

**Milano
Independent School District
2025-2026**



Extracurricular Student Handbook

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I. Extracurricular Activities

The term “extracurricular activities” means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill/dance team, academic clubs, special interest clubs, musical performances, dramatic productions, student government, and any other activity or group that participates in contests, competitions, or community service projects on behalf of or as a representative of the District. The term includes any non-curricular event and membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized and approved by the Board of Trustees and the school district and sponsored by the district or a campus. All extracurricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, are subject to the provisions of this *Extracurricular Student Handbook*.

II. Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Milano ISD makes extracurricular activities available as an extension of the regular school program, with this important difference: participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student, while participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege that carries additional expectations for acceptable conduct. Students engaging in extracurricular activities represent not only themselves, but also other students and the school district when performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities and while wearing uniforms or other clothing that identifies students to the community or public in any setting as Milano ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Milano ISD student body at all times and places.

Important goals of the extracurricular program are to give students direction in developing self-discipline, responsibility, pride, loyalty, leadership, teamwork, respect for authority, and healthy living habits.

Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, Milano ISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than it would for those students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, this *Extracurricular Student Handbook* extends beyond the *Milano ISD Student Code of Conduct* not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. This *Extracurricular Student Handbook* will be enforced with all students participating in extracurricular activities:

- While school is in session or if the student is participating in a school activity during the summer;
- Regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school-related event;
- Regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs in a calendar school year;
- Regardless of whether the extracurricular activity is in-season, and regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the *Milano ISD Student Handbook/Code of Conduct* will incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his or her coach or sponsor for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities could violate the *Extracurricular Student Handbook* and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the *Milano ISD Student Code of Conduct*.

III. Conduct Expectations

The following conduct is expected of all participants. Failure to meet these expectations may result in disciplinary action by the coach or sponsor:

- Student commitment to a team or organization is expected for the entire season or activity. Students are encouraged to participate in more than one extracurricular activity; however, students may not quit one sport or organization in order to participate in another while the sport or club that he or she seeks to quit is still active.
- Students who participate in extracurricular activities that involve competition among schools and school districts will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. This includes behavior toward visiting teams or hosting teams as well as the opponent's fans. Milano ISD participants will be noted for clean, tough, competitive play. Praise your opponents and strive to play beyond your ability.
- Students should arrive at practices (including workouts), meetings, and events on time and prepared.
- Students who cannot be present for a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event should contact the coach or sponsor as soon as they are aware that they will be absent. The coach or sponsor of each activity will decide when missed practices, meetings, or workouts will be made up.
- Injured or ill students who are unable to participate, but are able to attend a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event, are required to dress appropriately and sit or stand with the rest of the group, as determined by the coach or sponsor.
- Students are required to show respect at all times to coaches and sponsors.
- Students who miss class due to extracurricular activities are expected to pick up work missed prior to leaving for the activity. The student will be expected to attend class and participate in any assignment or activity upon returning. It is the student's responsibility to communicate with the teacher to clarify when the assignment is due.
- Coaches and designated sponsors may hold students in extracurricular activities to a stricter grooming code than the student handbook requires.
- High school students engaging in extracurricular activities are required to participate in the extracurricular drug testing program administered under the authority of policy FNF (LOCAL). Students found to have violated policy FNF (LOCAL) will be subject to disciplinary measures as outlined in that policy.
- Students should follow the rules promulgated in the *Milano ISD Student Code of Conduct*. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary measures related to the student's participation in extracurricular activities as determined by the coach or sponsor.

- Students must remain in the drug testing program for the remainder of the year in order to be eligible for participation in the end-of-the-year activities such as banquets, field trips, celebrations, etc.

IV. Prohibited Conduct

Milano ISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited at all times from:

- possessing, smoking, selling, or otherwise using tobacco products;
- possessing or using electronic cigarettes or other non-tobacco nicotine-delivery products or accessories;
- possessing or using drug paraphernalia;
- possessing, selling, or delivering to another person look-alike drugs or items represented to be drugs or contraband of any kind;
- possessing, selling, giving, delivering to another person, using, or being under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, or any dangerous drug;
- engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals;
- engaging in serious misbehavior, as that term is defined in the Milano ISD Student Code of Conduct;
- attending any event at which underage drinking or smoking or any drug use is occurring (students will be allowed a slight concession for an amount of time long enough to determine that a violation is occurring and to leave the premises);
- riding in a vehicle containing alcohol unless a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult is present and aware of the presence of the alcohol;
- stealing;
- conduct that causes injury or harm to persons or property;
- using profanity, lewd or vulgar language, or obscene gestures;
- fighting;
- any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers;
- inappropriate touching, including “making out” in public places; sexual gestures; or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public; and
- inappropriate behavior in public places.

V. Procedures

The coach and/or sponsor will determine whether an *Extracurricular Student Handbook* violation has occurred.

Upon determination of an *Extracurricular Student Handbook* violation, the following individuals will be notified:

- the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s); and/or
- the appropriate school counselor to provide counseling, support, and guidance in dealing with issues associated with alcohol, drugs, mood-altering chemicals, and other prohibited activities.
- campus administration

Nothing in this *Extracurricular Student Handbook* limits the authority of a coach or sponsor to impose reasonable sanctions, which may include extra workouts, suspension from practice or competition, or removal from the activity, for students who breach team or organization conduct expectations but do not engage in prohibited conduct.

