

**MCMULLEN
COUNTY
Ag Class**



**Handbook
2016-2017**

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION HANDBOOK

Introduction

This handbook communicates important information concerning Agriculture Department policies and procedures to our parents and students. After reviewing this information, we ask that the parents and student read and sign the signature page on the last page of the handbook and turn it in to his/her Ag teacher.

Mission Statement

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 and the FFA.

Philosophy of Agricultural Education

Agricultural Education uses real life examples from the disciplines of agriculture and agribusiness to teach lifelong values of hard work, work ethic, dedication, commitment, goal setting, teamwork, responsibility, self-discipline, time management, sacrifice, leadership, integrity and selfless service.

Academics

Participation in FFA activities and competitions is a privilege, **not** a right. The most critical requirement for a student to be eligible for participation is to maintain passing grades in all courses. The Ag teachers will monitor students' grades and eligibility for FFA participation.

Competitions

Representing McMullen County ISD and the Tilden FFA in Career Development Events (CDE's), Leadership Career Development Events (LCDE's), Speaking Development Events (SDE's), and Ag Mechanics Shows is a privilege and not a right. Students should consider all expectations and responsibilities involved in a competition before beginning preparations for competition. The expectations and guidelines provided in this handbook clearly explain this process.

This participation begins in the classroom and in the shop. There are two areas of instruction and FFA participation at MCHS: Ag Leadership and Ag Mechanics.

Ag Leadership:

1. Students will be selected for CDE, LCDE, and SDE participation at the sole discretion of the Ag teachers/FFA Advisors.
2. Particular competitive teams/contests will be entered at the sole discretion of the Ag teachers/FFA Advisors.
3. Students to be selected for CDE, LCDE, and SDE participation should maintain good behavior and not exhibit persistent disciplinary problems. Any student that serves more than 2 days in In-School-Suspension/Out of School Suspension, or any DAEP placement must have a meeting with the advisors to discuss behavioral concerns. Removal of a student from a competitive team will be at the sole discretion of the Ag teachers/FFA advisors and with administrative approval. Such removal can occur at any time during the training and competition seasons.
4. Any behavior at an event deemed inappropriate may result in immediate removal from a team or individual event. Such removal will be at the sole discretion of the Ag Teachers/FFA Advisors with administrative approval.

Ag Mechanics:

1. Projects to be built in the shop will be approved by the Ag teachers/FFA Advisors at their sole discretion. All approved projects built in the shop under the direction of the Ag teachers will be entered at Ag Mechanics shows through the Tilden FFA Chapter only.
2. Quality of workmanship, type of project, and student participation and attitude will be considered when approving projects for major stock show entries. Even though a project might have been pre-approved for construction, it can be denied Ag Mechanics show entry if any of the above factors are found by the Ag teachers to be deficient.
3. Students to be selected for Ag Mech show participation should maintain good behavior and not exhibit persistent disciplinary problems. Any student that serves more than 2 times in In-School-Suspension must have a meeting with the advisors to discuss behavioral concerns. Removal of a student from the list of show participants will be at the sole discretion of the Ag teachers/advisors with administrative approval. Such removal can occur at any time during the construction of projects.
4. Students exhibiting projects must be present at their assigned projects for the entire duration of time as outlined by the Ag teachers. Any departure from this schedule may result in removal from the project for further shows. Any behavior at the show deemed inappropriate may result in immediate removal from the project exhibition at the current show. Such removal will be at the sole discretion of the Ag Teachers/FFA Advisors.

5. Students will be assigned to exhibit projects at the Ag Mech shows at the discretion of the Ag teachers.

****Anything that is not covered in this handbook will be left to the judgment of the Ag Teachers/ FFA Advisors****

Acknowledgement Form
McMullen County ISD
Agricultural Education Handbook

Student's Name: _____

I have read and received a copy of the McMullen County ISD
Agricultural Education Handbook.

I understand that my son/daughter will abide by and will be held
accountable for the information outlined in this handbook.

Student Signature

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date