



## **China Spring ISD Agriculture Science Instructional Facility Contract**

IN ORDER TO USE THE China Spring ISD AGRICULTURE FACILITY, I AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES:

The Agriculture Science Instructional Facility (ASIF) is the property OF China Spring ISD and is for the convenience of a student who has no place to keep a FFA project animal while being a paid FFA member at China Spring ISD. The use of these facilities is a privilege, not an entitlement. All equipment and facilities are under the direct control of the Ag Science Teachers and China Spring ISD. Before a student is allowed to place an animal in the facility, the rules and guidelines must be understood fully by the students and parents. After these rules are fully explained, the students and parents will sign this contract and signify they understand and will abide by these rules.

Ag Science teachers (AST) are available for consultation and guidance in feeding, care, and maintenance. All expenses are the responsibility of the student. Veterinary care is the responsibility of the student, when applicable. The project is solely the students and; therefore, the student's responsibility to give appropriate care at all times.

**If students and parents do not comply with these rules and upon receiving their third written barn warning, the student will be required to remove their animal within 24 hours.**

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. The Ag Science Teachers (ASTs) have the ability to override this contract at any time and have the authority to remove a student and/or parent from the barn immediately.
2. All rules within the China Spring ISD Handbook are enforced at all times.
3. Any student that is placed in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program or expelled will remove their animal from the premises. Removal from the facility will be the responsibility of the owner, will begin upon their placement start date, and run until the student is reinstated into the regular education classroom.
4. Pen fees will be collected prior to the start of the project. June 1 will serve as the start of the year for year-long projects. **No family shall pay more than \$75 annually in barn fees.** An annual fee per head will be assessed as follows:
  - a. Goats: \$35
  - b. Pigs: \$35
  - c. Sheep: \$35
5. One pen will be granted per exhibitor (within species) per space availability with a maximum of 2 animals per pen at the approval of the AST. Additional pens will become available if there is allowable space.
6. Show animals will be kept in pens inside the barn.
7. If any issues require police or emergency services, parents or students must also notify an AST. Notify an AST immediately of any suspicion of animal abuse or neglect.
8. An assigned cleaning schedule will be posted in the barn and on the China Spring FFA website. It is the student's responsibility to fulfill their designated duties on their assigned days. There will be no exceptions.
9. Only students who are paid China Spring FFA members will be allowed to keep their animals in the Agriculture Science Instructional Facility (ASIF). Returning FFA members shall be granted priority pen assignments. Accepted pen fees will reserve a spot in barn. Once pen spaces are full they will be arranged by
  - a. China Spring FFA members in 7-12 grades enrolled in an Ag Science course.



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- b. Junior FFA members: Junior FFA preference will be granted to those individuals who exhibited an animal previously and had an impeccable record.
10. All students with an animal at the ASIF are responsible for all guests' actions; including the parents of the student.
11. No animals will be allowed in the ASIF until this contract between the student, parents, and the AST has been signed. In order to move an animal into the ASIF, you must first contact an AST and get approval. Any animals that have not been approved will not be allowed on the premises.
12. All students will be assigned a stall by the AST. Once an animal has been assigned a stall, the animal must remain in that stall except when the animal is being cared for or being exercised. When outside the pen or corral, animals will be under control at all times. (example: lambs must have halters on)
13. Stalls/facilities may not be changed or modified without the approval of the AST. All equipment or other items must be approved before they can be placed in the ASIF. All structures built in the barn must be approved by the AST and CSISD Administration, if necessary. All structures must be freestanding within the student's stall. (Items not needing approval within a stall are as follows: feed trough, water trough, hay trough, mineral blocks)
14. Any damage done to fences, water lines, or anything else on the property will be repaired at the expense of the person or persons responsible.
15. All animal disease and health issues will be reported immediately to an AST. These issues can often become endemic and cause widespread problems.
16. Animals leaving the ASIF for shows and exhibitions must be disinfected and cleaned before placement back into their pens. Preventative disease measures are required to maintain a healthy environment.
17. Owners of animals deemed to be in poor health by AST will be notified immediately by the AST. A plan will be put in place to treat the animal. The AST will medicate animals as they deem necessary at the expense of the owner.
18. Stalls, waterers and feed troughs will be cleaned daily with waste disposed of properly. Disposal of waste should be done in the approved/ assigned places. All mounds should be leveled.
19. Students are expected to keep their animal pens, feeders and waterers clean. This includes daily and weekly cleaning. If a student fails to keep their animal's environment clean the student will be given a warning and three (3) days to correct the area. If the pen/area is not cleaned to the expectation of the AST **the student will be fined \$75** plus supply cost in addition to being placed on probation for the remainder of the show season.
20. Students are expected to clean areas around pens, barrels, boxes, aisles, trim chutes, tables and scales after each use. **All pig pens need boards to contain shavings within the pen.** If the pen does not have boards secured by the fourteenth day of residence, the student will be charged \$50 to have a barrier installed.
21. Animals need to be fed at appropriate intervals approved by the species-specific AST. Inappropriate feedings will be determined by the AST and deemed to be cruelty to animals.
22. After the first warning, the student will be required to log their time spent in the barn electronically. Data will be sent and analyzed by the AST. If the feed schedule is not met an automatic feeder will be placed in the stall to ensure the animal is fed. A fee of \$50 will be assessed to the owner.
23. No alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco or firearms are allowed at the ASIF. This rule will be enforced for parents and students. No one under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be allowed at the ASIF. Anyone caught breaking this rule will be removed immediately and all rights will be terminated.