VI. Disciplinary Action

In consultation with the principal, coaches and sponsors will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and impose appropriate disciplinary action. Principal, coaches, and designated sponsors will strive for consistency in meting out punishment for *Extracurricular Student Handbook* violations, but will also exercise sound professional discretion. Violation of any of the above-mentioned rules by a student participating in extracurricular activities will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

Possession/Use of Alcohol/Tobacco/E-Cigarettes or Substitutes

The use of alcohol/tobacco/E-cigarettes or substitutes will not be condoned. Students who are found to have been in possession of alcohol or under the influence of alcohol, or are in possession of or in use of tobacco/e-cigarettes or substitutes, at a minimum will receive:

Athletics and Cheerleading:

First Offense: Three-week suspension(s), Run 20 miles within the 3 weeks suspension. No participation until running is completed. Unusual circumstances will be reviewed.

Second Offense: Six-week suspension(s) Run 40 miles within the 6 weeks suspension. No participation until running is completed. Unusual circumstances will be reviewed.

Third Offense: 1 year participation suspension. Athletes may remain in the athletic period as long as they continue to work and maintain an appropriate attitude.

FFA:

First Offense: Approved 15 hours of School Service Program before being able to participate in contest.

Second Offense: Approved 30 hours School Service Program before being able to participate in contest.

Third Offense: The student will not be able to show under Milano FFA or participate in any contest for one calendar year.

One Act Play, Academic UIL, FCCLA, Student Council, and Drumline:

First Offense: Approved 15 hours School Service Program - Before being able to participate in the

next contest or activity, at least 5 hours of the approved School Service Program must be completed.

Second Offense: Approved 30 hours School Service Program – Before being able to participate in the next contest or activity, at least 10 hours of the approved School Service Program must be completed.

Third Offense: Removal for a calendar year

Consequences received will run concurrently among activities. ie. If a student receives 15 hours of School Service for both UIL and Drumline, the student will only be required to complete 15 hours of School Service, not 30 hours.

All students in extracurricular activities who receive consequences for alcohol/tobacco-related offenses will be required to complete an approved Alcohol/Tobacco Awareness Program.

A week of suspension must include the actual loss of participation in an event. If a student is academically ineligible or otherwise would not have participated in the event, that time does not count toward the suspension period.

Misdemeanor Possession/Use of Illegal Drugs

Students who are found to have been in possession of or under the influence of an illegal drug, either on or off campus, at a minimum, will receive:

1st Offense: Removal from extracurricular activities for 1 calendar year

2nd Offense: Removal from extracurricular activities for an additional calendar year

3rd Offense: Removal from extracurricular activities for the remainder of the time on that campus. Each case will be considered individually to determine if further consequences should be administered.

All students in extracurricular activities who receive consequences for drug-related offenses will be required to complete an approved Drug Awareness Program and be required to test each month until the end of their suspension period if students remain in the athletic class. The Athletic Director will determine if the student is allowed to remain in the athletic class.

ISS Assignments

Students assigned to ISS may be ineligible for any extracurricular activities from the moment the assignment is made until midnight of the last day of the assignment. This includes after-school athletics, cheer, drama, and all club activities.

DAEP Assignments

Students are not allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities, including practices, while they are assigned to DAEP. When a student completes the DAEP assignment, reinstatement into extracurricular activities will be determined by the administration.

Students caught in possession of or using an e-cigarette, otherwise known as a vape, at school will receive an automatic DAEP assignment. The extracurricular consequence assigned to a student involved in any extracurricular activity will not begin until their return to the Milano ISD campus. The DAEP assignment will NOT be considered part of the extracurricular consequence. It is our desire that students understand the seriousness of this addictive behavior and also understand the impact it will have on their extracurricular participation. Please sign below that this policy is understood by both the student and the parent.

The principal may intervene in a coach's or designated sponsor's judgment regarding appropriate discipline and has the authority to increase or decrease the punishment based on their professional assessment of the situation. The Athletic Director may intervene in a coach's judgment regarding appropriate discipline and has the authority to increase or decrease punishment based on their assessment of the situation.

I. Transportation To and From Extracurricular Events

Students are required to use the transportation provided by the school to and from extracurricular events. An exception to this rule may be granted under the following conditions:

- With coach/designated sponsor approval, a parent/guardian may check the student out following an event, or
- A person other than a parent/guardian may check the student out with the coach/designated sponsor following an event if the parent/guardian submits a note to the coach/designated sponsor before departing for the event. The note should state who will be picking up the student.

There may be times when the mandatory school transportation requirement may be waived by the principal. Such instances include, but are not limited to: school events taking place during the holidays or multiple school events occurring on the same day where the student is participating in both. When such instances occur, the principal, along with the designated sponsor(s)/coach(es) of the event(s), may make an exception and allow the student to be transported to the event by means other than school transportation. Arrangements will need to be made as soon as the conflict is known, and written approval will be required by the designated sponsor(s)/coach(es) and principal.

Picking Up Students After Events

Parents/Guardians should make arrangements for their children to be picked up from the campus after-hours activities. Coaches/designated sponsors will make sure that students and parents are aware of arrival times so that proper arrangements can be made to ensure that students are not waiting for extended amounts of time to be picked up following activities.

Students who are not picked up in a timely manner may be removed from extracurricular activities.

VII. Insurance for Students in Extracurricular Activities

Milano ISD is not responsible for injuries of its students who are participating in sports. However, Milano ISD will carry insurance covering participation in practice or competition for athletes. The coverage for each injury will vary according to the accident. More detailed information can be obtained by calling Milano ISD. We will attempt to answer any questions you have concerning the supplemental athletic insurance program. While district staff may provide assistance to parents in filing claims, it is the parents' ultimate responsibility to file claims and provide the information necessary for the insurance company to properly assess the claims and any benefits available.

