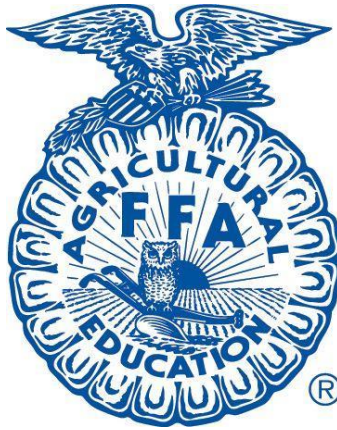


# Bosqueville FFA Handbook



## 2019-2020

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# Bosqueville FFA

## Mission Statement

- FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.
- Represent the school and FFA to the highest degree possible.
- Set an example of good behavior and at ALL times.
- Promote positive lasting relationships with each other and with other FFA chapters.
- Promote the development of lifelong values and skills.

## *Bosqueville FFA Rules & Regulations*

Participation in FFA activities is a PRIVILEGE and not a right or scholastic requirement.

FFA is not extracurricular! The program is part of a three-part model of education that consists of (1) classroom instruction, (2) supervised agricultural experiences and the (3) FFA.

Participants should also realize that failure to follow FFA guidelines may result in the loss of this PRIVILEGE and the removal of the student from the program.

Bosqueville ISD is dedicated to producing competitive, successful, well-mannered, courteous, and respected individuals and adults. It is the duty of all involved in FFA to emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical behavior and fair play.

### **Members must:**

- Treat everyone with respect.
- Be loyal to advisors, teammates, and school.
- Put academic success above FFA success.
- Not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.
- Practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- Be neat and clean in appearance and presentable to the community
- Not use profanity

The basic principle of conduct under which we will operate at Bosqueville High School is:

*Conduct yourself in such a manner that you bring credit to yourself, your teammates, your family, and to Bosqueville ISD. Never engage in any activity that can be construed as inappropriate for a Bosqueville FFA member.*

FFA members will be held accountable for adhering to the rules set forth in this handbook, and for any rules set by the advisor in which the member is participating. All Bosqueville FFA members are expected to show compliance with all of the following regulations and guidelines:

In order to participate in the BISD FFA program the student must meet the following:

1. Be a student in good standing enrolled in the BISD school district.
2. Meet all U.I.L. and district eligibility requirements.
3. Be a paid member in good standing.
4. Any member wishing to compete for Bosqueville FFA in any of the following competitions (LDE's, CDE's, Ag mechanics, livestock shows, and any other FFA events or activities) must be enrolled in an Agricultural Science Class each semester during the school year.

**AN FFA MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE FFA PROGRAM, BY THE ADVISORS, AT ANY TIME FOR ANY VIOLATIONS ACCORDING TO THE BOSQUEVILLE FFA HANDBOOK GUIDELINES.**

# Bosqueville I.S.D.

## FFA Department Policies

### 1. **Conduct:**

Composure during the course of a competition is critical. Insubordination during practice or a contest will not be tolerated. Good sportsmanship is the backbone of any good program. Fighting and any public displays of temper constitute unsportsmanlike conduct. We expect you to conduct yourself with class at all times. This means you are to follow all rules of our school and community. You are expected to act appropriately in class AND out of class, giving all students, adults, and opponents' full courtesy and respect. Failure to adhere to Bosqueville ISD expectations will result in a conference and possible dismissal from the FFA program.

We will work together-as a team-with a positive attitude-begin respectful to one another and others whatever the task – wherever the location no matter the circumstance at all times. This is non-negotiable.

A member placed in ISS will not be allowed to participate in any FFA activities while assigned to ISS. An FFA member may resume normal FFA activities upon completing their ISS assignment.

### 2. **Serious Offenses:**

#### **DAEP Placement:**

An FFA member placed in **DAEP** will not be allowed to participate in any FFA activity until the day they return to campus or at the discretion of the FFA advisor.

#### **Conduct:**

1. Illegal possession, consumption, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or controlled substances
2. Violent Acts
3. Behavior that results in criminal charges by law enforcement agencies. (Behavior that is verified as a violation of law)

Violation of any of the above offenses will result in the following consequences:

#### **FIRST OFFENSE:**

The student will be suspended from participation for (20 school days) and will be placed on a behavior contract for (20 school days).

#### **SECOND OFFENSE:**

The student will be suspended from participation for (45 school days) and will be placed on a behavior contract for (45 school days).

**THIRD OFFENSE:**

The student will be suspended from participation from **ALL** FFA activities for the remainder of the school year. If the violation occurs within 3 school weeks of the end of the current school year, the student will be suspended for the remainder of the current school year and the entirety of the next semester, including any FFA activities or events during the summer months.

