

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Weimar FFA TX #0840

WEIMAR HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

Article I - NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section A: The name of this organization shall be the "Weimar FFA Chapter." The letters "FFA" may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or members thereof.
- Section B: The purposes for which this chapter has been formed are as follows:
1. To develop competent, aggressive agricultural leaders.
 2. To develop an awareness of the global importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
 3. To strengthen the confidences of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
 4. To promote the intelligent choice and establishment of an Agriculture career.
 5. To stimulate development and encourage achievement in individual agricultural experience programs.
 6. To improve the economic, environmental, recreational and human resources to the community.
 7. To develop competencies in communications, human relations and social abilities.
 8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
 9. To build cooperative attitudes among agricultural students.
 10. To encourage wise management of resources.
 11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
 12. To provide organized recreational activities for agricultural students.
 13. To reinforce academic disciplines within the overall curriculum through applied techniques.
 14. To encourage STAAR success by stipulating participation requirements tied to testing success.

Article II - ORGANIZATION

- Section A: The Weimar FFA Chapter is a chartered local unit of The Texas FFA Association which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.
- Section B: This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and by-laws of the Texas Association of FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

- Section A: Membership in the chapter shall be of four kinds: (1) Active, (2) Supporter/Alumni, (3) Junior, and (4) Honorary, as defined by the National and/or State FFA Constitutions.
- Section B: The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.
- Section C: Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.
- Section D: Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing if they:
1. Attend local Chapter meetings with regularity.
 2. Show an interest in and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
 3. Are enrolled in an Agricultural Science Class
 4. Abide by the FFA Code of Ethics.
 5. Be a positive representative of Weimar FFA inside the classroom and out.
- Section E: UIL rules for participation shall govern participation in Weimar FFA activities and events. For show purposes, grades will be checked each week during the 6-weeks of the show to insure any class having a failing grade the previous 6-weeks is now passing thus allowing the exhibitor to show.
- Section F: Jr. FFA membership is eligible for students enrolled in WISD schools and the accredited private school (St. Michael School) who are in the third grade and eight years old and may continue until they become eligible to enroll in the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources program at Weimar High School.

Article IV - EMBLEMS

- Section A: The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the Chapter.
- Section B: Emblems used by the members shall be uniform and obtained from those officially designated by the National FFA Organization.

Article V - ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

- Section A: There shall be four degrees of active membership in the Weimar FFA Chapter. These degrees are (1) The Greenhand FFA Degree, (2) The Chapter FFA Degree, (3) Lone Star FFA Degree, and (4) American FFA Degree. All Greenhands are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. Chapter FFA members may wear the Silver

emblem degree pin, Lone Star - gold charm, and Americans, the gold key.

Section B: GREENHAND: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTION

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources and have satisfactory plans for a supervised experience program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA creed, motto, salute, and FFA Mission Statement.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and explain proper use of the FFA Jacket.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter program of activities.
6. Personally own or have access to Official FFA Manual.
7. Maintain and submit annual records to substantiate activities and SAE program.

Section C: CHAPTER FFA: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTION

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least 180 hours of systematic instruction in Agricultural Education at or above the ninth grade level, and have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program and be enrolled in an agricultural science program.
3. Have participated in the planning and conducting of at least 3 official functions in the chapter Program of Activities.
4. Have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the members own efforts or worked at least forty five hours in excess of scheduled class time, or combination thereof, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement.
5. Have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
6. Have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
7. Show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA Award Program.
8. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Have participated in at least 10 hours of community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.
10. Maintain and submit annual records to substantiate activities and SAE program.

Section D: STATE FFA DEGREE – Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the State Association. (25 accumulated community service hours)

Section E: AMERICAN FFA DEGREE - Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Association. (50 accumulated community service hours)

Article VI - OFFICERS

Section A: The officers of the chapter shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Student Advisor, Parliamentarian, Historian, Jr. FFA Coordinator, Chaplain and others as needed. The advisors shall be the teachers of Agricultural Science in the school where the chapter is located. Officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective officers as listed in Weimar FFA Handbook.

Section B: Weimar FFA officers shall be elected annually. Weimar FFA officer candidates will participate in a 3-phase election process.

Section C: The chapter officers and advisors shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the Chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various policies or by-laws adopted from time to time.

Section D: Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the chapter except that of advisor.

Section E: First year chapter officers must hold the degree of Chapter and have satisfactory scholastic standing and a commendable citizenship and conduct record.

Article VII - MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

Section A: Regular Chapter meetings shall be held during the school year at such time and place as is designated by the Chapter Executive Committee and the Chapter may hold at least one regular meeting during the summer. Special meetings may be called at any time.

Section B: Standard meeting paraphernalia shall be used at each meeting. All regular meetings shall open and close with the official ceremonies. Parliamentary procedure shall be used in transacting all business at each meeting.

Section C: Delegates shall be selected from chapter members attending conventions and meetings, as specified by the state constitution, and shall serve on a rotational basis at the state convention and other meetings where a chapter delegation is required. Delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within the state.

Section D: A majority of active members present at regular meetings will constitute a quorum, and a quorum must be present

at any meeting during which business is transacted or a vote is taken committing the chapter to any proposal or action.

Article IX - AMENDMENTS

Section A: This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active membership present providing it is not in conflict with the State Association Constitution or that of the National Organization.