As part of completing the UIL participation form, you have the option of requesting the administration of an electrocardiogram (ECG) from your physician. To learn more, please read UIL's Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form.

VIII. Acknowledgement

A condition to participating in any extracurricular activity or holding any office (elected or appointed) is to sign an acknowledgement that the student has read and understands the *Extracurricular Student Handbook*. The student's parent or guardian must also sign an acknowledgement. The acknowledgement states that the signing party understands the consequences for engaging in prohibited conduct.

Appendix A: ATHLETICS

Athletic Awards:

In order to earn a letter, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

- Athletes must participate at the varsity level for at least 50% of the season.
- Athletes must attend practice.
- Athletes must contribute to the team to the best of their ability.

The final decision on giving a letter will be made by the head coach of each individual sport. The policy is designed to allow athletes, regardless of their athletic skill level, to letter in recognition of their contribution to the team. **If an athlete quits or does not complete a sport, the student forfeits all athletic awards for that sport.**

In order to earn a letter jacket from Milano ISD, an athlete must earn a minimum of **six** points.

- Two points are earned for lettering in a varsity sport
- One point is earned for participation in either JV or Varsity competition (less than 50% of the season)

Attendance:

1. Athletes must be enrolled in and actively participating in the athletic period for a designated period of time prior to participation in a sport. Special circumstances may be considered by the Athletic Director.
2. Athletes who have more than three unexcused absences may be reviewed by the Athletic Director. Continued attendance problems may result in dismissal from the athletic program.
3. Athletes assigned to full-day ISS **may** practice with their team after school but **may not** participate in competition from the moment of their assignment until midnight of the last day of the assignment. After the assignment is complete, it will be up to the coach to determine when the athlete will return to competition. Athletes assigned to ISS, regardless of the length of placement, may receive additional consequences at the discretion of the coach.
4. Athletes assigned to DAEP **may not** practice with their team and also **may not** participate in competition from the moment of their assignment. After the assignment is complete, the coach, Athletic Director, and administration will decide whether the student is allowed to return to athletics.
5. Any assignment(s) to ISS or DAEP will be reviewed by the Athletic Director and the coach and may result in dismissal from the athletic program.

Behavior:

1. Athletes will actively participate in the off-season program.
2. Any athlete desiring to participate in a sport and is not required to be in the athletic period, such as golf, will meet with the coach to discuss the requirements that must be met in order to participate.
3. Students will not be allowed in athletics if they are not planning to participate in a sport.
4. Athletes will dress out daily in order to participate in workouts, and failure to do so may result in being dismissed from athletics.
5. Athletes are responsible for any and all equipment issued to them. MISD must be reimbursed for any lost or destroyed equipment.
6. Athletes will be expected to follow all rules of MISD as written in the Code of Conduct and the Student Handbook.
7. Athletes will comply with academic and athletic rules set forth by the UIL.

8. If an athlete quits a sport more than two weeks after the date of the first contest/scrimmage, the student may not participate in any school activities relating to another sport until the completion of the sport they quit. Special circumstances may be reviewed by the Athletic Director.
9. If any athlete is suspended from competition, then only the weeks that include at least one contest will count towards the suspension. Scrimmages are not considered a contest, so suspended students may participate at the discretion of the coach.
10. Athletes who fail two consecutive grading periods may be removed from after-school practice until they are able to regain eligibility.

Parents and Fans:

In order for the athletic program to be effective, it is imperative that the adult support group be in accord and abide by all UIL spectator guidelines. The athletes must hear and observe consistent remarks and behaviors that demonstrate good sportsmanship.

1. Support all athletes through attendance, positive remarks, and positive behavior while in the presence of the athletes.
2. Respect officials under all circumstances.
3. Respect coaches and school personnel. In the event of a problem, use good judgment and good timing. Do not meet with a coach directly after a contest. Set up a conference for the next school day or the next available date. Contact the head coach of the sport as the first step, and then the Athletic Director if the problem persists.
4. Remember that the rewards of participation are realized long after athletes have finished their high school efforts.
5. Remember that student athletes are teenagers and are doing their very best.
6. Promote healthy and legal behaviors.

Appendix B: **CHEERLEADING**

MILANO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CHEERLEADING/MASCOT

Mission

The MHS cheer program is an athletic program geared to encourage school spirit and support athletic teams while representing Milano High School with class, high academic achievements, integrity, athleticism, and community involvement.

ACADEMIC POLICY

Squad members need to maintain a C average according to the No Pass No Play Policy per UIL to maintain eligibility. Two consecutive failing grading periods will lead to removal from the squad.

SAFETY & STUNTING CHEERLEADING

Jumps, tumbling, stunts, and pyramids involve a high risk of injury. Each athlete must adhere to the following safety guidelines:

- Always complete the required warm-up as directed by the coach to begin cheering, stunting, dancing, or tumbling.
- Lifters and flyers must be in good health and physical condition to participate.
- Athletes must notify coaches of all injuries.
- Stunts or tumbling passes will not be allowed on cement or concrete.
- When stunting, the flyer's safety comes first, and no flyer should hit the floor. Spotters should understand their job and be willing to do what it takes to keep the flyer safe.
- All stunts must be approved by the coach. Never stunt when the coach IS NOT PRESENT.

SPIRIT/SPORTSMANSHIP

All cheerleaders should be animated and bubbly. Cheering for the team is most important. Every time a cheerleader is in front of the crowd, they should be animated, bubbly, and loud. Standing aimlessly or attempting to talk to the crowd is not cheering.

