.00 per animal.
- ALL students entering a project in the Ellis County Youth Livestock Show are REQUIRED to participate in the pen set up (typically the weekend before county show begins), sale ring/buyers luncheon set up (Friday before the sale), and the pen tear down/county clean up (Monday after the conclusion of the show) at the expo center. Failure to do so will result in the hold of county sale checks and add on money by the supervising AST until those community service hours are completed by the student by cleaning at the Maypearl FFA Project Center.

Students, parents, and guardians, please note that you are responsible for the well-being of your animal(s) and for the cleanliness of this facility. If a veterinarian needs to be called, please notify the supervising AST so we can help determine if a veterinarian needs to be called out or if we have the means to treat the problem at hand. Students are responsible for paying their vet bills. **If for any reason an animal dies in the barn it is the student and parents responsibility to remove the animal immediately from the barn and dispose of the animal in the proper way. Teachers can provide assistance to the student and parent. But are not responsible for removing the animal or disposal. Ag teachers and Maypearl ISD will not be held responsible for the death of any animal in the barn**

Below are veterinarians we have used in the past:

Dr. Ryan Camp (936)-222-0753

Dr. Henderson King (903)-519-9568

Animal Husbandry Clause: If a student is unable to provide proper nutrition, clean water, clean bedding, proper care (i.e. wound care, overall well being of the animal) the student will be notified by the supervising AST. After being notified, if the supervising AST does not see a change within 48 hours, the supervising AST will make the administrative decision to take proper action. We will use a three strike rule for animal husbandry and care. The student will follow the above 48 hour rule for 1st and second offenses. **The student has two opportunities and the third time the supervising ag teacher will ask the student to remove said animal from the barn. The student will have 24 hours to remove the animal or**

animals from the premises. (If at any time feeding and daily care becomes a financial burden , talk with an ag teacher.)

Any equipment or tack left in the barn after the final clean up becomes the property of Maypearl FFA.

All students will sweep in front of their animals area morning and evening.

Maypearl FFA
Barn Contract
Strike sheet
2022-2023

Student name: _____

Species _____

Cleanliness of pen and area:

1st strike _____ 2nd strike _____ 3rd strike _____

Leaving animal unattended:

1st strike _____ 2nd Strike _____ 3rd Strike _____

Leaving wash rack dirty, trim chute/goat stand and or scales dirty:

1st strike _____ 2nd Strike _____ 3rd strike _____

Leaving feed and or supplements in an unsealed container:

1st strike _____ 2nd strike _____ 3rd strike _____

Not disposing of bags, shavings/poop, hay string or haywire properly:

1st strike _____ 2nd strike _____ 3rd strike _____

Leaving animal with no feed or water:

1st strike _____ 2nd strike _____ 3rd strike _____

Giving out the gate code:

1st strike _____ 2nd Strike _____ 3rd Strike _____

If at any time the student has three strikes in any category the student will be asked to find another home for their animal. 48hrs (24hrs animal husbandry clause : see contract will be the maximum time for removal after the 48 hour period the animal becomes the property of Maypearl FFA/ISD.

Maypearl FFA Junior Membership

Maypearl Junior FFA Membership shall be permitted to children of Booster Club members enrolled in MISD up to their incoming eighth grade year at MHS.

- **Parents must be a paid member of the Maypearl FFA Booster Club**
 - Exhibition of Major Show livestock and poultry requires Jr Membership (and to be in the 3rd grade or 8 years of age 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 MISD 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 (with the exception of sanctioned shows) Parents will maintain contact with the FFA Advisors for livestock and poultry entries and deadlines.
 - Parents should stay current with their email address .
 - Parents/exhibitors should stay current with their show rules and deadlines.
 - Because Junior FFA members are not in the 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, oversee or transport animals for the sanctioned shows. We can assist you, just keep in touch. Help us to continue to be here for the kids and to help each other with a positive attitude.

