

Miller Grove FFA
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
Texas FFA Association
Article I: Name and Purpose

Section A

The name of this organization shall be "Miller Grove FFA"

Section B

The objects and purposes of this Chapter, hereinafter referred to as the organization, shall be as follows:

1. Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
2. Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
3. Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs.
6. Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
7. Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
8. Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
9. Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
10. Promotes healthy lifestyles.
11. Encourages excellence in scholarship.

Article II: Organization

Section A

The Miller Grove FFA is the FFA organization of students of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and other CTE courses taught by an AFNR teacher.

Section B

Members of a new Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Department shall meet, organize, adopt a constitution, and formulate a program of work not in conflict with National, State, district, or Area VI Constitution and By-Laws.

Article III: Membership

Section A

Active (as covered by Article V, Section C of State Constitution)

Section B

Alumni (as covered by Article V, Section D of State Constitution)

Section C

Honorary (as covered by Article V, Section F of State Constitution)

Section D

Junior (as covered by Article V, Section B of State Constitution)

Article IV: Student Officers

Section A

The Officers of the Miller Grove FFA Association shall be as follows: Advisors discrepancy shall be elected at the Miller Grove FFA Banquet.

Section B

The Advisor will have a rubric set up of election procedures.

Section C

The officers shall be elected annually.

Section D

Miller Grove FFA Officers must hold at least the Greenhand FFA Degree, must have been active in their local chapter, have completed their first year, and be at least in their 2nd year of membership.

Section E

The Miller Grove FFA Officers shall be installed at the FFA Banquet.

Section F

The fiscal year of the association shall begin on The day of the FFA Banquet and end on the next banquet.

Section G

The association shall adopt policies and procedures consistent with federal and state non-profit organization laws and non-profit organization audit standards and conduct fiduciary responsibilities in compliance with these policies and procedures.

Article IX: Meetings

Section A

The Officer must make at least 90% of the local meetings which will be held on the first Monday of every month.

Section B

FFA Officers and committees shall be for the purpose of:

1. Checking applications for Lone Star FFA and American FFA Degrees.
2. Selection of nominees for Honorary Lone Star FFA Degrees, both teacher and non-teacher.
3. Selection of local Proficiency Award Winners
4. Selection of any other award winners.
5. Facilitation of local Officer Selection as needed.

Section C

The chapter shall have other meetings as called by the chapter President.

Article X: Dues

Section A

The Miller Grove FFA dues shall be \$20.00 to be paid by October 1.

Section B

Full Local, District, Area, State and National dues shall be paid by all active members in order to be eligible to participate in Miller Grove FFA activities and awards.

Article XI: Amendments to Constitution

Section A

This constitution may be amended only at a regular meeting of Miller Grove FFA by a two-thirds vote of members present provided they represent a quorum.

Section B

All proposed amendments shall be in the hands of the chairman of the Advisory Council at least thirty days prior to the date of regular meeting and said chairman shall then notify all chapter in the school district at least fourteen days prior to the regular meeting.

Article XII: Procedure for Electing Student Officers

Section A

Local Office Positions shall be determined by the advisor every year. This selection of nominees and officers will be determined by a candidate's Total Score.

Refer to the Area Policy Manual for the procedures that outline testing and interview criteria.

Area Officer Rubric: 1. votes 2. Quiz value 3. Interview 4. Speech 5. Application

Total Score = Every applicant will be ranked from best to last, each column added and the least score will determine office.

Section B

If for any reason a student office becomes vacant, the officers of the chapter shall elect another student officer. If for any reason the office of President of Miller Grove FFA should become vacant, the vice-president shall become president.

ARTICLE XIV: Area VI Districts

Section A

The association shall be subdivided into districts which exist for the effective management of curriculum related competitive events and award programs, delivery of leadership development programs, conduct of activities which recognize member achievements and provide social interaction opportunities.

Section B

The districts shall be defined as:

Paris District consists of chapters in Camp, Lamar, Red River, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin and Titus Counties.

Daingerfield District consists of chapters in Cass, Marion, Morris, Bowie, and Upshur Counties.

Longview District consists of chapters in Harrison, Gregg, Rusk, and Panola Counties.

Mineola District consists of chapters in Smith, Van Zandt, Wood and Rains Counties.

Article XV: Parliamentary Procedure

Section A

"Grays Parliamentary Guide" shall be followed; however, the final authority in governing the actions of all Area VI FFA meetings shall be "Robert's Rules of Order".

Article XVIII: Miscellaneous

Section A

The Bylaws shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and pursuant to the governing documents and board-adopted policies of the Texas FFA Association. All references in the Bylaws to statutes, regulations, or other sources of legal authority shall refer to the authorities cited, or their successors, as they may be amended from time to time.

Section B

Legal Construction: If any bylaw provision is held to be invalid, illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with state and/or national constitution, bylaws or policies in any respect, the invalidity, illegality, unenforceability or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other provision and the bylaws shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal, unenforceable or unconstitutional provision had not been included in the Bylaws.

Article XIX

Dissolution of Organization

In the event that the Miller Grove FFA Association was to cease to exist, the assets of the organization will be transferred equitably CTE fund of Miller Grove ISD or the General Fund of Miller Grove ISD.

XX Conduct of students:

Section A

All students will follow local ISD Conduct rules as well as state and federal guidelines.

Section B

Student's official dress will be determined by the gender that he/she is enrolled in school as.

XXI Advisor

Miller Grove FFA Advisor has the authority to change any decisions on a need to basis according to specific scenarios.

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