**Supervised Agriculture Experience**

**Livestock Program**

Participation in the livestock program is strictly voluntary. Students are NOT required to take part in this activity. ALL STUDENTS WHO DO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY MEETING WITH THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHICH IS HELD IN January.

Animals are purchased by the students who are responsible for housing, feed, veterinary bills, entry fees, any equipment needed and any other expenses which should arise. Students can choose to purchase the animals themselves or allow the chapter advisors to purchase them. If the student buys them, it is strongly advised that advisors be included in the purchase so that the proper type of animal is purchased. Breeding or market animals may be purchased. Breeding animals are females which could be used for producing additional animals. Market animals’ purpose is to be added to the food supply. None of these animals should be considered pets. They ARE NOT pets. Be prepared because animals of sufficient quality to compete in livestock shows cost more than the current market price.

Participating in the livestock program requires a time commitment. Animals may take up 2 – 3 hours a day. No other activities can be used as an excuse when living animals depend on the student for daily feed, water and exercise. Advisors are not tolerant of neglected animals. If a student cannot make that type of time commitment, DO NOT participate. Advisors reserve the right to disqualify a student from participating in livestock production activities.

Most students who do purchase animals participate in livestock shows. Just like all other extracurricular activities, students must be eligible to participate. All stock shows have rules that exclude students who do not make passing grades. Animals cannot go without the students. After all of the stock shows have concluded animals must be removed from Agriculture Center. Students are responsible for this. Advisors will sell the animal if it is not removed by the end of the Parker County Junior Livestock Show. Students will receive whatever money the advisor receives minus any outstanding fees or expenses. Please note that the value of the animal at this time will NOT be as high as when the animal was purchased.

Parents must also be aware that students who do participate in the Parker County Junior Livestock show may or may not qualify for the livestock auction. Animals that do not should be sold at floor price (market price) at the show. The auction price a student receives is dependent on the success of the Azle FFA Alumni. Parents MUST participate in this group. If the group does not raise enough money, it is conceivable that a student may stand in front of the auction and not receive one bid. That would be extremely embarrassing to the student as well as our chapter.

The advisors will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Remember, parents and students MUST attend the mandatory meeting on livestock which is held in January.

**Azle FFA**

**SAEP-Animal Projects**

(All cost information is approximate and for information purposes only!)

Animal Species Approximate Feed Costs Purchase Date Purchase Price

Market Hog $300 to $500 $300 - $500 February

Market Goat $300 to $500 $200-$300 January/ February

Market Lamb $250 to $750 $200-$300 January/ February

\*Market Broilers $1.50 to $2.00 each $150 - $200 February

\*Market Turkeys $6.00 each

\*Market Rabbits $30 to $50 per $50 - $75

\*Market Broilers $1.50 to $2.00 each $150 - $200 February

\*Market Steers

\*Market Heifers

\* These projects currently require facilities that are not available at the Ag Center. If you have the facilities, then these may be considered.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE CENTER

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*General Rules and Regulations*

 The Azle ISD Agricultural Center is an educational facility of the Azle Public Schools. Operation of the center is conducted through the Azle High School Agricultural Sciences Department for the purpose of curriculum enhancement and assistance in meeting state mandated SAE requirements. The purpose of this contract is to standardize the rules and regulations concerning student use of the facilities. Your responsible attitude in abiding by these rules will help insure your part in enriching the learning experience for everyone. The following rules are in force. Any new rules that may become necessary will be effective immediately upon notification of the students by the Agricultural Science teacher(s).