2022-2023 Maypearl FFA Officer Application Procedures

To run for a FFA officer position, applicants must:

- Complete the Maypearl FFA officer application.
- Read and sign all necessary parts of the application.
- Gather parent/guardian signatures on all necessary parts of the application. Failure to collect parent/guardian signatures will result in an incomplete application.
- Submit the 2022-2023 Maypearl FFA Officer Application to Mrs. Harton or Mrs. Clarke by **Tuesday, April 26th at 4pm**. Applications need to be printed off and turned into either ag teacher by this deadline. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- Submit a cover letter and resume at the end of this application.
- Take a 25-question test over basic FFA knowledge, including parliamentary procedures. The FFA manual (what the test will be derived from) can be found at <https://www.ffa.org/official-manual/>.
- Submit a maximum 2-minute speech stating why you would make an excellent officer candidate. These will be used during the popular vote.
- Complete an interview dressed in complete FFA official dress OR professional business attire if you do not have official dress.
- All discipline records will be pulled for every applicant.

Breakdown of scores:

Popular Vote.....	25%
FFA Knowledge Test.....	20%
Officer Interview.....	25%
Completed Application.....	15%
Participation Points.....	15%

Dates to remember:

April 26 th : applications, 2 min. speech recording and teacher references due at 4pm
April 28 th : FFA officer interviews at 4:30pm in Mrs. Harton's class at the ag facility
April 28 th : FFA knowledge test at 4pm (before officer interviews) in Mrs. Harton's class at the ag facility
May 5 th : FFA Banquet- attendance is MANDATORY to be announced as part of the 2022-2023 officer team

Contact Page

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Applicant's Phone Number: _____

Applicant's Email: _____

Grade enrolled in during the 2022-2023 school year: _____

Parent/Guardians Name: _____

Parent/Guardians Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardians Email Address: _____

2022 - 2023 Maypearl FFA Officer Requirements

Candidates who wish to run for an FFA officer position must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum of a 2.75 GPA
- Be willing to dedicate hours before and after school and on the weekends to successfully run this chapter
- Sign and uphold the Maypearl FFA officer contract
- Be enrolled in a minimum of one agriscience course for the 2022-2023 school year (must be in an agriscience course both semesters)
- Maintain accurate records of SAE and FFA experiences through AET
- Participate in all FFA fundraisers throughout the 2022-2023 school year
- Attend the entirety of the Texas State FFA Convention on **July 11-15th** at the Fort Worth Convention Center
- Attend all volunteer opportunities set by the advisors or the FFA booster club
- Participate in a minimum of one LDE for the fall semester AND one CDE for the spring semester of the 2022-2023 school year
- Attend the Maypearl FFA Banquet on **May 5th** at the MHS Cafeteria
- Gather all FFA official dress components by the first day of school
- Discipline records must be clean for the 2021-2022 school year.

The 2022-2023 Maypearl FFA Officer Team will be announced at the FFA Banquet on May 5th. Candidates who wish to run for office must attend the banquet in complete FFA official dress. Those that do not have the official dress components must arrive in professional business attire.

Scholastic Achievement

Please complete the following

- I. Current class rank is _____ out of _____ students.
- II. Cumulative high school GPA is _____
- III. Scholastic record: Attach an official copy of your high school/middle school transcript to this application
- IV. Agriculture classes planned for the 2022-2023 school year
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

Leadership Activities

- I. Please check the corresponding boxes of any FFA activities you participated in during the 2021-2022 school year and tally up the total amount of participation. Include any LDE/CDE teams, livestock shows, ag mechanics shows etc.