Cheerleaders are to conduct themselves with integrity at all times on and off campus and in or out of uniform. As a squad, athletes only engage in positive cheers, chants, and attitudes supporting our team. If other fans engage in negative cheers or comments, cheerleaders should not engage. Stay energetic and positive at all times.

ATTENDANCE & TARDIES

Cheerleaders are expected to attend all scheduled performances. Unexcused absences from school are not acceptable. Absences and tardies are considered unexcused unless the coach determines the absence is excused and proper documentation (doctor or parent/guardian) is provided. If an athlete is unexcused from practice the day before a game or event, they will be unable to participate in that event. If the cheerleader is at school, the cheerleader is expected to be at practice that day unless it has been pre-arranged with the coach. Please schedule appointments at times that do not conflict with cheerleading. Missing practices and games without prior approval from the coach will result in disciplinary consequences and possible removal from a function. During game suspensions or probation, cheerleaders will sit in uniform with the coach for the entire game. Absences due to driver's ed/driver's license are not excused. Excessive tardies and absences can lead to squad removal.

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT & CONSEQUENCES

A consequence system will be instituted to ensure fairness and consequences for any breach of the cheerleading contract. Cheerleaders who do not abide by the contract will have consequences

determined by the coach. The consequence system is only a tool, and there can be extreme circumstances that a coach and administrator deem necessary to dismiss a cheerleader from the team. Examples of these can be found in the Student Code of Conduct.

UNIFORMS & PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Uniforms should be cleaned appropriately after every use. If a uniform is damaged or discolored by machine washing, you will be responsible for replacing the uniform. Each cheerleader is encouraged to look their best. Make-up should be tasteful. Cheerleaders should have all the proper attire and equipment. Hair/ponytails must be pulled all the way through and should only be one natural color. No jewelry is allowed when performing and practicing. Nails need to be trimmed. No face paint or glitter is allowed unless approved by the coach. Each cheerleader should have the following in their cheer bags on game day:

- bow and hair ties (unless worn to school)
- raincoat
- uniform and all-weather related attire
- poms
- white no-show socks
- half top
- black or white good good-fitting sports bra
- briefs

TRANSPORTATION

Cheerleaders must use Milano High School transportation to and from away games. Allowance for a cheerleader to ride home with a parent will be on a case-by-case basis. A parent must be present to sign the student out for a ride home. If no parent is present, the student must ride the bus back to school.

GAMES & HALF TIME

Cheerleaders are to arrive 45 minutes before game time for home games. Cheerleaders must have their complete uniform at all games. Cell phones will be turned off and placed out of sight. If parents need to reach their cheerleader, they should contact the coach or sponsor. Do not socialize with players or crowd members during the game. The squad will only perform material and stunts that have been approved by the coach. During halftime, a break will be given. Cheerleaders will gather in a certain area to eat a snack, practice last-minute material, and discuss any information. Cheerleaders must be in line, ready to cheer as instructed by the coach. Use of the concession is not allowed due to the time constraint and the increasing risk of tardiness back to the game.

PRACTICES

- Practices are mandatory. Be on time and ready to practice with appropriate attire at the designated location each day. Being ready includes: correct full attire, wearing proper shoes, hair up, no jewelry, no hair ties on the wrist, and no gum.
- Cell phones will be turned off and placed out of sight. If parents need to reach their cheerleader, they should contact the coach or sponsor.
- Attitudes must be positive and upbeat! Cheerleaders must always be willing to work and cooperate.
- Everyone must have a solid working knowledge of all cheers, chants, and dance routines.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Milano High School cheerleading program recognizes and supports the student-athletes' rights to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of social networks. In this context, each student-athlete must remember that playing and competing for the Milano High School cheerleading is a privilege. As a student athlete, cheerleaders represent Milano High School, Milano

School District, and the community and town of Milano and each cheerleader is expected to portray themselves, the team, and the school district in a positive manner at all times.

TRYOUTS

Cheerleaders are required to cheer the entire season, which is from June to May. Any cheerleader who chooses to quit during the season for any reason will be ineligible to try out for the next year's tryout and will be removed from inclusion in the yearbook and participation in the athletic banquet.

Appendix C: Drumline

The Milano ISD Student Code of Conduct applies to all drumline members while they are at school and at any events that occur out of district (out-of-town football games).

Drumline members are expected to:

1. Attend all designated sponsor rehearsals unless a valid excuse is presented before the rehearsal.
2. Attend all varsity football games, both home and away, unless a valid excuse is presented before the performance.
3. Take meticulous care of the instruments and equipment, and notify the designated sponsors if any damage or loss has occurred.
4. To load and unload all instruments and equipment.
5. Will comply with academic and athletic rules set forth by the UIL.
6. Attend required practices during times of suspension or ineligibility.
7. Any member who is assigned to DAEP will be dismissed from the drumline.
8. Students assigned to ISS will be ineligible from the drumline the moment the assignment is made until midnight of the last day of the assignment.
9. Members understand that only designated sponsors have the final say in any dispute or schedule change.

Milano FFA



Student Handbook 2025–2026 FFA

The FFA operates on local, state, and national levels. Student members belong to chapters organized at the local school level. Agricultural education instructors serve as chapter advisors. Chapters are organized under state associations headed by an advisor and executive secretary, often employees of the State Department of Education. States conduct programs and host annual conventions. ****You MUST be enrolled in at least one Agriculture Science course to be in FFA.**

Applied Learning

The agricultural education program provides a well-rounded, practical approach to learning through three components: Classroom education in agricultural topics such as plant and animal sciences, horticulture, forestry, agri-marketing, etc.; hands-on supervised agricultural career experience such as starting a business or working for an established company; and FFA, which provides leadership opportunities and tests students' agricultural skills.

