

# **Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD**

## **Agricultural Science Animal Feeding Facility**

### **Policies and Procedures**

The Eagle Mountain-Saginaw I.S.D. Agricultural Science Feeding Facility is a district site utilized to serve students enrolled in Agriculture Science programs at Boswell, Saginaw, and Chisholm Trail High Schools as well as EMS ISD Junior FFA members who have elected to raise animal projects to show at FFA events. Its success depends on the collaboration and contributions of students, parents, and instructors to ensure its maintenance and care.

The Feeding Facility is a laboratory extension of the classroom, just as a science lab is to a science class. Rules and regulations have been established to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of students, the animal projects, those who assist the students, and the community.

#### **GENERAL**

1. All rules and policies of the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD and its campuses will always be in effect.
2. The Agricultural Science teachers are responsible for the operation of the feeding facility.
3. Due to overall animal health concerns, all animals housed at the Feeding Facility must come from a reputable breeder.
  - Hogs housed at the EMS ISD Feeding Facility must be purchased by either participating in the school draw process, or directly by the parent/guardian/student from the school district's approved breeder, or may be purchased directly by the parent/guardian/student from a reputable breeder of their choice along with a current Health Certificate from a Veterinarian.
  - Dairy Wethers must be purchased by either participating in the school draw process or may be purchased directly by the parent/guardian/student from a reputable breeder of their choice along with a current Health Certificate from a Veterinarian.
  - Market Goats (Meat Goats) must be purchased by either participating in the school draw process, or directly by the parent/guardian/student from the school district's approved breeder, or may be purchased directly by the parent/guardian/student from a reputable breeder of their choice along with a current Health Certificate from a Veterinarian.
  - Market Goats (Meat Goats) must be purchased directly by the parent/guardian/student from the school district's approved breeder, or may be purchased directly by the parent/guardian/student from a reputable breeder of their choice along with a current Health Certificate from a Veterinarian.
  - Chickens must be purchased according to Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show standards with housing facilities provided by the parent/guardian/student.
  - Rabbits must be purchased independently by the parent/guardian/student with housing facilities provided by the parent/guardian/student.
4. FFA dues must be paid in full prior to any animal entering the barn.
5. If the animal is purchased directly from the district approved breeder, proof of purchase from the breeder must be presented to the student's Ag Science Teacher prior to placement of the animal at the Feeding Facility. Animals purchased from non-approved breeders must provide Health Certificate to Ag Science Teacher prior to placement of the animal at the Feeding Facility. Animal purchases directly from the breeder will strictly be between the student/parent/guardian and the breeder.