FFA Kickoff Meeting 8/17 (4 points) _____

Chapter meetings listed below _____

September (3 points) October (2 points) November (2 points) December (3 points) February (2 points) March (2 points) April (2 points)

Meet at the pole 9/22 (4 points) _____

Heart O' Texas Livestock Show (4 points) _____

State Fair Livestock Show (4 points) _____

Booster car wash 10/9 (4 points) _____

Tarleton LDE 11/4 (4 points) _____

Weatherford LDE 11/5 (4 points) _____

District LDE 11/10 (4 points) _____

Fort Worth Livestock Show (4 points) _____

San Angelo Livestock Show (4 points) _____

San Antonio Livestock Show (4 points) _____

Booster hours 2/28 (4 points) _____

Houston Livestock Show (4 points) _____

Tarleton CDE 3/24 (4 points) _____

Booster hours 3/27 (4 points) _____

Ellis County Livestock Show (4 points) _____

ECYE Day in the Ring (4 points) _____

ECYE cleanup 4/4 (4 points) _____

Booster event 4/9 (4 points) _____

Area CDE 4/13 (4 points) _____

Total participation points _____ / 100

- II. List any non-FFA leadership activities you participated in during the 2021-2022 school year. Include any community service, UIL, sports etc.

Supervised Agricultural Experience

- I. **SAE Program:** Using the space below, please describe your SAE program in as much detail as possible. Include details such as the kind of enterprise/job title, the size or scope of the project, hours worked, duties assigned, and skills learned.
- II. **One-year Plan:** In the space provided describe your plans for the coming year during which you will be serving as an FFA Officer if elected. Be as specific as possible; school classes, clubs, employed at what establishment and where, other commitments i.e., rodeo or civic clubs. (Be sure to list what other commitments you have in the year that would compete for your time.)

Essay Questions

*Utilize the entire space provided for each question. *

1. If you were elected as a FFA officer, what would your main goal for the chapter be?

2. Select and explain three activities you would like to see implemented for our chapter in the 2022-2023 year. (Attach an extra sheet if necessary to describe your activities.)

3. Describe your best 3 leadership qualities.

4. Being a Maypearl FFA Officer takes a lot of time commitment.... How do you plan to manage your time & responsibilities?

5. If you could change 3 things about Maypearl FFA, what would they be?

2022-2023 Maypearl FFA Officer Contract

(This Contract is subject to change per Advisors' discretion)

1. A Maypearl FFA Officer must be enrolled in at least one Agriculture Science course per semester during the 2022-2023 school year and be a dues paying FFA member IN GOOD STANDING.
2. As a Maypearl FFA Officer you must fulfill duties as assigned to you, including position & committee responsibilities. All officers will be assigned a primary responsibility that they will be required to live up to as set by the Chapter Advisors.
3. All officers are responsible for knowing their lines for opening and closing ceremonies during all meetings. Officers must know their lines by the 1st fall semester student meeting. Officers not able to perform their lines at the time may be removed from their chapter post.
4. As a Maypearl FFA Officer you must own and wear official dress, as stated by the Official FFA Manual, to all activities unless otherwise stated by advisors. Officers MUST be present at all official chapter functions unless prior approval has been given. This applies to UIL/School Activities.
5. Maypearl FFA officers are responsible for knowing and obeying the FFA Code of Ethics, found in the Official FFA Manual and the MISD School Code of Conduct.
6. Maypearl FFA officers MUST attend all Chapter and Officer Meetings, as well as other duties and activities assigned to ensure the success of the chapter. Any unexcused absence will receive a demerit following the demerit system set by the FFA advisors. Officer meetings are to be held on set dates & times to ensure the success of the chapter.
7. Excused absences are defined as school related events, death in the family or life-threatening issues, church related activity, and/or community service which has been approved, IN ADVANCE, by all Maypearl FFA advisors. Attendance of each Maypearl FFA Officer to chapter-sponsored activities is critical to the development of the program; excused absences are limited to two per semester.
*When planning absences, remember the chapter members are looking to you and your choice of priorities as an example.

