

Crosby FFA Constitution & By-Laws

Article I Name

Section A. The name of the organization is Crosby FFA Chapter. Members are hereinafter referred to as FFA members and the letters “FFA” may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or the members thereof.

Article II Purpose

Section A. The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent and aggressive agricultural leadership
2. To create and nurture a love of agricultural life
3. To strengthen the confidence of students in agriculture
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choices of agricultural occupations
5. To encourage members in the development of individual occupational experience programs in agriculture and establishment in agricultural careers.
6. To encourage members to improve the home and surroundings
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of the industry of agriculture.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism
9. To participate in cooperative efforts
10. To encourage and practice thrift
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship
12. To provide and encourage the development of organized recreational activities

Article III Members

Section A. Membership shall be open to all Crosby High School students enrolled in at least one semester of an agricultural science course. Upon receipt of dues payment, all members listed on the Crosby FFA Chapter roster shall be considered members of the Crosby FFA.

Article IV Officers

Section A. The officers of the Crosby FFA shall be:
President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Student Advisor. Optional offices that can be assigned by the executive committee are Chaplain and Historian.

Section B. Election procedures of Crosby FFA Officers are as follows:

1. An Application
2. A test of FFA knowledge
3. An interview by a panel of judges
4. A speech presented to the chapter and the vote that follows

The top scoring (ranking, etc.) candidate will receive 1 point and each score thereafter will receive 2, 3, 4, etc. points respectively. After completion of all four requirements the candidates' scores will be tallied. The candidate with the lowest overall score will be placed as president, and 2nd lowest score is vice-president and so on...

Section C. The officers of the Crosby FFA Chapter shall be elected at a time prior to May 1, annually. The time and place to be selected by the chapter officer team.

Section D. Members serving as Chapter Officer candidates must hold the following minimum qualifications:

1. Be a member in good standing with the Crosby FFA Chapter
2. Be duly elected by the chapter

3. Hold, at minimum, the Greenhand FFA Degree
4. Be in at least their second semester of agricultural science instruction

Section E. Members serving as Crosby FFA Officers have the following duties:

1. All officer duties as listed in the Official FFA Manual
2. Attend all Crosby FFA functions
3. Attend the District II Leadership Camp
4. Attend the State FFA Convention
5. Coordinate the monthly FFA meetings
6. Formulate the Annual Program of Activities for the Crosby FFA
7. Any other duties deemed necessary by the FFA advisors

Section F. Should any officer (with a speaking part in ceremonies) be absent from any official function the student advisor shall fill in as a replacement for that appropriate officer position.

Section G. The office of president must be filled by a candidate for the Lone Star FFA Degree, or someone working towards achieving the Lone Star Degree and at least a junior in high school, **and hold the Chapter FFA degree.**

Section H. All Crosby FFA Officers will participate in at least two of the three following events.

- a. **Leadership Development Event Team**
- b. **Career Development Event Team**
- c. **Speaking Development Event**

Section I. If an officer is unable to reasonably fulfill their duties as specified in Section E, is in violation of CISD Handbook rules, or is deemed in any way by the Executive Committee unfit to serve as an officer, then that officer is subject to removal by the Executive Committee.

Article V. Crosby FFA Advisory Council

Section A. The Crosby FFA Advisory Council shall be composed of the Advisors to the Crosby FFA Chapter

Section B. The Crosby FFA Advisory Council shall cooperate with and serve in an advisory capacity to the District Coordinator of the FFA, assist with the administrative direction of the organization, and interpret the Chapter Constitution for the FFA. The Chapter Advisors shall act as chairman for the council.

Section C. The Advisory Council shall have the power to approve or disapprove the action of the Crosby FFA Officers.