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24. Students or parents will not abuse animals in any manner at the ASIF or any place relative to FFA presentation. Abuse will be determined by the AST and will result in the immediate removal of that student's animal from the ASIF.
25. All motor vehicles are to be kept in parking areas. Any student or parent who violates responsible driving habits will not be allowed to drive to ASIF. Special approved situations are permitted.
26. No abuse of equipment or facilities will be tolerated. Trailer and cage usage is prohibited without approval from the AST. Prior approval is mandated by the district and individuals will be permanently banned from usage of said equipment if approval is not sought. Any trailer usage must be accompanied by up-to-date insurance and driver's license of the intended driver. All damages incurred are the responsibility of the borrowers.
27. No one is allowed at the ASIF between the hours of 10:00 pm and 5:00 am. Special approval is required to be present between said hours. The gate will be kept closed and locked when the AST are not on the property. If you are leaving and no one else is on the property, LOCK the gate.
28. Parents are encouraged to accompany and help their children or to visit the ASIF at any time. Students come to the ASIF to work their animals; therefore, students should be at the barn long enough to feed, water, exercise, and maintain their animal and pens.
29. Students are not to enter the stalls of any other student's animals, without previous permission by the animal's owner. Students are responsible for the animal/animals they own. If there is a problem with another student's animal, contact an AST.
30. No HORSEPLAY in the barn. This includes ropes, fighting with show sticks, bike riding, etc.
31. If special workdays are scheduled, the student is required to participate in these workdays.
32. If an animal dies at the ASIF, the student is required to positively identify the cause of death. This identification may require an autopsy. The student is responsible for the cost and the proper disposal of the animal. AST can assist with transportation or setup of an autopsy.
33. All medication must be approved by the AST or veterinarian.
34. The ASIF is not a breeding facility for student projects; therefore, no animals will be allowed to deliver (calve, farrow, kid) offspring inside the stalls of the ASIF. Special care and accommodations must be made that are up-to-date and current to adequately meet the needs of the animal.
35. The ASIF will not be a housing unit for animals that are not being shown. All animals that have passed their project completion date for a specific event have 14 days to be removed from the facility or an approved slaughter date. **Slaughter dates must be arranged within 14 days of the animal's last show.** This may be due to, but not limited to: grade issues, failure to enter, missing show, etc. If animals are intended for a particular event and circumstances prevent that exhibition, then the animal is past its completion date.
36. **ALL animals MUST be out of the barn and pens cleaned prior to April 11, 2021.** No Exceptions. Failing to clean your area to the AST standards will result in charges placed on the students school account.
37. Only approved bedding will be permitted for all species. **Shavings will be bagged, tied and disposed of in the dumpsters provided no less than weekly.**
38. All electrical cords need to be tightly secured to poles and out of the reach of animals.
39. No mature breeding age male animals of any species will be allowed in the ASIF. (Rams, Billies, Boars) No boar pigs will be allowed over the weight of 150 pounds. No intact lambs or goats will be allowed over the weight of 75 pounds.
40. The ASIF is a multi-use instructional facility that will be utilized as such during normal school hours and practices.



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41. All adults who frequent the ASIF will complete a CSISD [background check and volunteer form](#) annually. This form is available on the parent page of [www.chinaspringisd.net](http://www.chinaspringisd.net).
42. A student and parent barn manager will be elected by the AST and parent committee. The managers will report violations directly to AST.
43. All students must enroll in the Remind communication systems by texting @csshowteam to 81010
44. Parents are encouraged to join the Young Farmers, booster club. To enroll in the young farmers remind text @csyoung to 81010

### **CLIPPER USAGE**

1. A one time \$15 usage fee will be required to check out clippers for personal usage.
2. Clippers will be signed out to an individual and must be returned by the same individual within 3 days of the checkout, otherwise the deposit is forfeited.
3. ANY damage caused to any set of clippers signed to an individual will be fixed at the expense of the individual signed to. Lost or stolen clippers must be replaced by the individual that signed them out at the same cost of the original clippers.
4. Clippers must be returned in the same state they were checked out in.
5. All preset clip dates under the supervision of the Ag Science Teacher will not require the stated deposit.
6. Clippers can only be checked out at China Spring High School from the AST. Written requests (text/email) must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF USE**

The signature page is now digital. Please complete this form once you have read and understand the rules within this contract. The form may only be accessed with the student's CSISD email address. Visit <https://linktr.ee/CSFFA> or scan the QR code below.