8. Officers must respectfully represent Maypearl FFA at all times and serve the organization in a manner that is acceptable. Disrespect shown by Maypearl FFA officers to each other and/or others will not be tolerated and could result in an automatic demerit or dismissal. Disrespect is defined as the lack of respect and not being a team player when decisions are made by the officer team/advisors. Respect is defined as esteem; regard; honor; courtesy. This applies to all aspects of social media as well as text messages.
9. All Maypearl FFA officers must meet the NO PASS NO PLAY requirements for eligibility. Eligibility grades are those at the end of each grading period. If a student receives a grade below 70% in a regular academic/elective class (6 Weeks) they will be removed immediately from the officer team.
10. Maypearl FFA officers cannot use, posses, or be under the influence of any illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco either on or off campus. Violation of this rule will constitute removal from office.
11. Maypearl FFA Officers must maintain their personal appearance and hygiene in a professional manner. Maypearl FFA Officers will be prohibited from wearing articles of clothing that advertise alcohol, tobacco, drug use or sexual connotations.
12. Maypearl FFA Officers will be removed from office if he/she is assigned to alternative school in the year of service.
13. The Maypearl FFA Officer team will consist of no less than six (6) chapter officers. The officer positions are as follows: President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. Additional officer positions may be added on any given year. **Advisors have the right to amend this rule on a yearly basis.**
14. All officers must compete in one (1) Leadership Development Event in the fall AND one (1) Career Development Event in the spring of the academic year that they are an officer.
15. Maypearl FFA Officers must participate in ALL Chapter Fundraising activities.
16. If for any reason an officer is removed from or forfeits his or her position, the replacement officer will be assigned by the Chapter Advisors, except in the case of the President where the Vice-President will assume the duties of the chair.

17. Maypearl FFA Officers are expected to attend Chapter Officer Camp

****Dates for the chapter officer retreat are to be determined**

18. If any of the above rules are broken, the Maypearl FFA Officer will receive one demerit, unless otherwise noted.

2022-2023 Maypearl FFA Demerit System

As a FFA officer, you are held to a higher standard than other students as these students are responsible for the betterment of the Maypearl FFA chapter. The following lists reasons demerits will be awarded, merits can be earned, and the requirements when working off demerits.

- FFA officers will have 30 calendar days to work off demerits once they are given. If they are not worked off by the specified deadline, they will remain on the officer's record.
- Officers cannot receive 5 or more demerits. If this situation arises, the officer will be removed from office immediately.
- Any officer removed from office for any reason will NOT be eligible to run for office at any other given time.
- Merits can only be awarded after a demerit is given. Officers may not "stash" merits in the hopes of working off demerits quickly.
- FFA officers need to note that the FFA advisors may become aware of activities last minute due to certain circumstances. All efforts will be made to allow 24-hour notice to all officer members of upcoming events. In the event that 24-hour notice cannot be provided, the demerit obtained, if any, will be half of its original value. This pertains to last minute events, not prescheduled events.

****Please look to the next page for the demerit and merit systems****

Infractions:	Demerit:
Failure to attend/absence from a chapter meeting without <u>approved prior written notice</u>	3
Conduct unbecoming of a FFA officer	1
Failure to wear complete official dress when required to do so	4
Failure to wear officer shirts/polos on assigned days	1
Failure to attend any chapter, district or area meeting, camps and/or banquets	2
Inappropriate behavior on social media	3
Creating/participating in a group text pertaining to chapter business without the advisor(s)	2
Failure to prepare materials assigned to officer(s) for any FFA event (posters, supplies etc.)	1
Grading period failure**	Immediate removal from office
ISS assignment for ANY reason and ANY length of time (does not matter if it is for one class period or for one month)**	Immediate removal from office
Any infraction that results in a student receiving swats versus ISS/DAEP etc.**	Immediate removal from office
Suspension from school for any reason and for any length of time**	Immediate removal from office
DAEP placement for any reason and for any length of time**	Immediate removal from office
Any other infractions that go against the MISD student code of conduct and MISD policy handbook**	Immediate removal from office

