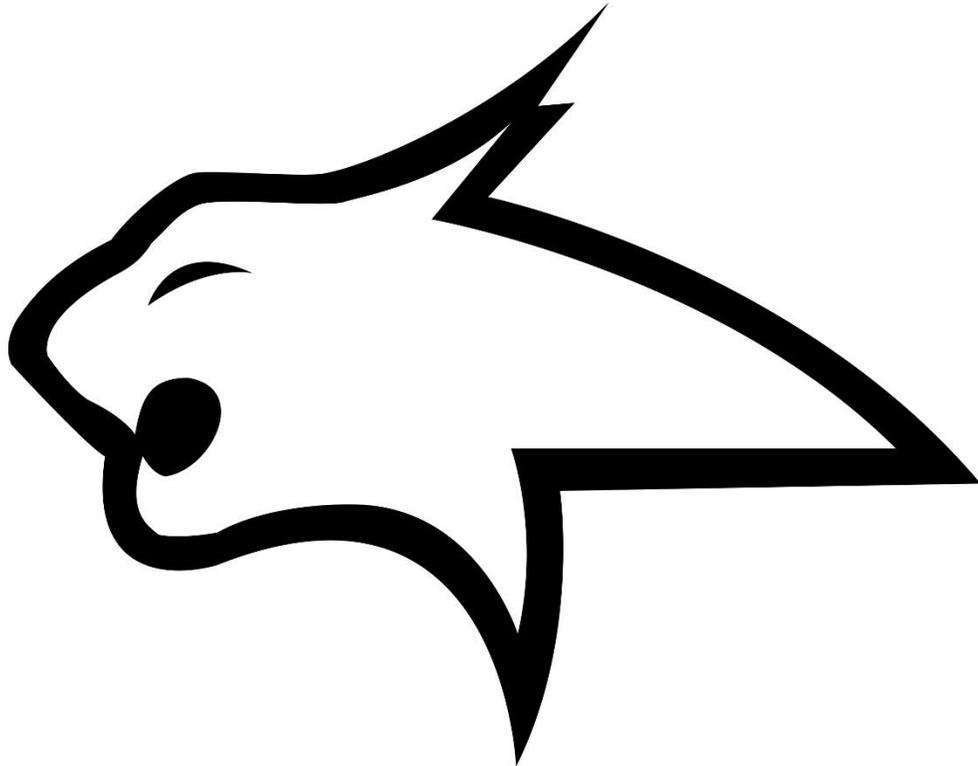


Bluff Dale ISD

FFA Handbook

2020/2021



Introduction:

This handbook communicates information concerning FFA policies and procedures. The FFA handbook is designed to co-exist with the Bluff Dale ISD student handbook and student code of Conduct.

Philosophy

The FFA program at Bluff Dale ISD will provide its members with many opportunities involving leadership, citizenship, teamwork, and enthusiasm. The purpose of the program is to:

1. Develop leadership in the school and community
2. Develop work ethic both at school and in-home life
3. Promote sportsmanship through competition
4. Promote our school and community

Stand of Behavior for FFA members:

1. Represent the school and chapter to the highest degree
2. Set an example of good behavior at all times
3. Provide leadership
4. Balance academic requirements and demands with extra-curricular and personal activities
5. Accept and understand your responsibilities and the privilege of representing your school and community
6. Live up to the standards established by the school administration and the FFA advisor
7. Treat competitors the way you would like to be treated
8. Respect the integrity of judges and contest officials

Academics

1. FFA members must realize that they are students first and FFA members second. Members should plan their schedule so that they give sufficient time and energy to their studies to ensure maintaining acceptable grades. Members must be passing all subjects at the six week grading period to be eligible to compete.
2. Members failing a course will be ineligible from competition for a period of three weeks. They may regain eligibility after three weeks if they are passing all subjects at that time. If not, they remain ineligible for another three weeks.

Dress Code

1. Members should dress in Official Dress as prescribed by the National FFA Organization at all official FFA activities
2. Members should dress appropriately for all activities that they may compete in.
3. School dress code must be followed while at activities when not required to be in any type of prescribed dress.

FFA Member Requirements

1. All members must pay FFA dues of \$20.00 per school year to be eligible to compete.
2. All members must have an approved SAE as described by the State and National FFA.
3. Members will be required to keep all records in the approved AET record keeping system.
4. Members must attend all scheduled FFA meeting unless prior approval is granted by the advisor or, in case of an unforeseen reason.
5. All members must participate in Chapter Fundraisers

LDE, CDE, and Speech Competition

1. All members are encouraged and expected to participate in at least one of these activities each school year.
2. Practice times will be set by the advisor to ensure that all teams are prepared to succeed at contest.
3. Competing is a privilege not a right so practice and preparation is essential to your success.

Livestock Shows

1. Members who choose to participate in these activities must have a signed barn agreement on file to keep animals at school farm. This agreement will be a separate document and handed out before purchase of show animals.
2. Attendance at stock shows will require that student be academically eligible and agree to follow all rules of dress and conduct as set forth by Bluff Dale ISD and Bluff Dale FFA Advisor.
3. Members will be expected to care for and train their animals on a daily basis. Animals that are not cared for properly will not be allowed to show.

Bluff Dale Jr. FFA

1. The Bluff Dale Jr. FFA program is designed to provide support and training to students grades 3rd thru 8th who are enrolled at Bluff Dale ISD who show livestock.
2. Jr. FFA members must pay yearly dues in the amount of \$10.00 to be eligible for this program.
3. The FFA Advisor will help in the selections of show animals and provide assists in feeding practices as well as health of animals.
4. The FFA Advisor will provide training and practice times to work with students in preparing and training animals and students to be successful with their projects. Most practice times and clinics will be held outside of the normal school day.
5. Being a Jr. FFA member is a privilege and honor and all members must adhere to the same rules and guidelines as older members while attending all activities.

Conclusion: Participation in the FFA is a privilege not a right. Students should strive to be the best at everything that we do and to represent Bluff Dale ISD, Bluff Dale FFA, the Bluff Dale Community, yourself, your parents and family and the FFA advisor to the very best of your ability.

BLUFF DALE FFA Motto: “Being the best by giving our best”