**FOURTH OFFENSE:**

The student's participation in **ALL** FFA activities will be revoked for the remainder of the time the student attends Bosqueville ISD.

*\*If an FFA member is not participating in an activity at the time of the offense the suspension will begin when the FFA member begins participation in their next FFA activity. The FFA member will be suspended for a minimum of 1 contest. Contests missed during DAEP placement and suspensions will no count towards minimum of 1 suspension of contests.*

**AN FFA MEMBER'S PRIOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FROM BISD, OR ANY OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN DETERMINING CONSEQUENCES, OR ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE FOR BISD.**

**Conviction of a state jail felony will result in loss of FFA member eligibility to compete in any FFA activity.**

**3. Classroom Academics:**

Bosqueville ISD's highest priority will be academics. Members are required to have a passing grade in each subject and each reporting period to be eligible to play or participate.

- FFA members are expected to exemplify the same discipline and work ethic in the classroom as they do on the playing field.
- Students who miss class due to a school activity are expected to get the assignments in advance. Students are then expected to meet all teacher requirements and deadlines.
- If academic issues arise, the advisors will contact the student's parent/guardian in order to discuss a plan to get the FFA member back on track academically. If an FFA member continues to not be successful academically they could possibly be removed from extracurricular activities for a period of time agreed upon by the advisors and parent/guardian.

**4. Hair and Clothing:**

FFA members will not be allowed to wear haircuts, hair designs, or hair colors that are deemed a distraction to the well-being of the team. No hats, shirts, or any clothing will be worn that is suggestive in nature or inappropriate in appearance. FFA members are a part of something bigger than themselves and are to represent this FFA program in a first-class manner at all times. FFA members may be given a dress code. FFA members may be required to adhere to a hair and clothing policy that is stricter than the policy that is outlined in the BISD student code of conduct.

**5. Piercing:**

The wearing of piercing jewelry is not allowed on males on school property or at **any school sponsored event**. The only accepted piercing will be earrings in the ear for female FFA members that meet school policy. Band-aides, tape, etc., will not be allowed as a means of covering the piercing.

**6. Tattoos:**

No tattoo shall be visible. If already existing, the tattoo must be covered by tape, clothing, etc.

**7. Ejection from Contest/Show/Event:**

A person's conduct is directly related to their attitude. Attitude is determined by a sense of values the individual has for themselves, their peers and higher authority.

FFA members should conduct themselves in a way that represents Bosqueville positively.

The advisors will take ejections from contests seriously. Circumstances leading to the ejection will be evaluated, and the following consequences levied accordingly.

**FIRST OFFENSE**

- a. Any FFA member who is ejected from a contest may be suspended for the next contest
- b. FFA members may be assigned additional consequences as deemed appropriate by the advisors.

**SECOND OFFENSE**

- a. An FFA member who is ejected from a second contest may face increased suspension from contests, and possible removal from the team and the FFA program.
- b. FFA members may be assigned additional consequences as deemed appropriate by the advisors.

**8. Public Display of Affection**

Public displays of affection will not be tolerated. This behavior will result in a parent meeting and possible suspension if behavior continues after being warned. The expression of feelings of affection toward others is a personal concern between two individuals and not of others surrounding them.

Therefore, good taste and respect for others is the guideline for appropriate behavior. Students should refrain from inappropriate, intimate behaviors on campus or at school related events & activities. Students are expected to show good taste and conduct themselves respectfully at all times.

## **8. Attendance:**

An FFA member's ability to participate in an event as a result of an absence may be nullified due to the occurrence of one of the following:

- Extenuating circumstances
- Advisors' prior discretion

FFA members who are too sick to come to school or practice must call an advisor. Parents may call to let us know if the FFA member is going to miss. Every practice has a purpose and is important. If you miss a practice, contest, or any other FFA related event, consequences will be applied at the discretion of the advisor(s). An FFA member who misses a scheduled practice may be replaced on the team. If the problem continues, the member may not be allowed to participate for the current school year.

## **9. Quitting & No-Show:**

Any FFA member beginning a contest, event, or show is expected to fulfill his/her commitment. Homework, sports, and work are unexcused. FFA members need to make prior arrangements and give at least a 3 week notice, due to entry fee deadlines. The whole premise of our program is built on commitment, responsibility, and a never give up attitude.

Any FFA member who does not wish to continue competing/participating should meet with an advisor to express his/her desire to discontinue that activity.