FFA Dues

As an affiliated FFA Chapter, all Milano High School students enrolled in an Ag class are members of the Milano FFA chapter. Membership dues cover local, district, state, and national membership requirements and are paid by the school.

FFA Jackets

FFA Jackets can be purchased for \$60.00, official tie \$16.00, official scarf \$13.00, plus shipping. Orders will be taken on the last Friday of the month throughout the year, and the orders will then be placed with the National FFA Supply Service. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. All members are encouraged to purchase an FFA Jacket if they have plans of competing in LDEs or CDEs. All jacket orders will be placed by MISD Ag. staff member.

Milano Junior FFA

Jr. FFA membership is open to Milano ISD students in grades 3-8. Dues for Junior members will be \$15.00. Joining the Jr. FFA allows the member to participate in local meetings as well as show at major stock shows under the supervision of the Milano Independent School District Agri-science Teacher.

FFA Member Participation

Every FFA member should take advantage of the variety of activities that the FFA has to offer. We will recognize those members of the FFA who have actively participated in the many activities offered.

Activities that you can be a part of:

- Chapter Meetings
- Fundraisers
- District FFA meetings
- Area Banquet
- LDEs- District, Area, and State
- Local FFA activities
- CDE's
- Exhibiting Animals/Ag Mechanics at Major Livestock Shows (Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, etc.)

2025–2026 Milano FFA Officer Team

Officers for the 2025–2026 school year will be determined at the end of the previous school year.

President:

Vice-President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Reporter:

Sentinel:

Other Positions are determined by the nominating committee

*These are chapter officers. They are responsible for all duties as outlined by the ASTs and for making the chapter activities enjoyable and productive!

FFA Code of Ethics

Members will conduct themselves at all times in order to be a credit to the organization, chapter, school, and community by:

- Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion
- Showing respect for others and being courteous at all times
- Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others
- Respecting the property of others
- Refraining from boisterous talk, swearing, and other unbecoming conduct
- Demonstrating good sportsmanship
- Attending meetings promptly
- Taking pride in our organization and its functions
- Sharing with others experiences and knowledge by attending state and national meetings

Official Dress

The uniform worn by FFA members at local, district, area, state, and national functions is called official dress. It provides identity and a distinctive, recognizable image to the organization.

Female members should wear:

Black skirt or black slacks– the hem should be below the knee

White collared blouse

Official FFA Scarf

Black Nylon hosiery

Black dress shoes – closed-toe and closed heel

Official FFA Jacket – zipped to top

Male members should wear:

Black pants or slacks

White collared shirt

Official FFA Tie

Black socks

Black Shoes (low-top dress shoes)

Official FFA Jacket – zipped to top

CDE Dress for contests

- Buttoned down, collared shirt, tucked in
- Belt
- Nice jeans or slacks that fit at the waist and are free of fading or holes.
- Closed-toe shoes are required
- No caps or hats while competing

Dress for Livestock/Ag Mechanic Shows

- (SHOW DAY) Buttoned down, collared shirt, tucked into pants
- Nice jeans that fit at the waist and are free of fading or holes.
- Closed-toe shoes are required
- The belt will be worn
- No caps or hats while in competition
- Hair should be pulled away from the face and look orderly.

In addition to the previous guidelines, the Milano ISD Student Dress Code is in effect at all FFA activities and competitions. If it is inappropriate to wear to school, it is inappropriate to wear to an FFA activity.

FFA Fundraising Activities

The FFA provides many activities throughout the year that require money. The entry fees for contests, community service projects, the food and refreshments at meetings, animal projects assistance, and supplies for the banquet require a large sum of money. Members are asked to participate in whatever fundraising activity is conducted.

Milano FFA is online!

For up-to-date results on contests, reminders about meetings, and any other information that is shared with the public about the Milano FFA chapter, follow us!

Facebook: Milano FFA

Website: milanoisd.ffanow.org

Awards Program

The Milano FFA Chapter has several award opportunities in which members may participate. Each spring, the Milano FFA hosts an awards banquet to recognize the achievements of FFA members. The following awards are examples of those that will be awarded on the chapter level:

- **STAR AWARDS**
 - o Star Greenhand Member
 - o Star Chapter Member
- **PROFICIENCY AWARDS**
 - o Members will be awarded certificates based upon their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program
- **HONORARY CHAPTER FFA DEGREE**
 - o Members will select community members who have given their time and talents to the FFA during the April Meeting. Recipients will receive this award at the banquet. A person can only receive this award once.

Scholarship Opportunities

1. Scholarship Opportunities through Texas FFA Association Scholarship Programs. Graduating Seniors apply during the Spring Semester at the District Degree Check. Scholarship is based on academic rank (must be in the top 25% for Houston, the top 50% for the others), SAT/ACT scores (minimum 1350 on SAT, minimum of 19 on ACT), and FFA activities. Students will interview at the Area Degree Check. Ten members from the Area Association will advance to state interviews to compete for these awards.

- San Antonio Livestock Show \$20,000 (4 offered)
- Houston Livestock Show \$20,000 (70 offered)

****You do not have to be an Agricultural or Life Science Major to receive this scholarship.**

• Jim Bob Norman Memorial	\$10,000 (2 offered)
• C.J. "Red" Davidson	\$8,000 (2 offered)
• Southwestern Exposition	\$4,000 (2 offered)
• Farm Credit Bank of Texas	\$2,000 (4 offered)
• Texas Agricultural Education Fund	\$2,000 (1 offered)
• Young Farmers of Texas	\$2,000 (1 offered)

2. National FFA Scholarships

Graduating seniors apply for various scholarships. Students may obtain an application from www.ffa.org, the National FFA website. Eligibility requirements and award amounts are listed as well.