1. ALL SCHOOL RULES will apply for all students, adults, and guests. State law prohibits the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, narcotic drugs, controlled substances, tobacco and firearms on school property. All violations will be reported. Profane and abusive language and sexual misconduct will not be tolerated.
2. The abuse of an animal by a student or adult will result in the student being required to remove their animal.
3. All projects to be kept at the Agricultural Science Center must be approved by the AgScience teacher who will assign a pen where livestock projects are to be kept AFTER application has been approved and ALL fees paid. There will be a deposit/ rental fee required before any project is allowed at the Agricultural Science Center. This deposit will be returned only when the assigned project area has been properly cleaned to meet AgScience teacher’s specifications by June 23rd.
4. Students will use pens that are assigned them and will not move their animal(s) without permission of the AgScience teacher.
5. Students will be responsible for the care and feeding of their project EVERY day at the required times. Students who do not properly care for their project will be required to remove it from the Agricultural Science Center. Students may trade out feeding and care responsibilities during vacations and on holidays. It is still their responsibility that the project be properly cared for.
6. The cleanliness and sanitation of the Agricultural Science Center is the direct responsibility of every single person who has a project. The teacher will assign specific duties. Failure to carry out assigned duties will result in disciplinary action and/or eviction.
7. No items may be stored in the students assigned area/animal pen. Students with pigs, sheep, and/or goats will be required to have any personal items stored inside a sealable barrel in the assigned storeroom. No personal items will be allowed to be stored outside this area. Feed must be kept in a protected container to discourage pest infestation in this area. It is suggested to purchase a lockable barrel for feed and personal item storage.
8. Anyone responsible for defacing the facilities or equipment at the Agricultural Science Center will face the same disciplinary action as defacing any school property and may be held financially responsible.
9. All vehicles are to remain parked until the student has finished his/her work and is ready to leave the center. Inappropriate operation of any vehicle will not be tolerated.
10. Horseplay and loitering are prohibited at the Agricultural Science Center. The center is not a hangout! Take care of your business and leave.
11. The facility will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. No persons may be at the facility during any other times.
12. No dogs allowed on the property.
13. Feed, health care and other normal costs are the responsibility of the student.
14. Insurance for projects kept at the Agricultural Science Center is not maintained by the school district, Agricultural Science department, FFA chapter or AgScience teacher. They are not liable for any losses, injuries and/or damages incurred to persons, projects and/or property.
15. Any accident or safety hazard is to be reported immediately to the AgScience teacher.
16. If you, an FFA member, bring a guest to the Agricultural Science Center, then you are responsible for their actions.
17. Parents/guardians are encouraged to spend as much time as possible with their child while they are at the Agricultural Science Center.
18. Male animals capable of reproduction will not be allowed at the Agricultural Science Center. (i.e. Bull, boar, stallion, ram, buck)
19. Students must be “eligible” according to the state and district guidelines in order to participate in any livestock show during the school year. The student must be eligible by state and district guidelines at the time the agricultural teachers leave the project center for the show with the animals, or date of activity.
20. Students will commute to and from the livestock shows with the agricultural science instructor, or in other authorized transportation. The student will remain with his/her project at the livestock show until the animal is delivered to the appropriate destination.
21. Students are strongly encouraged to secure a buyer for his/her animal in the event the animal does not qualify for a premium sale. It is further required that the student and parent assist in the solicitation of individuals/businesses to participate in the premium sale at the Parker County Livestock Show, and/or fundraising activities related to this show by the Azle FFA Alumni Support Group.
22. If a student fails to abide by these rules and regulations, the following steps will be taken:
* FIRST OFFENSE: Student will be warned and possible disciplinary action will be taken.
* SECOND OFFENSE: Student, teacher, and parent will hold a conference. This may include disciplinary action.
* THIRD OFFENSE: Student will be required to remove his/her project(s) from the center. Following student and parent notification of a third offense, if an animal is not removed from the Agricultural Science Center within 48 hours, the animal will be sold at market. Any expenses incurred, including transportation and handling cost will be deducted from the sale proceeds and remaining money if any will be forwarded to the student.
1. AgScience teacher (s) reserves the right to deny his/ her signature to any livestock show entry, or transportation to livestock shows, for violations of these rules/guidelines.
2. Any outstanding debts, i.e., vet bills, feed bills, etc. incurred by the student in the raising of the project, must be paid, before the instructors can release payment from the sale of the project.
3. During the year, the instructor reserves the right to add or amend these guidelines and rules as needed to comply or conform to new and changing laws or rules established by the State of Texas, livestock shows, Azle ISD, or departmental policy.

Possible disciplinary action that may be incurred shall include: written reprimand, infraction referral to appropriate principal and/or special work assignments.

# Azle Public Schools

## Agricultural Science Center

### Fee Use Schedule

#### Effective January 1, 2014

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| USAGE FEE/ DEPOSIT | Deposit will be returned when the AgScience teacher(s) have determined that the pen has been cleaned and all other duties have been accomplished. MUST be cleaned by June 23, 2014 | $50/$50 |
|  | **USAGE FEES** |  |
|  | Sheep/goat, pen | $50 |
|  | Swine, pen | $50 |
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All usage fees are due at the time the application is turned in. The $50 deposit will be returned to the student only if the pen is returned to its original state and all other duties have been accomplished as set forth by the AgScience teacher (s) by June 23, 2014.

# Azle Agricultural Science Center Application

**DUE FEBRUARY 3, 2014 Date of Application**

Student’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent’s Work Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Home Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Have you ever housed a project prior to this year at the FFA Project Barn Complex?

Yes No (circle one) If yes, what type\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_School year(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Type of Animal to be housed at the FFA Project Barn Complex (Circle One)

Hog / Lamb / Goat - Market Animal will take Priority over Breeding Animals

1. 6 Weeks Grades

Schedule 1st 2nd 3rd

 1st Period \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 2nd Period \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 3rd Period \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 4th Period \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 5th Period \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 6th Period \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 7th Period \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 8th Period \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

1. List Other FFA Activities starting with the most Recent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Grade Level (Circle One) Senior Junior Sophomore Freshman

I have read and understand both the General Rules and Regulations of the Agriculture Science Center. I agree to abide by all of the rules if I am approved to keep an animal at the Agriculture Science Center. I further understand that failure to follow these rules may result in the loss of the privilege to use the facilities.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Agriscience Teacher Approval\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Usage/ Deposit Paid: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_