

Maypearl FFA Project Center Agreement

The following document will serve as the 2024-2025 Maypearl FFA Project Center Agreement. Students, parents, and guardians are expected to read the agreement carefully, sign the appropriate page, and turn in the signed agreement to an ag teacher BEFORE moving any project 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:

Monday Thru Friday 5:30 am to 7:30 am, and 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Gate codes will be utilized on the weekends.

The Project Center is open to all dues paid members of the FFA, and junior FFA. Junior membership is open to all students in the 3rd grade, or 8 years of age. Students in 8th thru 12th grade must be enrolled in at least one agricultural science class to be a member of the Maypearl FFA. All members must pay the annual FFA dues (\$20.00) prior to moving animals into the facility, as well as the pen rent fee of \$30.00 per animal/project.

All projects kept at the Project Center must be validated and entered for shows under the Maypearl FFA chapter. Failure to do so will result in removal of the animals from the center.

Gate codes are for the use of students with animals at the barn only. Under no circumstances should the gate code be given out to students, or individuals, without animals. Penalty for giving out the gate code can result in removal from the center.

Parents, or guests, must sign into the main office of the high school when visiting the barn during school hours. Guests are considered to be family members. Breeders, groomers/fitters, previous ag teachers, and other non family members are not allowed at the center without prior ag teacher approval. Current ag teachers must be present for their visits. Failure to follow this rule will result in us not signing your entry paperwork for shows. Ag teachers must be aware of all activities with your project.

Students will be limited to no more than two animals of the same species at the center. IF pen space allows, the supervising AST will adjust this rule. NO additional animals will be kept at the center without the supervising AST approval.

Stall/pen assignments will be given by the supervising AST to each student once the barn agreement and stall fee has been turned into the AST. Students may not change or swap their pen assignments without approval from the AST. Students may be allowed to choose their pens prior to turning in their agreements ONLY if approved by the AST, and their is believed to be enough room in the center for all animals. These pen selections are subject to change by the AST.

Cleaning

Students are required to attend every barn cleanup that is scheduled by the ASTs. If a student cannot attend a cleanup, they must notify the AST prior to the scheduled day of barn cleanup. Students must attend the end of year barn cleanup in order to have checks released to them.

Students are responsible for cleaning their stalls/pens, alley ways, wash racks, and the arena. If your animal poops, then clean it up. If you clip/shear, clean it up. All students are responsible for the cleanliness of the center. Take care of the little things so that they do not become big things.

The wash rack, trim chute, and scales need to be cleaned after each use. Along with cleaning the wash rack, all water hoses will be rolled up and put in a place designated by the ASTs. Nothing should be left on, or in the wash rack, when not in use.

Students, and parents, must dump waste in the school provided receptacle. Every effort should be made to dump waste, shavings, and trash at the front of the receptacle until full. Then we will work our way to the front of the receptacle filling as we work back towards the door. Do not dump at the very end of the concrete pad outside of the barn door.

Students are responsible for the daily care of their projects. Teachers will not care for your animal during breaks, or holidays. It is the students responsibility to arrange for care of their project if they are unable to take care of it.

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

Medicines

Ag teachers will have small amounts of medicines on hand in the event of a sick animal. These will only be medicines that are available over the counter. If your animal is sick, please be prepared to take it to a veterinarian. ASTs will develop a monthly worming schedule.

Please do not provide medicines to other animals/projects. ASTs must be made aware of all medicines that you are prescribed, or administer. Failure to do so may result in not having your entry paperwork signed by the AST.

Waterers

All pigs will use the automatic cup waterers. During freezing conditions, please use a tube watering system. These can also be used during hauling, and shows. The water may be turned off during inclement weather due to the potential for freezing of the system.

Feed Storage

All feed should be stored in a trash can, or metal barrel, with a lid. This is to help control rodents. All feed will be stored in areas designated by the supervising AST.

Please clean up the feed from the ground after every feeding. This will also help with rodent control. If you spill it, or your animal drops it in the aisle, clean it up.

Dispose of all feed sacks, strings, and wire immediately, and appropriately. Do not throw it on the ground, and leave it for someone else to take care of. Please place all feed sacks in the dumpster, and avoid filling trash cans full of feed sacks.

Pets

Absolutely no pets will be allowed on the center grounds at any time. This includes guests. If you bring a pet, or allow a guest to bring a pet, you will be held personally responsible for any damage/injury to projects. This will be cause for immediate removal from the project center.

County Setup/Cleanup

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 the show), sale ring/buyers luncheon setup (Friday before the sale), and the pen tear down/county cleanup (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 cleaning at the Maypearl Project Center.

Animal Husbandry Clause

If a student is unable to provide proper nutrition, clean water, clean bedding, or proper care (i.e. wound care, overall well being of the animal), the student will be notified in writing by the supervising AST. After being notified, if the AST does not see a change in 48 hours, the supervising AST will make the administrative decision to take any, and all, necessary actions. We will use a three strike rule for animal husbandry and care. The student will follow the 48 hour time limit for first and second offenses/warnings. The third time a student is notified of a violation, the student will have 24 hours to remove their animal from the project center.

Please note

Maypearl ISD, and the Maypearl ASTs, reserve the right to modify this agreement at any time, as necessary for the center. All changes will be made, and students will be notified in writing, as quickly as possible.

Maypearl Project Center Agreement

My student and I have read the Project Center Agreement, 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 Project Center will be communicated with the supervising ASTs. We understand that only FFA members in good standing can house at this facility. 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 48 hours to remove all animals and tack from the center (with the exception of animal husbandry and care, which must be removed in 24 hours).

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Project Type (Circle all that apply)

Chickens Goat Heifer Lamb Rabbits Steer Swine

Stall Fee Collected (30.00 per project) Yes No Date: _____

AST Printed Name: _____

AST Signature: _____ Date: _____