Any FFA member who chooses to quit or not show up to any event will reimburse the Bosqueville FFA for any/all entry fees that are non-refundable. If the contest/project is still eligible to show with a substitution, the "quitter" will then be responsible for the substitution fee according to that specific event.

## **10. Travel:**

FFA members who participate in school-sponsored trips are required to ride in transportation provided by the school to and from the event. However, the advisor MAY make an exception to this requirement under the following circumstances:

- A. The parent/guardian personally requests, in writing, that the student be permitted to ride with the parent;
  - 1. All requests should be made at least one day in advance.

Students will not be permitted to ride as a passenger in other student's vehicles.

Extenuating circumstances will be dealt with by the advisors on a case-by-case basis.

**11. Social Media:**

Negative comments, pictures, posts, etc. regarding the FFA, teammates, or BISD on any website/social media will not be tolerated (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat, etc.) This applies to the member and their parents/guardians.

**12. Fundraisers:**

Fundraisers performed by the Bosqueville FFA support the overall FFA fund as well as those who participate in the fundraiser themselves. The FFA fund is used to pay for supplies, banquet, projects, assist financially on some trips, awards, and miscellaneous expenses related to the FFA.



## **Bosqueville FFA Member Contract**

By signing this contract, I understand and agree to follow the rules, guidelines and conduct stated in the BISD FFA Handbook. If, at any point I do not follow these rules, guidelines, or conduct, I understand my advisor(s) will then implement the necessary consequences.

Although I know I am free to make my own choices and decisions, I understand and agree I am on a team, and this means I am not free of the consequences that some of my decisions may lead to.

I agree to provide my advisor(s), teammates, and members of BISD staff with respect at ALL times.

I understand I am the only person who can control my actions and therefore I am the one who should speak on my behalf. If there is a concern that I feel I am unable to resolve, then I will set up a meeting with my advisor(s) and parents/guardians outside of practice, contest, show, or other FFA events.

My parents/guardians are not responsible for making sure I am at practice, contests, or events on time. This is my responsibility. If I am unable to be at a practice, contests, or events OR if I will be late to any such event I will communicate this with my advisor(s).

I understand the consequences stated in the BISD FFA Handbook and understand that additional consequences may need to be imposed by my advisor(s) or BISD administration in the event they feel it is necessary based on my performance, actions, or attitude. I agree to accept such consequences maturely and appropriately.

If at any time I have any questions or concerns, I will speak directly with my advisor(s) to resolve the issue together. I understand my advisor(s) care more about helping me to become a better person than winning an FFA contest and or show.

FFA Member's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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FFA Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Advisor(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **Bosqueville FFA Parent Contract**

By signing this contract, I understand and agree to do my best to support my child(ren) follow the rules, guidelines, and conduct stated in the BISD FFA Handbook. If at any point, my child(ren) does not follow these rules, guidelines, or conduct, I understand that their advisor(s) will then implement necessary consequences. I agree to work with my child(ren)'s advisor(s) to help my child(ren) that every action in life has some form of consequence (positive or negative) and sometimes the consequence is not always enjoyable but it is necessary.

I agree to provide my child(ren)'s advisor(s), teammates, teammate's parents, and members of BISD staff with respect at **ALL** times.

I understand that my child(ren) is the only person who can control his/her actions and therefore he/she is the first person responsible for speaking on their behalf. If there is a concern that I feel he/she is unable to resolve, I will speak to my child(ren) about setting up a meeting with his/her advisor(s) outside of school, practice, contests, or shows.

I understand that it is my child(ren)'s responsibility to communicate any and all cheer information with me as his/her parent. This is not the responsibility of the advisor(s). My child(ren) is responsible for making sure he/she is at practice, contests, or other events on time. Although this is not my sole responsibility, I do take responsibility in getting him/her there on time and picking him/her up on time to the best of my abilities so that she/he and his/her teammates can be successful. If my child(ren) is unable to attend practice, contests, or any other event OR will be late to any such event, I understand that he/she will need to communicate this with the advisor(s).

I understand the consequences stated in the BISD FFA Handbook and understand that additional consequences may need to be imposed by my child(ren)'s advisor(s) in the event he/she feels it is necessary based on my child(ren)'s performance, actions, or attitude. I agree to accept such consequences and do my best to help my child(ren) understand and accept the consequence(s) as well.

If at any time I have questions or concerns, I will speak directly with my child(ren) and/or have him/her set up a meeting with the advisor(s) to resolve the issue together. I understand that my child(ren)'s advisor(s) care more about helping him/her to become a better person than winning an FFA contest and or show.

Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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