**District Agriculture Science Facility Rules**

**Strawberry & Genoa Red Bluff/Blackhawk FFA Facility**

The purpose of the Pasadena Independent School District (ISD) Agriculture Science facilities is to provide an extension to the classroom for students to utilize in their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP) projects.

In order for the District to ensure the safe and effective use of the Facilities, certain rules and regulations must be observed. District employees, including Agriculture Science teachers, facility managers, and administrators shall monitor compliance of Facility rules and regulation (both physically and via security cameras) and are possible for the management of the Facility. District administrators may implement change when necessary and may do so at any time during the year. The Pasadena ISD barn facilities are for High School FFA member’s only showing animals under their respective FFA Chapter.

**The following rules will be followed by all students, parents, guardians, family members, guest, or general public while visiting the facilit**y.

1. The Agriculture Science Facilities are located on PISD property, therefore, ALL DISTRICT POLICIES AND STUDENT HANDBOOK REGULATIONS APPLY TO STUDENTS AND VISITORS, INCLUDING PARENTS.
2. PISD high school students who are regularly enrolled in Agriculture Science and who are members in good standing with the District, high school FFA chapter are eligible to apply to house an approved animal project at the Facility.
3. One guest under 18 years of age may accompany a student with a project animal to the facility, unless a parent or legal guardian also accompanies the student and his/her guest.
4. The PISD student shall be held accountable for his/her family and/or guest(s) at all times. If a family member or guest of the student violates the rules of the Facility or the PISD District Policy, the District shall treat the student as though he/she violated the rules and administer punishment accordingly.
5. Parents, students, and guests of students are to behave in a courteous and respectful manner at all times in the Facility. Persons who maintain inappropriate behavior standards are subject to eviction/banning from the Facility.
6. Per PISD policy, no tobacco, drugs, alcohol or weapons are strictly prohibited.
7. The Facility hours are 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. No student is allowed at the facility for any reason outside of these hours without express written permission from an agriculture teacher or school administrator.
8. Animals may not enter the barns of different species.
9. No pets are allowed on the facility grounds.
10. No modifications will be made to electricity, carpentry, plumbing or anything related to the facility without written approval from the school district maintenance department.
11. Vandalism, accidents, or harassment that occurs at the facility should be reported to the Pasadena ISD Policy immediately **(713-740-0200**), and then to the student’s Agriculture Science teacher.
12. All students will share the responsibility of the community areas. The Agricultural Science teacher will assign duties as necessary.
13. PISD staff, FFA or school official shall not be held responsible for injury to or death of any project animal while it is on PISD property or any other property. (Securing project insurance is an owner option and is strongly encouraged by the District).
14. PISD staff, FFA or school official shall not be held liable for injury to a student, student’s guest(s) or family members while at the Facility. Any injury or hazards should be reported to the agriculture teacher immediately.

**Rules and Regulation for Housing Projects**

1. Students shall complete the following before housing an animal on the Facility grounds:
	1. Obtain written permission from your home campus agriculture teacher to participate in an animal housing project;
	2. Attend an informational meeting with their parent/legal guarding and agriculture teacher;
	3. A signed **Barn** agreement must be signed by ALL parties involved in the project is required before a student project is placed in the Facility. A signed **Barn** agreement does not guarantee a pen.
	4. Pay all relevant Facility fees (fees schedule below)
2. Agriculture Science teachers will assign all stalls.
3. All manure and feedstuff must be properly disposed of in the designated area.
4. The student is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the project area at all times. Students will be required to clean their project areas and assist others in cleaning the facility as a whole.
5. Sand and/or other bedding must follow guidelines outlined by the teacher, depending on which part barn the animal is housed in.
6. Each project must be adequately taken care of to maintain good animal health and sanitation.
7. The student must provide fresh clean water, feed and manure emptied out and into the designated areas daily.
8. If the student is unable to care for an animal, the student must communicate with the Agricultural Science teacher to make other temporary arrangements. Students should never feed other student’s projects without written instructions from the Agricultural Science teacher.
9. Disposal of animal carcasses in dumpsters is prohibited. Animal carcasses must be disposed of properly. City of Pasadena/Houston ordinance.
10. Any animal not fed, watered, and cared for daily will be removed from the Facility at the owner’s expense.
11. The animal project is the student’s project and responsibility. All decisions relevant to the care of the animal will be made by the student/parent. Agriculture teachers are available to assist and aid a student when a student requests the assistance. Agriculture teachers will closely monitor all stock show rules. Ethical treatment of animals is required at all times, and rule violations will not be tolerated.
12. Student’s projects may be used by agriculture teachers for livestock judging practice or to teach skills as weighing, leading or vaccination.
13. The arena is to be used during clinics or shows hosted only by PISD agriculture teachers.
14. PISD Agriculture teachers will require that ALL students participate in “Barn Clean Ups” as the teacher will give plenty of notice on the days of this activity.
15. Radios, ornamental lights, or additional electronic devices must have prior written approval of the agriculture teacher.

**Timeline for Removal of Project(s)**

1. If a student becomes ineligible to show or moves out of the Pasadena ISD attendance zone, the student has 7 days to remove his/her project and clean the pen.
2. If a student’s animal dies while in the barn, the student has 2 hours to remove the animal.
3. The student is to remove all projects from the Facility within 7 days after their respective show unless other directed by an agriculture teacher. This rule applies to ALL animals, including heifers.
4. Students are required to clean pens after each animal project is done with their respective show/shows, if not cleaned PISD will assess a $150 dollar clean up fee for each pen and put student on the not clear list.

**Terms and Conditions**

1. If the student fails to abide by any of the above mentioned rules the following actions will be taken:
2. Notice of eviction is as follows:
	1. 1st infraction will result in a written warning issued by an agriculture teacher;
	2. 2nd infraction will result in a referral to school administrator for disciplinary action; and
	3. 3rd infraction will result in the immediate removal of a project from the facility. The student will also be banned from future facility privileges.