

Cypress Creek FFA Member Handbook 2023-2024

FFA MOTTO: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.



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Howdy and Welcome to CCHS!!

Whether you're interested in raising livestock, creating floral arrangements, or building an ag mechanics project we are extremely excited for your interest in becoming an FFA member. This handbook will provide you with everything you need to know about becoming an active FFA member. This handbook is filled with many important dates and information for this upcoming school year, so please read over this carefully. We can't wait to see y'all at our first FFA meeting this September!! Welcome to the Cypress Creek FFA Chapter: an organization that starts as friends but becomes a family! Ahh.. CC! WHAT!

Welcome!

• Cypress Creek FFA Advisors

2023-2024 Cypress Creek FFA Officers

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<u>Website</u>

http://cypresscreek.ffanow.org

Instagram & Twitter

@cycreekffa

<u>Facebook</u>

facebook.com/cypresscreekffa



FFA MEMBER/STUDENT MEETING

Thursday SEPT 14th	3:30 pm @ 1754	
Wednesday OCT 11th	3:30 pm @ 1754	
Thursday NOV 16th	3:30 pm @ 1754	
Tuesday DEC 5th	3:30 pm @ 1754	
Tuesday JAN. 23rd	6:00 pm @ LGI 1	
FEB	No monthly meeting	
Tuesday MAR. 5th	3:30 pm @ 1754	
Thursday APR. 11th	3:30 pm @ 1754 Officer Elections	
Tuesday APR. 23rd	6 pm FFA Banquet in CCHS Commons	
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FFA Chapter Shirts

Chapter shirts will be provided by the Cypress Creek FFA Chapter and Booster Club.

Each student enrolled in an Ag Science course will receive one shirt.

Important Dates

refer to our chapter website and schoology for dates

Lamb, Goat, Swine Entries Due: Sept 14th · Greenhand Camp: Sept 5th 3:30 pm

Lottery Draw: Oct. 4th · Lamb Selection: Oct 5th · Goat Selection: Oct 6th · Swine Selection: Oct 7th

Royalty Contest: Dec 2nd · CFISD Livestock Show: Feb 1-3

FFA Banquet

The annual FFA Banquet is a celebration of the Cypress Creek FFA member's achievements throughout the year. Every member and their parents are encouraged to attend. <u>All members should wear their FFA Official Dress</u>. Banquet will be held in the Cypress Creek High School Commons on *April 25th*, *2024 from 6:00-8:00 pm*.



ONLINE ANIMAL PAYMENT CHEAT SHEET

First time set up-parents/guardians:

- Go to Cy Creek website: cycreek.cfisd.net
- Scroll down, lower right side and click on:



- Click on "Register for an Account".
- Follow prompts: email, password, name, address, phone number, etc.
- Confirm email.
- Link/attach any of your CFISD students to your profile. Info needed: student name, birthdate, home campus.
- As school adds fees, they will show up according to what the student will need to pay for:
 Ex: class fees, t-shirts sales, etc.
- We recommend you keep any and all receipts of payment, even though a record of your payment will stay on your profile for reference.

CFISD Livestock Show Association

What? 30th Annual Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Livestock Show and Sale

Where? CFISD Exhibit Center, 11206 Telge Rd, Cypress, TX 77429

When? Judging: February 1 -2, 2024

Sale: February 3, 2024, Freezer Sale & Silent Auction: 10:00 am, Live Auction: 1:00 pm

Qualifications?

- Enrolled in an Ag class for the 2023-2024 school year
 - Entries and payments turned in by due date
 - UIL Eligible

For more information please regarding rules and dates visit: https://sites.google.com/cfisd.net/cfisd-lsa/home