**Infractions with two (2) asterisks listed above will result in immediate removal from office
and will not warrant any replacement merits

Actions:	Merit:
Community service approved by the FFA advisors	10 hours = 2 merits
Selling of FFA fundraiser items	15 items = 1 merit
Other activities approved by all FFA advisors	5 hours = 1 merit
Working for pre-approved Maypearl ISD employees after school hours	5 hours = 1 merit

Agreement to the Maypearl FFA Officer Team Requirements

I have read, studied, and understand the above points. If elected to a Maypearl FFA office position, I will carry out my responsibilities in accordance with these statements and understand that I can be removed from office by the Maypearl FFA Officer team and/or Advisor(s) if I do not satisfactorily follow these established standards. I also understand that if I become an Officer and I am not compliant with the rules that have been set forth, I will receive demerits, unless otherwise noted. If I receive 5 demerits, I understand that I will be removed from the Maypearl FFA Officer Team.

Applicant Name (printed)

Date

Applicant Signature

Date

As the parent/guardian of the above-named officer, I understand and support the above-mentioned duties and responsibilities of being an officer in Maypearl FFA.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

FFA Advisor Signature

Date Received

2022-2023 Maypearl FFA Officer References

You will be required to submit 2 reference letters. Please adhere to the following requirements:

- Letters must be from your teachers, and/or job supervisors/boss/manager. No parents, No friends. Must be an adult that has witnessed your work ethic, leadership capabilities, and/or performance with responsibility. Ag Teachers cannot write reference letters.
- Must be submitted through sealed and signed letter, or via email to Mrs. Harton (karlee.jones@maypearlisd.org) or Mrs. Clarke (keely.clarke@maypearlisd.org)
- Must submit by 4pm on April 26th, with application or received via email.

For example, Referral Letters should be able to describe any combination of the following:

- Your ability to lead
- Your ability to manage your time
- Your ability to uphold your responsibilities
- Your work ethic
- Your social skills
- Your ability to be depended on

Etc. etc.....

Parent Involvement

Maypearl FFA Booster Club

The Maypearl FFA is supported by a very active Booster Club 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. The Maypearl FFA Booster Club hold monthly meetings Contact an Advisor or the Maypearl FFA Booster Club Board members for more information.

Booster Club contacts:

Chea Stansell : 972-977-8912

Candice Fincher: 972-741-8431

Acknowledgement Form

Eligibility Policy The Maypearl 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 the Agri-Science 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 Agri-Science teacher cannot help once grades are posted.

Remind 101

Advisors will be using the remind app to get information to students in regard to FFA and projects. Please download the app to your phone. These texts are for informational purposes. If at any point there is profanity, bullying ,or argueing between students, the proper discipline will immediately be dispensed . (can result in student being removed from app)

To join remind groups:

Please text the number 81010 with the corresponding code, or add the class code through the remind app

Maypearl FFA: @838g64g

Steer Show Team: @steerffa

Heifer Show Team: @heiferffa

Swine Show Team: @showswine

Lamb & Goat Show Team: @goat-lambs

Rabbit Show Team: @c9c734

Courses/lab/shop taught at MHS

Important for Class/Lab Instruction

By signing this yearly permission slip document, I allow my child to participate/work in any of the course labs and shop environment of BHHS. I will work with my child to supply safety PSE attire.

- All students will follow safety requirements at all times.
- All students must wear safety glasses to enter the shop.
- All students will maintain a calm and collected demeanor when working around livestock.
- Student's grades will reflect their behavior, work ethic, personal safety equipment daily and assignments given by the Advisors of MHS Agriculture Department.
- Any accidents should be reported to the Advisor immediately.
- Safety in the Agriculture Department is our number one priority. Students working in the shop must wear approved safety glasses, closed toed shoes, long pants and other appropriate attire assigned. If the student cannot afford the required Personal Protective Equipment clothing, the student shall speak to the teacher in private within 2 weeks of the course beginning and we will help get the required clothing. After that 2 weeks, the student may lose daily grades for every day they are not able to work in the lab/shop due to the lack of PPE.

