



Belton ISD Agriculture Science Facility Agriculture Barn

USE AGREEMENT – 2022-23

The Belton Independent School District Agriculture Science Facility (Ag Barn) is located at 1012 W. 2nd Avenue in Belton, Texas. The purpose of this facility is to provide an extension to classroom instruction to maximize learning and to allow FFA members to utilize the facility for their Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) program animal projects. In order for all parties to utilize the facility, there are rules and regulations which must be observed.

This Agreement is between the student and parent whose names appear below and sets forth the terms of the student and parent's usage of the Belton ISD Agriculture Science Facility.

1. **PEN ASSIGNMENTS** – Pens will be assigned and approved by an agriculture science teacher of that species. The agricultural science teacher reserves the right to change pen assignments as needed to accommodate the barn. The facility is not intended to serve as long-term housing for privately-owned animals.
2. **FARM MAINTENANCE FEE** – There is a \$100 farm maintenance fee per pen, \$50 per additional animal per pen and it must be paid to Belton ISD upon assignment of a pen. Deposit of pen does not guarantee a pen assignment until space is available and animal is housed. The student renting the pen must attend the designated “Ag Barn Clean-Up Day.” If a student is unable to attend for any reason, the student must find a suitable replacement or make prior arrangements with an agriculture science teacher for other assigned duties.
3. **FEEDING HOURS** – Animals may only be fed between the hours of 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. An agriculture science teacher must approve any changes to feeding times for safety reasons.
4. **MEDICATION** - Monthly vaccinations to maintain general health, such as de-wormers, vitamins and other medications may only be administered under the supervision of an agriculture science teacher by the student. Any other medication administered by the student, parents or any other individual must be with the consent of a veterinarian or an agriculture science teacher. The teachers are responsible for signing livestock entries at shows verifying ethical practices, so they must be kept aware of any and ALL medications used on livestock for any reason.
5. **ANIMAL AND PEN CARE** - Animals must be fed and watered twice a day unless otherwise instructed. Animal pens must be cleaned and maintained daily. No waste may be kept in the Ag Barn at any time for any animal, including buckets or piles. All feed and shaving bags must be disposed of directly into dumpsters. Shavings, manure, and other waste particles must be disposed of in designated areas.

6. **MAINTENANCE** - The student agrees to keep the area in front of the assigned pen clean and agrees to be responsible for clean up in the event the student's animal defecates anywhere other than its pen. Student agrees to take feed bags to the dumpster when empty, and to clean all feces, hair, and wool from the wash racks when finished washing the animal.

7. **NEGLECTED ANIMALS** - Any animal neglected, abandoned, or abused will be removed from the Ag Barn and the parent will be charged a \$100 hauling and handling fee to deliver the animal to the nearest auction barn. Removal of an animal will occur after one written notification from an agriculture science teacher. Once an animal is removed due to abuse or neglect, the student forfeits any further use of the Ag Barn.

8. **PARKING** - Parking is only allowed in designated areas. No parking on or driving in or on the grass is allowed.

9. **INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR** – Student's behavior may result in the removal of the student's animal from the Ag Barn, and a forfeiture of the student's right to use the Ag Barn in the future:

- The abuse of other persons, animals or property while on Ag Barn premises
- The student's out of school suspension or referral to the DAEP
- The use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco related products on the premises
- A violation of the Student Code of Conduct
- The playing of loud music
- Unprofessional behavior not in keeping with Belton FFA Constitution

10. **PERSONAL PROPERTY** - Personal property (such as halters, buckets, show sticks, etc.) stored at the Ag Barn is not available for public use unless the student obtains permission from the property's owner. Neither BISD nor its employees are responsible for theft or damage of any personal items left at the Ag Barn.

11. **PROBLEMS** - Anyone aware of damage or a problem at the Ag Barn is obligated to report immediately to an agriculture science teacher. This includes but is not limited to broken water lines, electrical problems, and panels. Failure to report damage or other problems could result in loss of use of the Ag Barn.

12. **ABANDONED EQUIPMENT** - Any feed cans, feeders, buckets, and show boxes which are not removed from the Ag Barn within (7) days after the animal has been removed, will become the property of the Belton FFA Chapter.

13. **FITTING** - All projects may only be fitted by the student, agriculture science teachers, parents and/or guardians. Projects that have to be professionally fitted will require the student to make arrangements to show through 4-H and will not be housed at the Ag Barn.

14. **ILLEGAL DRUGS AND ANIMALS** - Any student and or family using illegal drugs on animals will be removed from the Ag program.

15. **PEN MODIFICATION** - No modifications will be made on the pen without the consent of an agriculture science teacher. Any approved modifications will be done at the student's expense, unless deemed otherwise by an Ag teacher.

16. **RECORD SYSTEM** - All Projects housed at the Ag Barn will have current records maintained by the student as a part of the FFA SAE program. Record book materials will be supplied by an agriculture science teacher, along with proper training plans and will include expense, income, medication, and activities pertaining to the animal project.

17. **GATES** - All gates should remain closed at all times.
18. **FREE ROAMING ANIMALS** - No free-roaming livestock are allowed.
19. **FEED STORAGE** - Livestock feed and tack should be kept in the assigned feed storage area. It should be kept in a dry, varmint-proof container that will keep feed fresh for consumption. The student agrees to discard all empty feed sacks in the Ag Barn dumpster. Old or spoiled feed may not be discarded or poured onto the ground, must be disposed of properly.
20. **PETS** - No pets or other animals are allowed. Any damage caused by such other pets or animals will be the financial responsibility of the student and/or parent.
21. **AG BARN "CLEAN UP" DAY** - The appearance of the Ag Barn is a priority, and so, periodic "Ag Barn Clean-Up Days" are required for the student. If the student is unable to attend for any reason, the student is responsible for finding a suitable replacement. The last Ag Barn Clean-Up Day is **mandatory**. If not in attendance, Belton FFA reserves the right to withhold pen assignments for the next year.
22. **AG SCIENCE TEACHER(S) USE OF ANIMALS** - Student agrees that projects may be used by the agriculture science teachers for livestock judging practice or to teach skills such as weighing, leading or vaccination.
23. **PROBLEMS AND CHAIN OF COMMAND** - The Student agrees that all concerns should first be addressed with an agriculture science teacher. If the issue is not resolved, the issue should be taken to the Director of BISD Career and Technology Education
24. **SICK ANIMALS** - When a student or parent cannot be contacted, an agriculture science teacher reserves the right to seek treatment for any animal found to be in need of immediate emergency care. The student and parent will be responsible for any additional costs incurred.
25. **DEATH OF A PROJECT** - At no time will BISD employees or agriculture science teachers be responsible for the death of a project that is at the Ag Barn. If an animal dies while at the Ag Barn, it is the responsibility of the student and parent to properly dispose of the carcass immediately. Carcasses may not be left in the Ag Barn dumpster. If a District employee has to dispose of the carcass, the student will lose all future rights to house an animal at the Ag Barn and will be responsible for any additional costs incurred.
26. **EXTRANEIOUS INDIVIDUALS** - The Ag Barn is for educational use of the student. Only the student and the student's immediate family should be on the Ag Barn's premises. All visitors must be accompanied by the student. Gate code should be kept by only student and their immediate family.
27. **REMOVAL** - All animals must be removed from the farm within (21) days from last show exhibited in. All other approval must come from the agricultural science teacher of that species.