District barns available for lambs, goats, swine, steers

Check List for Indoor & Outdoor Official FFA Dress

Female:	Black skirt or slacks. (No denim/jean - blue or black, leather, pleather, etc.) Skirt is to be at least knee <i>length</i> , hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a slit no longer than 2 inches above the knee, excluding the kick pleat. Black skirts or slacks are required for the Cypress Creek FFA Banquet in May and all other indoor FFA events. Must wear black nylon hosiery and black dress shoes – see below.
	White button-up, collared blouse.
	Official FFA blue scarf (without ring). Suggestion: Buy at least 2!
	Black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe to wear with black skirt. (No boots, sandals, open-toed shoes, or tennis shoes. <i>NO</i> sequins, sparkles or any other accessories. <i>Suggestion: Flats are best!</i>
	Black nylon hosiery to wear with black skirt. Suggestion: Buy multiple pairs!
	For CFISD Livestock Show ONLY: Solid black jeans/pants, no bling, no white stitching, MUST be completely black from top to bottom, cannot be faded black jeans, boot cut ONLY. No skinny jeans! <u>Must</u> <u>wear solid black, no bling belt with jeans/pants.</u> Belt buckles are acceptable.
	For CFISD Livestock Show ONLY: Black dress boots are acceptable for official dress. No white or colored stitching on the LEATHER that shows on the vamp (toe/foot) of the boot. The shaft (top/leg) of the boot can be any color as long as it is covered by your pants.
	Official FFA Jacket.
	Other: Jewelry must be minimal. Hair must be natural colors and well-kept. Natural make-up is suggested.
Male:	Black dress pants/slacks. (No jeans - blue or black, leather, pleather, etc.)
	For CFISD Livestock Show ONLY: Solid black jeans, no bling, no white stitching, MUST be completely black from top to bottom, cannot be faded black jeans, boot cut ONLY. <i>Suggested brand: Men's Black Wrangler Riata's (can wear this brand at show and indoor events).</i>
	Black belt. (Must wear solid black, no bling belt for all events. Belt buckles are acceptable.)
	White button-up, collared dress shirt.
	Official FFA tie. (The FFA bowtie is NOT acceptable). Suggestion: Buy at least 2!
	Black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe. Dress boots are acceptable for indoor official dress in Texas. (No sandals, open-toed shoes, tennis shoes.)
	For CFISD Livestock Show: Black dress boots are acceptable for official dress. No white or colored stitching on the LEATHER that shows on the vamp (toe/foot) of the boot. The shaft (top/leg) of the boot can be any color as long as it is covered by your pants.
	Black socks. (Especially important when wearing dress shoes and slacks).
	Official FFA Jacket.
	Other: Face must be clean-shaven . Jewelry must be minimal. Hair must be natural colors and well-kept.

* Please ask your Ag Teacher if there is any uncertainty about the items to purchase for Official Dress.*

How to Order Your Official FFA Jacket Size:

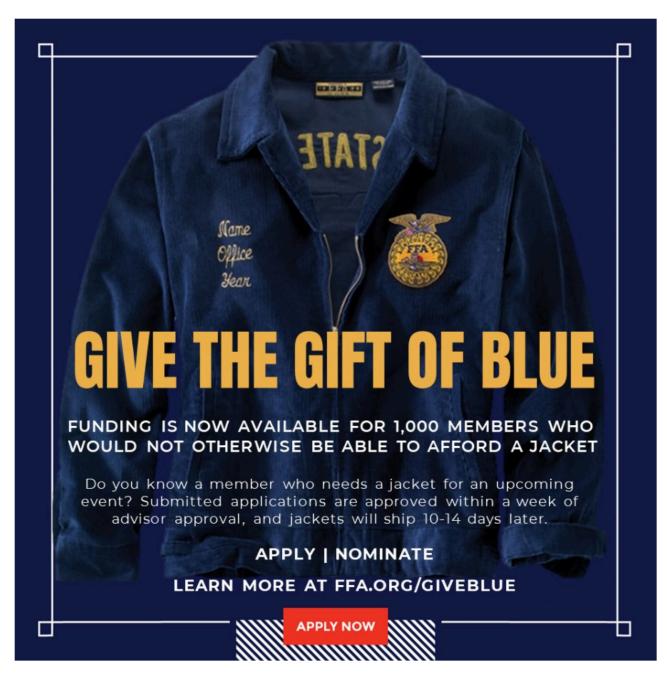
- To order your Official FFA Jacket, visit the National FFA- Shop FFA website to begin ordering.
 https://shopffa.org/products?clear=true
- 2. First, make an account as a guest member (new FFA online experience). Once you have your account made, click on the "*Official Dress*" tab.
- 3. Second, click on "*Men's*" (Item #100) or "*Women's*" (Item #103) according to the jacket size suggested to your child at the top of the form. The chapter does have some jackets that can be tried on at the school to confirm size.
- 4. Then click the icon that says "Jackets" and then click "Official Jacket".
- 5. **<u>Type</u>**: "Standard Jacket"
- 6. Size: (The size suggested at the top of the form.)
- 7. Select "Click Here to Personalize"
 - a. <u>Chapter Number</u>: TX0379
 - b. <u>Advisor Name:</u> Put your Ag Teacher name
 - c. <u>Front Line:</u> (Students First & Last Name)
 - d. Back State 1: TEXAS
 - e. <u>Back Chapter Line 2:</u> CYPRESS CREEK
- 8. PLEASE SPELL CHECK BEFORE ORDERING!
- 9. <u>Girls:</u> It is suggested to order 2 scarves. At least one is required of all female members. (No ring scarves).
- 10. **Boys:** It is suggested to order 2 ties. At least one is required of all male members. (No bowties).



