



McAllen Independent School District Agriculture Learning Center

Campus: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Pen #: _____

STUDENT/PARENT RULES and REGULATIONS

The purpose of this agreement is to standardize the Rules and Regulations concerning livestock housing at the McAllen Independent School District (MISD) Agriculture Learning Center ("ALC") in a written agreement. The execution of this agreement by students and the student's respective parent/guardian reflect an acceptance of and agreement to abide ¹by this agreement by the student and parent/guardian. All students using the facility must have a signed acceptance of this agreement turned in to their agricultural science teacher. The use of the Ag Farm is a student **privilege**.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- **Only students and immediate relatives** (Parents/legal guardian or siblings) with animal projects from MISD will be allowed on and in the ALC.
- **NO ANIMAL IS TO BE WALKED/EXERCISED IN THE ROAD, PARKING AREA OR FRONT OF THE ALC!!!!!! This is for your safety and the safety of the animal.**
- **All animal sponsor visits must be scheduled 2 days in advance and escorted by an AST/Parent and are not allowed on the ALC without AST/Parent present.**
- **Sponsors must adhere to all rules stated in this agreement and a copy of their State Issued ID on file.**
- All immediate relatives who will be feeding/caring for animals must have a copy of State issued ID on file
- Only students enrolled in McAllen ISD and bonafide FFA Members may house animals at the ALC.
- No animal may enter or be housed at the ALC without the permission of a MISD agricultural science teacher ("AST"). All animals housed at the ALC must be state validated.
- No sexually intact male animal projects allowed to be housed at school farm (bulls, bucks, rams, boars)
- Vehicles shall only be parked in the front parking lot, in designated parking spots. Handicap placard and/or license plate must be visible to park in a handicap designated parking space no parking in the white striped areas.
- Only AST vehicles are allowed beyond the parking.
- Do not block any gates.
- Excessive speeds or "hot rodding" are not permitted and will be grounds for immediate removal from the ALC.
- Personal stock trailers are to be parked on the west side of the property (behind the house) at your own risk. MISD is not responsible for any damages or tampering to said trailers.
- No loitering of students, gaming or horse playing at the Ag Farm is allowed.
- **No pets allowed** on the premises of the ALC- with the exception of service animals with credentials properly displayed.

- Students will follow any and all specific instructions given to them by any AST regarding their pen, their animal, or the premises.
- Schedule any movement of animals on or off of the premises in advance with the students AST at least 24 hours prior to movement of any animal.
- Animal arrival must be during the hours of 9am-4pm Saturday and Sunday and 8-6pm Monday- Friday
- NO HIRED HELP (fitters, show jocks, pen cleaners, etc.) permitted on the premises of ALC. Students wanting someone beside their AST to clip their animal, must take their animal to them.
- Use of vapes, tobacco of any kind, and alcohol is prohibited.
- Report any suspicious behavior/activity to the McAllen ISD Police Department and any AST.

Follow Covid-19 Guidelines provided by MISD and the CDC

Stalling & Feeding Rules:

- Each student will be allowed to have 2 animal pens per small animal species of livestock. Exception: 1 pen allowed for cattle. Allowed number of animals & pens is dependent on **space availability and is subject to change year to year.**
- All animals must be validated: animal validation for respective species by the Hidalgo County Validation Committee
- All animal projects housed at the ALC must be shown in the current show season through their FFA chapter
- Pens will be assigned by the AST. Students are **not** to use a pen that is not assigned to them (no pen hopping).
- **Pens are to be cleaned daily.** Manure, hay, feed, and hair clippings are to be disposed of properly in the manure bins provided. Used sand goes past the trees to the west of the cul-de-sac. On the 3rd infraction your animal(s) must be removed from the ALC.
- Trash cans are provided for you please help us keep the ALC clean if a trash can is full take it to the dumpster.
- Cleaning equipment must be stored properly in designated areas. District wheelbarrows, shovels, brooms, tools, clipping tables, trim chutes, and all equipment should be cleaned and stored properly between uses.
- No feed, show boxes or storage containers will be allowed for storage in animal facilities (ie open pens or aisle).
- Small hanging show boxes may be placed inside assigned animal pen(s). Not allowed to hang on the outside of the pen or in the aisle.
- Students are responsible for personal equipment.
- The wood borders **must** be visible in all pens.
- **The ALC gates will be locked between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm due to classes at the ALC.**
- Animals are to be fed properly, twice a daily, unless instructed differently by the AST. Feeding hours are 5:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. every day
- No heat lamps, tarps, or animal shelters are allowed on the premises of the ALC
- No open grazing allowed on the premises of the ALC animals must be on a halter at all times with the exception of swine projects.
- Nothing is to be built (pens, shade covers, etc.) on the premises of the Ag Farm unless approved by MISD Board of Trustees
- Only district water hoses for pen water spigots- one district provided water hose provided per 4 pens of cattle
- Additional spigots or spigot splitters are **not** allowed to be added.
- No float waterers
- Clean out the wash rack after each use. Wash down manure, do not just leave it there.