3. State Fair of Texas Scholarship

Graduating seniors must complete an application and submit it prior to the deadline. More information can be obtained at www.bigtex.com.

4. Proficiency and Star Awards

Students can obtain various scholarships through participation in advanced awards. Students who win at the state and national levels will receive scholarships.

5. Career Development Events

Students can win various scholarships at various contests if they win high individual honors. Additionally, college scout judging team members may offer those students with exceptional abilities scholarships to judge at their respective universities or colleges.

***** Other scholarship opportunities will be announced during class and at FFA meetings as they become available.*****

Competitive Team Activities

Possible Leadership Development Teams – Fall Semester

- Jr./Sr. Chapter Conducting
- Chapter Agricultural Quiz
- Jr./Sr. Creed Speaking
- Greenhand FFA Quiz
- Job Interview
- Public Relations
- Agricultural Skill Demonstration
- Agricultural Issues Forum

Possible Career Development Teams – Spring Semester

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| • Soil and Water Stewardship Speaking | • Environmental & Natural Resources |
| • Jr./Sr. Prepared Public Speaking | • Farm Business Management |
| • Ag Communications | • Floriculture |
| • Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems | • Food Science |
| • Ag Sales | • Forage |
| • Agronomy | • Forestry |
| • Cotton | • Homesite Evaluation |
| • Dairy Cattle | • Horse |
| • Entomology | • Land |
| | • Livestock |

- Marketing Plan
- Meats
- Milk Quality
- Nursery/Landscape
- Plant ID
- Poultry
- Range
- Tractor Technician
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife
- Wool

Note: All teams and contests will be selected based on student interest and Advisor availability.

Leadership Activities

The following are examples of activities offered to all members in the Milano FFA. Some activities may have prerequisites based upon leadership achievements.

Fall Semester

- Greenhand Leadership Camp
- District FFA Meeting
- Heart of Texas Livestock Show
- Rockdale Fair
- Leadership Development Events

Spring Semester

- Career Development Events
- San Antonio Livestock Exposition
- San Angelo Livestock Show
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- District Convention
- Area Convention
- Milam County Junior Livestock Show

Summer Break

- Chapter Officer Retreat
- State FFA Convention

Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs

A unique aspect of the Agricultural Science Program is the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP). It enables students to feed and exhibit livestock projects, develop agricultural crops or horticultural enterprises, or experience the other aspects of the agricultural industry. The SAEP is a powerful tool that teaches responsibility, time management, commitment, teamwork, and sound financial practices.

Estimated Cost of Livestock Projects

<u>Species</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Purchase Cost</u>	<u>Feed/Tack Cost</u>
Commercial Steer/Heifer	12 Months	\$2,000-\$4,000**	\$2,000-\$3,000
Halter Steer/Heifer	12 Months	\$1,500-\$5,000**	\$3,000
Swine	5 Months	\$400	\$600
Sheep	9 Months	\$500	\$300
Goats	9 Months	\$400	\$300
Broilers	3 Months	\$1.74/head	\$150
Rabbits	2 Months	\$250	\$50

*All time durations will vary depending on the shows being purchased and the location of the project.

**The cost of this animal may vary depending on the quality of livestock and the location purchased.

*** The above costs do not reflect any charges that can occur for veterinarian fees, medication, validation, entry fees, etc. These would be additional expenses for the project.

Livestock/ Ag Mech Show Guidelines

Stock Show Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in any livestock show, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Be enrolled in an agricultural science class
2. Be a member in good standing of the Milano FFA Chapter (Dues paid for the current year)
3. Meet UIL guidelines for academic eligibility
4. Have paid entry fees on time and meet show requirements
5. Have approval from the agricultural science teacher

Show Entries

• The agricultural science teachers will assist in making arrangements for participation in the approved shows. **Entry cost is the responsibility of the student.**

Travel to and from Shows

• Milano ISD Policy governs transportation procedures. Parents and students should check with agricultural science teachers for clarification before any livestock shows.

Discipline While at Shows

• Livestock/Agricultural mechanics shows are an extension of the Milano ISD Classroom; therefore, students will be responsible for their personal conduct. **All school rules are in effect at these shows.**

Animal Care at Shows

- While at livestock shows, each student will be responsible for all feeding, care, and grooming of their respective animal(s).
- While at the mechanics shows, each student will be responsible for all cleaning, prepping, and exhibiting their project.

Equipment Use

• Arrangements must be made for the use of any equipment belonging to the FFA. Clippers, blowers, scales, and other equipment must be returned promptly and responsibly to ensure they are available for others to use. Any equipment lost, stolen or destroyed while in the possession of a student/borrower will be replaced at the expense of the student/borrower.

Specific Show Rules

• It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with all rules pertaining to their project (this information may include weight limits, entry requirements, age, etc.) This information may be obtained from the agri-science teachers or by visiting the websites of the shows being entered. (See Website Reference pages).

Medications

• It is strictly prohibited to administer any type of vaccine, drug, spray, feed additive, or substance internally or externally without first receiving approval of the agriscience teachers. All substances used on the animal must be approved for use on the animal or be recommended by the agriscience teacher. All withdrawal times must be followed. All students are expected to read and agree to abide by the Animal Welfare Agreement.