* Please make sure that when you are ordering the jacket that you are ordering the correct size according to the item # written at the top of this page. Students tried on jackets in class and chose sizes according to the fit of the jacket.

* Please read the checklist provided for the complete Official Dress requirements for indoor and outdoor dress, especially for what is required for the CFISD Livestock Show.

Please have a printed receipt to present to your Ag Teacher by December 1st!



CYPRESS CREEK FFA



MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS



As a member of the Cypress Creek FFA, you are expected to uphold the FFA Standards of behavior and dress. The following chart outlines inappropriate activities resulting in removal as a member in Good Standing of the FFA Chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when he or she:

- 1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agriculture, food and natural resources course, as defined in Texas FFA Association membership policies, during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study. Either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is preparation for an agriculture, food and natural resources career.
- 2. Shows an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
- 3. Pays all current local, district, area, state and national dues by the date determined by the chapter.
- 4. Displays conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization, Texas FFA Association and with the school district's code of student conduct.
- 5. Meets all other local standards and requirements described in this chapter's policies.
- 6. Participates in major chapter fundraisers throughout the year.
- 7.

Infractions:	Demerit(s):
Failure to attend/absence from Chapter Meeting without approved prior written notice	4
Conduct unbecoming of an FFA member (verbal warning)+	1
Conduct unbecoming of an FFA member (written warning)+	2
Failure to wear complete Official Dress when required	3
Nine-Weeks Failure	2
DMC Assignment for any reason	4
Visible tattoos & facial piercing while at official FFA Functions	No participation until corrected
Suspension from school for any reason	6
ALC Placement	Removal
Other infractions against the CFISD District Policy Handbook	Varies Depending on Infraction

+ Unbecoming behavior includes but is not limited to the following: inappropriate social media posts or comments. Ill representation of the chapter in public or during school. Gossiping or bullying other members or officers. Publicly announcing they wish to quit the team or chapter.

A student will be removed as a member in good standing once they exceed 10 infractions.

CFISD – FFA Districtwide Letter Jacket Guidelines

The following items are REQUIRED:

- FFA member in Good Standing with chapter for at least 2 years*

- hold the Chapter FFA Degree
- earn 30 points from activities listed below

(* Students earning 30 pts by qualifying for a state competition or winning at CFISD/Major livestock show may receive their jacket in fewer than 2 years.)

Point System:

The student must earn a total of 30 points. The following are the activities and items the student can complete to earn points; all activities will be approved by the Agriscience teacher. Students should submit this list of activities to their teacher for approval. All activities listed must be documented in their record books.