#### **EMS ISD Approved Breeders**

##### **Market Hogs**

Mike Fisher – 940-642-5653  
Iowa Park, TX

##### **Market (Meat) Goats and Dorper Sheep**

Brandon Evans – 979-324-9431  
Burnett, TX

6. All animals housed at the feeding facility need to be settled in the barn no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>. Only exception would be for an animal that is coming in substituting a deceased animal prior to tag in date.
7. Except for veterinary needs and extenuating circumstances as approved by student's Ag Science teacher, any animal that leaves the premises may not return due to the overall health concerns for the other animals housed at the facility unless the animal is quarantined off site for a 21 day period.
8. To prevent overcrowding, and to aid in the marketing of animal projects, there is a two animal per student limit.
9. In the event a student cannot care for his/her project due to extenuating circumstances that have been shared with the Ag Science teacher, a substitute must be chosen by the student to be responsible for the project. Even though a substitute is caring for the animal, the original student (owner) is ultimately responsible for the project.
10. If any person other than the animal's owner will be feeding for a student during an absence, the student's Ag Science teacher must be contacted.
11. Students are not allowed to feed or water anyone else's animal but their own, apart from item #9 above.
12. If any student suspects an animal is being neglected, the student(s) should report it to an Ag Science teacher immediately.
13. Feed kept at the facility must be kept in a locked barrel or equivalent type container.
14. Pen locks are highly encouraged to ensure the safety of the animal(s). If a lock is placed on the pen, it must be some type of combination lock and the student's Ag Science teacher must be provided with the combination to allow the teacher access in the case of an emergency.
15. Barns, gates, fences, livestock panels, or any other item at the project Feeding Facility may not be modified without the permission of the student's Ag Science teacher.
16. Students may enter the facility during the hours of 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Exceptions to this are if the student is accompanied by a parent/guardian.
17. Ensure water is turned off after each use.
18. During freezing temperatures the water will be shut off to ensure pipes do not freeze. Student (animal owner) is responsible for bringing water to their animal. Water shut-offs will be communicated through the Ag Facebook page and Remind notices. Safety of students and parents is of the utmost importance so care should be taken during inclement weather if traveling to Feeding Facility. Always err on the side of caution and contact student's Ag Science teacher with questions.
19. Dogs and other pets are not allowed at the facility at any time.
20. Showing of livestock is subject to **No Pass No Play** rules. Students must be eligible to participate based on the UIL eligibility calendar for the time of such events.
21. All animals must be removed from the feeding facility no later than March 7, 2021.

### **MISTREATMENT OF ANIMALS**

1. Animals are not to be ridden or made to pull carts, sleds, etc.
2. Any neglect or abuse of animals may result in the animal and owner being banned from the Feeding Facility.
3. Consequences of neglect and abuse:
  - Student will receive a warning and have one week to correct the situation or remove the animal from the facility.
  - If after one week the situation has not been corrected, or there is second warning given, the Ag Science teacher will assume responsibility for the project and the animal will be removed from the facility and put up for sale.
  - If the animal is sold, the original owner will be paid the sale price of the animal minus any/all expenses incurred by the Ag Department such as feed and hauling.
  - If the project cannot be sold, the Ag Science teacher will identify a removal method such as donation, in which case the original owner will not receive reimbursement.
4. Students are expected to treat other students' animals and property at the facility with the same or greater respect than you would your own.

## **VEHICLES**

1. Individuals driving vehicles on the Feeding Facility property will adhere to the following rules:
  - 5 miles per hour speed limit.
  - Only operate vehicles that belong to you or your parent/guardian.
  - Do not park in front of, or block, the barn access gates.

## **MAINTENANCE AND FACILITIES**

1. Each student is responsible for keeping his/her pen and surrounding area neat.
2. All pens are to be cleaned weekly. Cleanliness promotes overall animal health and sanitation. Repeated negligence in this area is grounds for removal from the facility.
3. Students will haul manure away from the barns and place only in designated areas established by the Ag Science teachers.
4. Halls and alleyways should be kept clean and clear at all times.
5. All students are responsible for maintaining the appearance and working order of the Feeding Facility and should be available for work when clean up days are announced.
6. Feed sacks, shaving bags, and miscellaneous trash must be placed in the dumpster. If the dumpster is full, trash must be disposed of at home or other appropriate site.
7. Offer assistance and support. If you see an issue such as a pen left open or door not closed, please help as appropriate. If you are unable to address the issue, contact the animal's owner and an Ag Science teacher.
8. If something is broken or in non-working order, notify an Ag Science teacher immediately.

## **CONDUCT**

1. Behavior in violation of the EMS ISD Student Code of Conduct may result in:
  - Conversation with student's Ag Science teacher;
  - Parent conference;
  - Discipline referral to student's assigned campus administrator;
  - Animal removal;
  - Loss of FFA membership and all rights that accompany it;
  - Loss of use of the facility; and/or
  - Other actions as deemed appropriate by EMS ISD campus administrators in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct

## **EMSISD AG FARM COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

Due to ever changing Covid-19 situation, the future of all events are subject to change at any time and are completely out of our control. State, Local, and District Mandates/Policies must be followed. Student animal projects will be allowed for the 20-21 School year only under the following conditions:

Student and Parent/Guardian sign acknowledgement statement of the possible risks involved in this year's situation and assume all risks and liabilities.