Overnight Trips

The opportunity to participate in the Milano FFA is a privilege extended to MISD students. Participation in the Milano FFA places a student in a position of recognition and often bestows the position of role model upon the member.

Any student who elects to accept the privilege of participating in the Milano FFA must recognize that they are a representative of the school and district, and will be held to a higher standard of conduct than that applied to the general student body.

This applies to school-related and non-school-related activities. The member is subject to state law, school district policies, school rules and regulations, the Milano FFA Constitution and By-laws, and University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules. Milano ISD policy governs all trips taken by FFA members. Any student found in violation of these policies will be disciplined accordingly.

Discipline Policy

Curfew

- A curfew of 11:00 PM is standard for all overnight trips.
- Exceptions will be made through the designated sponsor in the event that the contest, show, or the convention goes past 11:00 PM.
- Chaperones will enforce the curfew with room checks at 11:00 PM.

Expectations

- Students will follow the directions given by the advisor(s), as well as adult chaperones.
- Students will conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times.
- Students will stay with the group at all times.
- Students will not leave the hotel or the site of activity for any reason.
- Students will follow all curfew times. Lights out will be at the discretion of the advisors.
- Students must stay in the room assigned to them.

- Students will wear official dress, except when notified by the advisor. Milano ISD dress code is in effect at all times.

Violations of these guidelines will not be tolerated.

Show Team Policies

1. Animals must be in the exhibitor's name and validated prior to showing. Major entries are due on **October 15th**.
2. Exhibitors will be required to join the Junior Association of the breed that they are showing.

AT SHOW:

1. All students will follow the show schedule as set by the advisor.
2. All students will arrive and depart at predetermined times as a team.
 - At the conclusion of all scheduled activities
 - Exceptions will be taken into consideration
3. All school rules will be adhered to.
 - facial hair, tobacco use, etc.

Consequences:

1. Consequences will be assigned to students who fail to follow the Milano FFA Show Team Program.
 - Failing to adhere to the show schedule
 - Arriving late/departing early without prior approval
 - Not following school rules
 - Parent action/failure to adhere to rules

****These policies are in place to provide a POSITIVE atmosphere conducive to LEARNING and building FRIENDSHIPS.**

Infractions

Major Infractions

The students will conduct themselves in a manner that reflects and follows the Milano ISD student handbook and student code of conduct.

In the event that any student breaks Milano ISD policy, that student will be dealt with immediately, and the appropriate discipline will be initiated and documented.

If a student violates the following stated sections of the policy, their parents will be contacted, a Milano ISD administrator will be contacted, and the student may be sent home via plane or bus at the expense of the parents or guardians. If it is a day trip, the parents/guardians will be required to come and pick the student up. Milano ISD administration will, at that point, conduct discipline procedures appropriate for the infractions. Any misbehavior may affect the student's future participation in the Milano FFA.

In the event that a parent or guardian cannot be contacted, the alternative emergency contact person, given by the parent, will be contacted.

The items below are considered major infractions:

- Failing the school-mandated extracurricular drug test.
- The student is found outside of their room after curfew (without notifying the chaperone).
- The student is found with any amount of drug, alcohol, or tobacco products.

- The student is found to have partaken of any drug, alcohol, or tobacco product.
- A male is found in a female's room or a female is found in a male's room without permission from the chaperone, and a chaperone is not present.
- Any student physically fighting with another person.
- Any other violation deemed as a major infraction by the chaperone or advisor.
- In the event that a student finds themselves around somebody violating any of the previous policy, if at all possible, they are to separate themselves from that scene.
- In the event that the student is able to separate from that situation but does not, then the previously stated policy will be initiated, and the student will be sent home as well.
- The student is highly encouraged to contact a chaperone and inform them of the situation once they have separated from it.

Any illegal behavior outside the jurisdiction of the Milano ISD student handbook or code of conduct may be subject to legal action.

Minor Infractions

In the event that a student violates any other Milano ISD policy that is not deemed a major infraction, the infraction will be documented, and that student's punishment will be carried forth once the group returns to Milano ISD. The student's actions and discipline will then be turned over to the appropriate Milano ISD administrator.

Student Behavior

CTSO chapter advisors are expected to ensure that student behavior and conduct remain appropriate during all CTSO activities and events.

Students, advisors, and teachers serving as chaperones for student organization conferences and activities are accountable for the behavior and conduct of the students in their care.

Students breaking the school's, MISD's code of conduct, or violating the following rules on any school trip are subject to being sent home at the parents' expense and face consequences set by the school or MISD.

- Students are not to break curfew. Evening curfew will be set at 11 PM, morning curfew at 6 AM. Some adjustments may be made by the group leader if deemed necessary. Students are to stay inside the room and are not permitted to be outside on the balcony if it is available.
- Students must stay in their designated room assignments.
- Students may not loiter outside the hotel or depart the premises without an advisor.
- Room checks will be conducted. Each student must be visible at that time.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco products, weapons, and all hazardous materials are prohibited.
- Friends or family are not allowed to visit. Parents with a background check prior may make special arrangements.
- Rooms must remain gender specific. Members of the opposite sex are not to enter the rooms at any time.

All rules for student behavior remain in effect even if a student has graduated and is competing at the national level during the summer.

Student and Parent Acknowledgement

This Milano FFA & Agricultural Science Department Handbook has been published to help your student gain the greatest possible benefit from their agricultural science/FFA experience. The FFA needs your cooperation. It is very important that each FFA member understands the opportunities and regulations outlined in this handbook. Parents are to encourage their students to abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this handbook. Please go over all agreements outlined in this handbook and return them to your Agri-science teacher. Parent and student signatures acknowledge receipt of the FFA Member Handbook and agreement to fully participate in the opportunities available to members.