Activity	Possible Points	Points Earned			
-		9 th gd	10 th gd	11 th gd	12 th gd
LDE (Not cumulative; select highest level of success per team per year)	Compete at Invitational (1 pt) Compete at District (3 pts) Compete at Area (5 pts) Qualify for State (30 pts) State Top 10 (30 pts)				
CDE (Not cumulative; select highest level of success per team per year)	Compete at Invitational (1 pt) Compete at Area (5 pts) Qualify for State (30 pts) State Top 10 (30 pts)				
Speaking Event/Talent (Not cumulative; select highest level of success per team per year)	Compete at Invitational (1 pt) Compete at District (3 pts) Compete at Area (5 pts) Qualify for State (30 pts) State Top 10 (30 pts)				
Livestock Projects (Not cumulative; select highest level of success per SAE per year)	Compete (3 pts) Make Sale (5 pts) Grand Showmanship (7 pts) CFISD/Major Grand Champion (30 pts)				
Horticulture/Ag Mech Projects (Not cumulative; select highest level of success per SAE per year)	Compete (3 pts) Class Winner (5 pts) Division Winner (7 pts) CFISD/Major Grand Champion (30 pts)				
Royalty Contest (Not cumulative; select highest level of success per SAE per year)	Compete (3 pts) Division winner (10 pts)				
Officer (Total all applicable per year)	Chapter (5 pts) District (5 pts) Area (5 pts)				
Chapter Community Service Project	3 pts				
Advisor Approved Activity (Limit of 1 per year)	3 pts				
Lone Star Degree	Earned (30 pts)				
TOTAL					
GRAND TOTAL					

AET Record Book Info

http://www.theaet.com/ Chapter Number: TX0379

See required checklist from the district below under documents.

*CFISD Requires students to complete their record book prior to receiving their LSA

Check*

- The following should be completed for each SAE:
 - · Profile Info correct and up to date, add profile picture.
 - <u>Classes</u> for both semesters.
 - <u>Plan</u> At least 5 complete sentences for each tab, proper grammar must be used, and your final learning outcome must be entered.
 - Expenses Everything must be entered up until Sale Day
 - Correct date
 - Proper grammar for vendor name
 - Correct animal/project with correct type of expense
 - ONE item per memo (proper grammar)
 - Income Teacher will give you the paper with your income information.
 - Date: Sale Day.
 - Vendor: CFISD
 - · Correct animal/project with correct type of income
 - Type = Cash/Market Sale
 - Amount = Final total cost
 - Memo = 1 head

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Cash Expense	Purchased cash items for your SAE project.	Enter all of your receipts! ONE ITEM FOR MEMO		
a. Inventory for Resale	The purchase of your SAE project (Animal, Hort or Ag Mech)	Animal Memo: 1 head		
b. Feed	The purchase of feed, hay, supplements, etc. for your SAE project	Feed Memo: 50 lbs (per bag) Hay Memo: Hay, 1 bale		
c. Vet Medicine	The purchase of vet medicine (dewormer, betadine, antibiotics, vet visits, etc.) for your SAE project	Memo: Dewormer, 1 tube Memo: Betadine, 1 bottle		
d. Supplies	The purchase of supplies (shavings, halter, buckets, brush, hog whip, poop scooper, etc.) for your SAE project	Memo: Bucket Shavings Memo: Shavings, 5 bags		
e. Repairs/Maintenance	The purchase of supplies for repairs/maintenance for your SAE project.	Memo: Wooden boards for pen Memo: Supplies to build pens at home		
f. Rent	The purchase of rent for your SAE project	Memo: Telge Barn Rent		
g. Entry Fee	The purchase of entry fees for competitions with your SAE project.	Memo: HLSR Entry Fee		



Checklist for Students upon Completion of Show

Exhibitor's Name:

School:

Project (circle one): Ag Mech Broiler Goat Heifer Horticulture Lamb Rabbit Royalty Steer Swine Turkey

Below is a checklist for all CFISD LSA projects. Once you have completed all requirements and obtained all necessary signatures please submit this paperwork to your ag teacher. These items must be completed, and your buyer(s) must have paid, before you can receive your check.

