

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

WILLIS FFA

(Revised 2023)

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section A. The name of the organization is Willis FFA of the Texas FFA. The letters may be used to designate the Association, its activities, or the members thereof.

ARTICLE II. MISSION AND STRATEGIES

Section A. Mission

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.

Section B. To accomplish this mission, the Willis FFA Association:

1. Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
2. Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our wellbeing.
3. Strengthens the confidence of agricultural students in themselves and their work.
4. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishments 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 skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
8. Builds character and promote citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
9. Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
10. Promotes healthy lifestyles.
11. Encourage, excellence in scholarship.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership in this organization shall be of three kinds:

1. Active:
 - a. Must meet the requirements of active membership according to the current Texas FFA Bylaws
 - b. Must show an interest in the affairs of the Association by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
 - c. Pay all current District, Area, State and National dues by the October meeting.

- d. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the Texas FFA Association.
 - e. Participation in the Montgomery County Fair requires membership in good standing. A member “in good standing” is defined as:
 - A member who meets the requirements as outlined in the current Montgomery County Fair Official Rule Book
 - f. To travel with Willis FFA Teams:
 - i. Must be academically eligible
 - ii. Must attend 1 meeting per semester
 - iii. Must attend team practices as outlined by the coach
 - g. Members who transfer membership from another school during the school year will remain ineligible for travel or participation in livestock shows until proper and efficient documentation is received through the office of the campus registrar.
2. Alumni:
- a. Membership may be open to former active members, collegiate and honorary members, present and former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members, and others interested in and supportive of the FFA.
3. Junior: to be a Junior Member of the Willis FFA, the student must:
- a. Have an older sibling who is an active member of the Willis FFA.
 - b. Be 8 years old or in 3rd grade in a Willis ISD Elementary School.
 - c. Attend 50% of Willis FFA meetings.
 - d. Meet all academic eligibility requirements.
 - e. Once a student qualifies for Junior Membership, they will be grandfathered in when their older sibling graduates. As long as the older sibling is still in high school, the older sibling **MUST** be an active FFA member in order for the student to participate as a Junior Member.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section. A. The officers of the Willis FFA shall be as follows: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel and advisor. The teacher(s) of agricultural education shall be the FFA advisor(s). The Willis officers shall be elected in the spring semester.

- 1. The office of President and Vice President shall be held by a Junior or Senior. If a candidate who is an underclassman should score in the top 2, he/she shall be placed in the Secretary position.
- 2. All candidates will be tested on their knowledge of the FFA Manual and Parliamentary procedure.
- 3. The officers elected must be enrolled in an Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources class for the entire school year for which they were elected to serve.

4. All candidates and officers must be passing all classes to travel with the team off campus. See *Section B* for rules regarding academic eligibility.
5. All candidates and officers must not receive referrals. See *Section C* for rules regarding referrals.

Section B. Any officer who becomes ineligible during one six-week marking period shall be put on probation. All officers and members are subject to the “no pass no play” rule. If any officer is unable to reasonably fulfill his/her duties, they may be subject to removal of his/her office by the executive committee.

Section C. If referrals are received the officer will be placed on probation. On the 2nd referral the officer will be removed from the officer team.

Section D. Officers must attend officer leadership camp and other trainings. No officer may miss more than two functions unless emergency situations arise. These will be determined "emergency" by the executive committee.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section A.

Chapter meetings will be held monthly on Willis ISD Property. Meeting calendar will be set and published prior to the first day of school.

- A. the advisors may hold up to one make up meeting in the fall and up to one make up meeting in the Spring, if needed.
- B. Meeting attendance will be taken at the end of each meeting, advisors will monitor meeting attendance and report to parents.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A. The chapter officers, advisors, and the advisory council will make up the executive committee.

Section B. The president of the FFA shall serve as the chairperson of the executive committee.

Section C. The chairperson of the executive committee may call an executive committee meeting.

ARTICLE VII. DUES

Section A. The chapter dues shall be \$25.00 per member annually. Dues can be paid through SchoolPay on the Willis FFA website.

Section B. The dues along with the signed application forms shall be collected by the FFA Advisors on or before the October meeting

Section C. Full local, district, area, state, and national dues shall be paid by all active members in order to participate in activities and awards.

ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF THE CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section A. The President- It shall be the duty of the president to preside over chapter meetings and over meetings of the executive committee. The president shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex-officio member of the committees.

Section B. The Vice- President- It shall be the duty of the vice-president, acting under the direction of the president to look after the welfare of the FFA organization. In case the office of president becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise, the vice-president shall assume the duties of the president.

Section C. All other officers shall have the responsibilities for their respective office as prescribed by the Official FFA Manual as well as any duties assigned by the Chapter Advisor.

Section D. The Chapter Advisors- It shall be the duty of the Chapter Advisor to serve as ex-officio member of all committees and assist the officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs.

ARTICLE IX.BY-LAWS

Section A. All provisions in the Constitution of the FFA shall be considered to be a part of the by-laws to the same extent as though fully set forth herein. (The constitution and by-laws shall not in any way conflict with the constitution and by-laws of the national or state association. If any article is in conflict, that article or section only shall be null and void; the remainder of this constitution shall remain in effect.) The Guide to Parliamentary Rules should govern this constitution and by-laws for FFA by Dr. Gray.