Printed Name of Student

Date

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Date Received_____

Received by:_____

Appendix E: ONE-ACT PLAY

2025-2026 OAP Contract

Please read through and initial that you have read each statement.

_____ First, I realize that failing classes throughout the year **may** lead to dismissal or a failure to be cast with One-Act Play (OAP). UIL falls within the realm of extra/co-curricular classes and must meet the UIL eligibility requirements. Additionally, casting is often done many months prior to competition, and to be cast, I need to be passing.

_____ I realize that rehearsals are mandatory for all company members and that the rehearsal schedule* is as follows:

Wednesdays: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Sundays as called (3:00 PM– 5:00 PM); if needed

*Due to certain school activities, some rehearsal times/dates may be moved, but notification ahead of time will be given. All students must sign up for Parent Square so immediate notification can occur. Parents are encouraged to sign up as well.

_____ I realize that I need to be at every scheduled rehearsal. This rule may have exemptions (illnesses, co-curricular conflicts, etc.). I realize that I need to strive to be in attendance during the scheduled production class as well.

_____ I realize that these rehearsals are on a set schedule and I will make every effort to schedule doctor &/or orthodontist appointments to other dates so as not to miss rehearsal. I also realize that if I am able to make it to school (*if ill*), then I will be able to make it through and participate in rehearsal.

_____ I realize that the director/designated sponsor can replace, reassign, or dismiss me from the company as needed for the benefit of the group and the success of the show. Examples of reasons include:

skipping/missing rehearsal(s)*	tardiness to rehearsal(s)*
leaving early from rehearsal(s)*	more than 3 days ISS/year
DAEP assignment	not passing courses
not keeping up with memorization	poor attitude (even in other classes)
posting material or comments on social media sites	

_____ I realize that OAP is extremely time-consuming and that I am willing to commit my time, efforts, goodwill, and professional attitude toward the success of this production. **I realize that any decisions I make will impact the entire company - not just myself.** I realize that a poor attitude affects everyone involved.

_____ I realize that there will be a “show shirt” that I will need to wear to our competition. This will be worn with blue jeans and closed-toed shoes, and no hats or caps. No shorts or leggings will be allowed.

_____ I realize that in the event of an overnight stay or extended travel for competition, I will wear school-appropriate attire that fits with the Student Handbook dress code policy.

_____ I realize that I will need to wear semi-formal attire to the awards ceremony/critique and that this attire will conform to the Student Handbook dress code policy.

_____ I realize that rehearsal is a “no-electronics” zone, and I will keep my electronics stowed away. I further realize that rehearsals are “social-media” free, and I will refrain from posting any pictures or comments about rehearsals on social media sites.

_____ I realize that it will take everyone to put the setup and technical equipment away and will, within my physical limitations, assist before being asked or told what to do. I further realize that as we become costumed, I will begin wearing my costumes/shoes, etc., during rehearsal.

_____ I realize that I will travel with the company to the competition sites and return with the company from the competition sites (unless a co-curricular or another UIL competition is underway).

_____ I realize that as a company member, I will need to contribute to the silent auction that takes place during the final performances of fall and spring shows.

_____ Performances are mandatory, and missing a show can be grounds for dismissal or not being cast in future shows. Extenuating circumstances, such as an emergency, will be taken into consideration. Due to ever-changing UIL calendars, performance dates can and will shift. I realize that, should we advance, it is necessary to be there.

_____ My parents and I realize that there is a standard of etiquette that applies to OAP competitions. Whooping, yelling, programmed laughing, the "shhhhh game," etc., are considered offensive to theatre etiquette and could be grounds for the company being disqualified from the competition. We (parents and students) realize that clapping is the preferred method of appreciation after a performance and during the awards ceremony.

_____ My parents and I realize that only company members are allowed in the warm-up room prior to and after performance, and that they will not attempt to make any contact (other than phone). Anyone but the director, cast, crew, and alternates could and will lead to disqualification.

_____ I realize that this is a competition. Our goal will be to put forth the best possible play that we can and to leave the stage without any regrets. By joining this company, you are becoming a professional student actor/technician; ergo, we all will behave professionally.

_____ My parents and I realize and authorize the use of my name, company position, awards, and recognitions to be used for publicity purposes within the school website, Facebook, and local newspaper entries.

_____ I realize that the director/designated sponsor/principal may revise this contract on an as-needed basis/with warning, to ensure the safety and success of this production.

My parents/guardians and my signature indicate that I/we have read and have agreed to the terms of this contract.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Stonie Wall, MHS OAP Director

Date

-----Please Sign and Return-----

Date _____

I have read the Milano ISD *Extracurricular Student Handbook* online or printed copy and agree to adhere to these rules as a condition for my voluntary participation in Milano ISD extracurricular activities. I understand that failure to do so will result in disciplinary measures related to my extracurricular participation.

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____

I have read the Milano ISD *Extracurricular Student Handbook* online or printed copy and understand the requirements for my child's voluntary participation in Milano ISD extracurricular activities. I understand the consequences that my child will face if he or she fails to adhere to these rules and agrees to such terms.

Parent Name (Print): _____

Parent Signature: _____

My signature below is an acknowledgement that I have been made aware of an automatic DAEP (off-campus alternative placement) assignment for a vaping violation. Any consequences for vaping as described in the Milano ISD *Extracurricular Student Handbook* will be administered upon the student's return to the Milano ISD campus.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____