Signature	Date Completed	Item	Description
(Ag Teacher)		AET Journal Hours	- Students must enter two hours per month for the duration of the project and must include skill area and description.
(Ag Teacher)		AET Finances	- Inventory for resale - Barn rent if applicable - Expenses - Cash Market Sale and donations
(Ag Teacher)		SAE Plan	 Description Time Investment Financial Investment Learning Objectives (minimum of 3) Skill, Competencies, and Knowledge (Brain)
(Ag Teacher)		Thank you cards	 Thank you notes must be written for all sold projects and donations/awards received. Rough Draft must approved by ag teacher Neatly written thank you note on CFISD Stationary (provided by your ag teacher) in an addressed, stamped and unsealed envelope returned to ag teacher
(Buyer) or Attach business card		Auction	- Students who made auction must hand deliver picture and thank you card to your the buyer and attach a business card
(Buyer)		Turkeys, Broiler, Rabbits, Ag Mechanics and Horticulture Exhibitors	 Rabbits and poultry must be processed within 7 days of the show and delivered to your buyer within 21 days following the show Rabbit exhibitors must deliver 3 processed rabbits to their buyer Broiler exhibitors must deliver 5 processed birds to their buyer Turkey exhibitors must deliver 1 processed bird to their buyer Horticulture and Ag Mechanics exhibitors must hand-deliver items to buyer

Cypress Creek FFA Chapter CDE / LDE / Travel Agreement Information

If a student fails to attend a contest that has already been paid for by the chapter or booster club, that student and family is fully responsible for all financial costs pertaining to the event or trip. These charges may include: entry and registration fees, hotel costs, and pre-paid meals.

All students traveling must have the CTE Parental Permission Slip and Medical Authorization Forms completed prior to the trip and turned into the Ag Science Teachers.

Any student found in violation of the student code of conduct and/or sent to DMC, ALC, or has been suspended for any reason, is no longer eligible to travel with the Cypress Creek FFA Chapter for that year. If school administration or parents are called at any point on a trip for the student's behavior, his or her travel privileges may be revoked. Agricultural Science Teachers reserve the right to search student belongings before trips.

CCHS FFA CDE/LDE Team Qualification Process

<u>CDE- Career Development Events (Judging Teams)</u>

The top 4 student's highest <u>average</u> scores for each team will be the students who are eligible to represent Cypress Creek FFA at the Area III Contest, which is the single qualifying contest to advance to the State Contest.

Method of team calculation: If a student misses a contest for any reason (unless it is for another FFA event at the same time), he or she will receive a score of 0 for that contest. In the average calculation to determine team members, each member is allotted one "drop score". If a student receives a 0 for missing a contest, that score may be dropped. If no contests are missed, the lowest score will be dropped. Students competing for must attend <u>all practices to be considered for the Area Team</u>.

Each team will consist of 3 to 4 members at area, which is the minimum requirement to build a team.

Any FFA Member who is interested in participating on a leadership and/or judging team will have the opportunity to do so as long as they are meeting UIL eligibility requirements and following the CFISD Code of Conduct. All members on judging teams are ultimately up to the teacher's discretion. Practices and workshops may be used as a tie breaker if the need arises.

The number of contests available to attend throughout the year is different for each team. We try to attend as many contests with each team as we are able to.

Students who have previously participated on a team, attended previous contests, workshops, clinics, and/or practices are not guaranteed a spot on the team for the next season. They must display the same effort and are expected to meet the same expectations of all new students who are interested in participating on the team each contest season.

We take pride in the fact that our FFA leadership and judging teams are very competitive, just like everything else we do at Cypress Creek. Our students work hard and have a lot of fun too! We are so proud of them.

LDE- Leadership Development Events & SDE- Speaking Development Events

Students competing for LDEs and SDEs must attend <u>all</u> practices. The final winners of each event that will move on to represent Cypress Creek FFA at the Area Contest will be scored and judged by a 3rd party based on Texas FFA LDE and SDE Rubrics.

SEITZ Fundraiser

Fundraiser will be in the Fall semester. Orders will be ready before Thanksgiving. Each FFA member is expected to sell a minimum of 5 items.

Students must arrange a pickup of items on the day assigned due to the fact the items need to be refrigerated and or frozen.