Ag Mechanics program/lab/shop

- Agriculture Mechanics
- Agriculture Facilities & Fabrication
 - Ag Equipment and Design
 - Practicum
 - Animal Science
 - Small Animal Care
 - Vet Med
 - Jr. High Ag Program

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

Club/Organization: Maypearl FFA

Sponsor: Wade Gartman, Karlee Harton, Keely Clarke

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 M.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 Maypearl ISD/ FFA animal related and mechanical equipment, and facilities does hereby forever release "MISD" 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 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 MISD 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. This form serves as parental permission for the current school year unless otherwise noted.

RETURN THIS PAGE FILLED OUT

EMERGENCY Contact INFORMATION

Date _____

Please Print
Student's

Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Phone: _____

Father's Name _____

Phone: _____

In case of an accident or serious illness, I request the school to contact me. If the school is unable to contact me, I hereby authorize the school to call the physician indicated below and to follow his/her instructions. If it is impossible to contact this physician, I authorize the school to make whatever arrangements seem necessary and treat my child as needed.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Local Physician's Name _____ Phone _____

Address:

_____ Hospital _____

Any known allergies: _____

RETURN THIS PAGE SIGNED

FOR ALL AG SCIENCE / FFA MEMBERS STUDENTS ENROLLED IN MHS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
CLASSES

Yearly Travel Release & Acknowledgment Form For Maypearl FFA
Wade Gartman, Karlee Harton, Keely Clarke

The named student has my permission to attend FFA/Agriculture field trips &/or class/shop/meats lab/greenhouse/school barn activities with the Maypearl 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 livestock show rules/FFA, hold harmless agreement, that **every student must maintain an SAE and complete their AET record book & journals as a part of each agriculture course**, officer and will follow instructions of FFA Advisors.
- I understand the guidelines set forth for text messaging my child and give any and all sponsors/coaches permission to notify my child of relevant information regarding the activities they are participating in during the school year
- I also understand that my child may be handling livestock animals. I agree with the animal handling regulations and hold harmless agreement in this handbook.
- 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.

Student Printed Name Member	Signature	Date
Parent Printed Name Member	Signature	Date

RETURN THIS PAGE SIGNED

Maypearl FFA Project Center Agreement

My student and I have read the above rules and regulations put forth by the supervising AST's and agree to always abide by them. We have been given a copy of these rules and regulations and understand that all issues with the Maypearl FFA Project Center will be communicated with the supervising AST's. We understand that ONLY Maypearl FFA members in good standing can house a maximum of 2 animals per student at this facility, unless otherwise approved by the supervising AST's. We understand that violation of any of these rules will result in a 3-strike system before privileges are revoked. If privileges are revoked, we understand that we have 2 days to remove all animals and tack (with the exception of animal husbandry and care (no feed or no water) which the animal will be removed in 24 hours.

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Cell Number: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Cell Number: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Cell Number: _____

Project Type (circle all that apply):

Steer Heifer Swine Lamb Goat

Supervising AST Signature: _____

Date: _____

Stall Fee Collected: _____

Yes No AST Signature: _____
Date: _____

This form must be filled out before an animal can be housed at the facility!!!!!!!

**Maypearl FFA
Chapter Officer Contract
2022-2023**

My student and I have read the above rules and regulations set forth by the supervising AST's for Chapter Officers. We agree to abide by all procedures, rules , regulations. & expectations set forth in the Maypearl FFA Handbook.

Mother's printed name:_____

Mother's Email address:_____

Cell Phone number:_____

Mother's signature:_____

Father's printed name:_____

Father's Email address:_____

Cell Phone number:_____

Father's signature:_____

Officer's printed name :_____

Officer's email address:_____

Cell Phone Number:_____