### **Unknown Possibilities** (Could Happen Scenarios)

- State Mandated School Closures (see details below)
- Cancellation of the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show & Sale (see details below)
- Could suffer complete loss of total investment in the project.
- Less Buyers/Lower Sale Proceeds due to financial strain of Covid-19.

### **In the event of a School Closure, the following conditions must be agreed upon:**

- Parents/Guardians must assume all animal care responsibilities. (Daily feeding, watering, stall cleaning, etc.)
- No students will be allowed at the School Farm due to all campuses being closed.
- Parents/Guardians may remove animal to a location of their choosing at their discretion or leave animal at School Farm and remain responsible for the animal until the end of the closure or till the time of Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show.
- Must wear masks, practice social distancing, and follow the feeding schedule.

### **In the event of Cancellation of the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show:**

- All animals must leave the facility within 30 days of the notice of cancellation.
- Animals may be removed by owners to a location of their choosing.
- In the event animal owners do not have a place for their animal to go, the AST's can remove animals to a local Livestock Market where any proceeds (minus the Market's fees and commissions) will be sent directly to the owner by the Livestock Market.

### **In order to promote the safest environment possible at the School Farm the following will be required and agreed upon until further notice.**

- **Face Masks are required.**
- **Practice social distancing when feasible.**
- **Follow a feeding schedule that promotes social distancing as follows:**  
Even Number Pens 6:30-7:30 am & 3:30-5:30 pm.  
Odd Number Pens 7:40-8:40 am & 5:40-7:40 pm.
- **No mass gatherings or meetings.**

The EMS ISD Agricultural Science Feeding Facility was established by Eagle Mountain ISD for Agriculture students from Boswell, Saginaw, and Chisholm Trail High School to have the opportunity to successfully maintain their animal projects. These policies and procedures have been developed to ensure the safety, security, and overall well-being of the facility and those who use or visit it, and the animals who are raised in it. It is understood that the abuse of such privileges will result in such privileges being denied.

It is further understood that the Eagle Mountain Independent School District and the BSCT FFA shall not be held responsible for any accidents, damages, or theft occurring at the Agricultural Science Feeding Facility.

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Please find below contact information for all five Ag Science teachers. E-mail is checked daily and we are happy to respond to any questions that you might have.

<a href="mailto:bmaynard@ems-isd.net"><u>bmaynard@ems-isd.net</u></a>	Brian Maynard	Boswell High School
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<a href="mailto:cbailey@ems-isd.net"><u>cbailey@ems-isd.net</u></a>	Clay Bailey	Saginaw High School
<a href="mailto:ctondre@ems-isd.net"><u>ctondre@ems-isd.net</u></a>	Chris Tondre	Boswell High School/Saginaw High School
<a href="mailto:lbrandes@ems-isd.net"><u>lbrandes@ems-isd.net</u></a>	Laura Brandes	Chisholm Trail High School/HCTC
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# **Boswell-Saginaw-Chisholm Trail FFA Parental Consent Form**

**We have read and understand the EMS ISD Agricultural Science Feeding Facility requirements, rules concerning the facility, and COVID-19 Guidelines and agree to the terms of use.**

Aware of the risk incidental to said participation, I hereby waive, release, and agree to hold harmless Eagle Mountain ISD, its officers, and employees, for all injuries incurred by my son/daughter in participation in and transportation to and/or from all official activities except those injuries arising from willful misconduct on the part of said officers, employees, agents, and representatives.

Agreement and receipt of the form can be found online at: [BSCT FFA Barn Agreement](#)

It is the policy of the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or handicap in its Career and Technology Education programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD will take steps to assure the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and Career and Technology Education programs.

Es norma de Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda. Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea un obstaculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.