If any money is owed to the chapter, the student will be put on fines and fees and will not be able to exempt until the amount owed is turned in.

The student with the most items sold will receive a belt buckle at the banquet provided by Seitz.

All sales will be recorded through Seitz Mobile App. The code to sign up and sell with our chapter is TX0379.

Exact instructions and pricing will be told during the school day and sent home with the student.



Cypress Creek CDE In-Person Contest

This is the second fundraiser of our two allotted throughout the school year. The Cy Creek CDE Contest will be in the spring semester. This years contest will be held on February 19th 2024 at the Berry Center. We will be hosting over 1300 teams from all over the state to compete in 6 different Career Development Events.

This day is a student holiday (Presidents Day) and will need as many students as we can to attend the event. The money raised is to help sponsor fun class activities, certifications, Awards, travel, hotels, and contests throughout the year.



Achievements and Awards

The following awards are handed out at Banquet:

Proficiencies- there are 18 different essay topics. The members are given time in class to complete a 1 page report on the topic. Members then submit it for an award and a 3rd party judge picks out the winner of each topic. The following topics available are as followed: Beef Production, Swine Production, Sheep Production, Goat Production, Poultry Production, Specialty Animal Production (Rabbits), Diversified Livestock Production, Small Animal Production and Care (Pets), Vet Science, Equine Science, Ag Mechanics, Designs, and Fabrication, Ag Sales, Wildlife Production and Management, Fruit Production, Vegetable Production, Dairy Production, Floriculture, and Diversified Agricultural Production.

Star Green Hand, Star Chapter Farmer, and Most Outstanding Senior- this award is based off of member participation in events and activities such as LDEs, CDEs, Livestock Shows, Tour guiding, FFA Day at the Capital, Officer, etc.

The following awards are handed out at the State FFA Convention:

Lone Star Degree- To receive a State FFA Degree, members must meet the following requirements:

- Received a Chapter FFA Degree.
- Have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree
- Have completed at least 2 years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at our above the ninth grade level, which includes an SAE.
- Have earned and productively invested at least \$1000 and worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time, in a supervised agricultural experience program. The combination of hours and earnings multiplied by a factor of 3.33 must be equal to or greater than the number 1,000.
- Demonstrated leadership ability by performing 10 parliamentary law procedures, giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or FFA, and serving as an FFA officer, committee chairperson, or committee member.
- Have a satisfactory academic record, certified by the agriculture teacher and the school principal or superintendent.
- Participated in the planning and implementation of the chapter's Program of Activities.
- As of May 1, have completed ten activities above the chapter level in at least three of six different categories: leadership development events, career development events, conventions and meetings, project shows, student awards and leadership and service as described in policies adopted by the Board of Directors.
- Complete at least 25 hours of community service in a minimum of two different activities. All community service hours are cumulative, i.e. the 10 community service hours used to obtain the chapter degree can be used toward the state degree.

The above requirements are to be recorded in the student's AET record book in a precise and accurate manner. The student must keep accurate records year after year and work closely with an Ag Science Teacher to complete the checklist. There is a degree check the student must attend in indoor official dress.

Cypress Creek FFA Handbook Acknowledgement Form

By completing the information below, the student, along with his or her parents, acknowledge the information provided in the Cypress Creek FFA Membership Handbook and general expectations outlined for a Cypress Creek FFA chapter member. A copy of the Chapter Handbook can be found at the Cypress Creek FFA Website (https://cypresscreek.ffanow.org) under the home page.

Applicant's Name (Print)	:	
Applicant's Signature:		Date:
Guardian Name (Print):_		
Guardian Signature:		Date:
Please fi	ill out the following for the A	AET / Ag Teacher's records.
	STUDENT INF	Ö:
Student's Full Name:		Shirt Size:
Nick Name:	Birthdate:	Graduation Year:
Mailing Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
		Cell Phone:
Email:		Best way to contact:
	GUARDIAN IN	FO:
Name:		Occupation:
Best Phone Number:	Email	l:
	GUARDIAN IN	FO:
Name:		Occupation:
Best Phone Number:	Email	l:
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