- Clean up after your animal as it moves through the ALC- keep aisles clean of manure, hay and trash.
- Clean areas outside your pens- the front and back of your pen as well as the sides if you are on the end.
- Report broken tools or equipment to any AST.
- Do not touch any electrical barn equipment- lights, fans etc.
- Throw all trash, feed bags, containers etc. in the dumpster NOT IN THE MANURE BINS.
- Cattle feeders and water buckets must be sized appropriately.
- All Manure and hay goes in the dump bins. If cleaning out pens the used sand goes on the west side of the cul-de-sac past the trees. NOT AT THE CURB BUT PAST THE TREES!!!!!!

Feed Room Rules:

- Students will keep the feed room clean and organized
- Feed stored at the ALC must be in a metal container with lid & labeled with student's name and stored in school feed room not by pens
- Students will lock the feed room before they leave the ALC
- Students will respect other students' property/feed and will not take others property. If this becomes an issue feedroom(s) will be locked and you will have to keep feed at home.
- Students will not enter a feed room that is not assigned to the student. Security of equipment, feed, etc. is the student's responsibility

End of project check off:

- All animals are to be removed from the ALC by the 3rd Saturday of April
- Students must have a checklist completed in order to receive their check from the show, to earn pen space for the following year or to graduate.
 - Pen to be cleaned
 - Feed to be removed from the premises
 - Tack & containers and trailers are to be removed or properly stored for the "off season"
 - Pens not cleaned by the deadline will incur a fine of \$50 per pen on small species and \$100 per pen on cattle and possibly not being able to house animals at the ALC the following year.

The Agriculture Learning Center is the property of the MISD and all rules and regulations of the school district apply. Violations of any of the rules or regulations either brought to a student's attention verbally or in writing by any of the ASTs may result in disciplinary action. **The ALC is under video surveillance at all times.**

DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

It is hoped that disciplinary action will not be necessary, but it will be readily used to maintain a quality-learning environment and maintain the integrity of the ALC. Disciplinary action will be taken if ANY of the above rules and regulations are not followed, including keeping pens clean & animals properly fed.

Discipline actions include:

- (1st infraction) - Student written reprimand – parent contacted
- (2nd infraction) - Teacher, parent, student meeting
- (3rd infraction) - Permanent revocation of Agriculture Learning Center (student will be given 7 days to remove animal & tack from the premises, otherwise MISD will load animal out to sale barn)

The MISD Student Code of Conduct will be enforced and applies to student use of the ALC.

The MISD has the right to ask any unruly parent/guardian to be removed from the ALC. In accordance with the Board Approved Student Code of Conduct and Texas Education Code 37.105:

“A school administrator, school resource officer (SRO), or district police officer shall have the authority to refuse entry or eject a person from district property if the person refuses to leave peaceably on request and:

1. The person poses a substantial risk of harm to any person; or
2. The person behaves in a manner that is inappropriate for a school setting, and the person persists in the behavior after being given a verbal warning that the behavior is inappropriate and may result in refusal of entry or ejection”.