Section D. The Crosby FFA Advisory Council shall meet as needed at the same times as the Crosby FFA Officers

Article VI. Crosby FFA Executive Committee

Section A. The Crosby FFA Officers and the Chapter Advisory Council will comprise the Crosby FFA Executive Committee

Section B. A quorum shall consist of the chapter officers and advisors

Section C. The advisors of the Crosby FFA Chapter shall serve as chairman of the executive committee

Section D. The Executive Committee meeting may be called by chairmen of the Executive Committee or by the chairmen of the Advisory Council

Article VII. Meetings

- Section A. The Crosby FFA Chapter shall hold a minimum of eight (8) meetings annually.
- Section B. The Crosby FFA committee meetings shall be held and scheduled by the Chapter Vice-President and Advisor
- Section C. The Crosby FFA Chapter will provide voting delegates to attend District II Association meetings and meetings above district level.
- Section D. Voting delegates must wear their official dress in order for them to be seated in the voting delegate seats.
- Section E. Crosby FFA Chapter meetings shall be open to all members in good standing and to any friends of the Crosby FFA Chapter

Article VIII. Advanced FFA Elected Positions

- Section A. The Crosby FFA Chapter may submit to the District II, Area III Association the nomination of members for the following positions:
1. District II Officer nominee (1)
 2. Area III Officer nominee (1)
 3. Area III State President nominee
 4. Area III Courtesy Corps nominee (2)
 5. Crosby FFA Talent Team (1)
- Section B. Any member competing for any of the above positions must be in good standing with local, district, area, state, and national organizations.

Article IX Crosby Junior FFA

- Section A. The Crosby Junior FFA Chapter shall be opened to youth enrolled in Crosby ISD, grades three through seven.
- Section B. Membership will be accepted during the months of September through the first two weeks of October. Junior FFA dues are due at the same time as Senior dues. Eighth grade students must be in an ag class and pay senior dues to be a member.
- Section C. The Junior FFA meetings will be held with Crosby FFA Chapter meetings at the Crosby High School Agriculture Department or other locations as designated.
- Section D. Junior FFA dues will be set at \$20 per year.
- Section E. Any Items not covered separately will follow guidelines set forth for regular membership on the Crosby FFA Chapter.
- Section F. Junior FFA members MUST have at least one guardian that is an active Crosby Young Farmer Member.

Article X Amendments

- Section A. The constitution of this chapter may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting delegates present at any regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the preceding regular meeting or given to the advisors of the chapter 30 days prior to the meeting

By-Laws

- Section 1. Gary's Parliamentary Guide and Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary procedure of the chapter and on all points not covered by the chapter constitution and by-laws.
- Section 2. A majority of the voting delegates of the Crosby FFA chapter shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 3. When a quorum is not present at a regular meeting, the Executive Committee may transact necessary business provided that no expenditure is involved.
- Section 4. Dues will be paid by the individual chapter unit to the National, State, Area, and District Associations. The Crosby FFA chapter Executive Committee shall determine the amount.
- Section 5. All applications, etc., must come through the Crosby FFA Chapter before advancing to the District, Area, State, and National Levels.
- Section 6. All officer candidates (District, Area, State, National) as well as Talent Teams must abide by the State rules that apply to their contest or election procedure.
- Section 7. No facial hair unless it is neatly trimmed may be worn by any Crosby FFA members.
- Section 8. All candidates for a chapter office must be present at the chapter meeting held to elect such officer nominees to be eligible for election to the office. (Special circumstances may be considered by advisors.)
- Section 9. Student may not miss more than three (3) Crosby FFA meetings, without a reasonable excuse (at ag teachers discretions). If a member misses more than three (3) meetings, this will result in the member not being able to exhibit their project(s) in any stock show under Crosby FFA. If a member joins in January, one must not miss more than one (1) meeting in the Spring semester.
- Section 10. To be considered a member in good standing with the chapter, a member must not miss a total of more than three(3) meetings.
- Section 11. Crosby FFA officers will be required to attend all chapter functions, non-excused absences will result in removal of the officer.

This constitution and by-laws shall not in any way conflict with the constitution and by-laws of the State and National Associations. If an article or section is in conflict, that article or section only shall be null and void. The remainder of this constitution and by-laws shall remain in effect.