

Minden FFA Chapter Participation Rules

1. General Statement

All students are encouraged to participate in the FFA. The FFA is an intracurricular activity. By joining the FFA however, certain standards and expectations are required of students. Participation in the FFA is a privilege, not a right. The students must put forth effort, which is the judgment of the FFA advisor(s). They will determine the extent of the student's participation.

Students who wish to participate in the FFA must be willing to accept the guidelines and regulations of the chapter. Such guidelines shall include rules in effect such as attendance at practice/meetings, requirements for earning awards, training rules, and academic eligibility. Students are expected to abide by the Minden High School Student and Activities Handbook rules and expectations.

2. General Participation Rules

- a. Participation in the Minden Student Activity Program is a privilege, not a right. Students can be removed for misconduct, rules violations, or nonattendance in the activity by the advisor(s) or administration.
- b. Commencing with the first day of participation for the student activity and ending with the completion of the activity, all activity rules and procedures are in effect for the student.

3. Specific Rules Governing Minden FFA

- a. Any student use/abuse of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs at an FFA function activity will be dealt with according to school policy.
- b. Students attending trips for FFA will travel to and from the event with the chapter unless approved differently by an advisor.
- c. If a member hasn't signed up for an event 24 hours in advance they will not attend.
- d. Members **MUST** be passing **ALL** of their classes to participate in FFA events/activities.
- e. Members must attend a minimum of **three** practices to compete in a contest.
- f. Members who sign up to attend a contest and decide within 48 hours of the contest **to not attend**, are **required** to repay the chapter the registration fees.
- g. We will conduct ourselves at all times in order to be a credit to our organization, chapter, school, and community by:
 - i. Dressing neatly and appropriately for the FFA occasion (official dress when required).

- ii. Refraining from loud, boisterous talk, swearing, and horseplay.
- iii. Respecting property and rights of others and being courteous at all times.
- iv. Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.
- v. Attending meetings regularly and respecting the opinion of others in discussion.
- vi. Taking pride in our organization, activities, SAE programs, etc.
- vii. Following all specific rules and guidelines set by the chapter advisor for recreational activities, conventions, etc. not previously mentioned such as curfew, safety rules, etc.
- viii. Following through on commitment.

4. Fundraising Rules:

- a. Each year we conduct a chapter fundraiser in the month of October. Participation in the fundraiser is optional, but encouraged. These funds raised go towards chapter contests, conventions, activities, and most importantly, state convention.
- b. If students elect to **not** participate in the chapter fundraiser, they will be required to pay for their registration fees for contests, conferences, and state convention (if they qualify).

Students in violation of any of these expectations may:

- 1. Be deducted "leadership points" as set forth in the leadership point system.
- 2. Be disciplined by the school administration.
- 3. Be dismissed from an office and/or team with awards forfeited.
- 4. Have membership revoked.
- 5. Have a combination of the above.
- 6. Jeopardize enrollment in agriculture the following year.