

Weld Central FFA

Chapter Constitution
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Prospect Valley Chapter Constitution
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Article I Name and Purpose

Section A The name of this organization shall be the "Weld Central FFA Chapter."
Members are hereinafter referred to as the FFA.

Section B The purposes for which this chapter is formed are as follows:

1. To develop premier, aggressive and agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of agricultural life.
3. To strengthen member's confidence in themselves and their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of production agriculture and agricultural business careers.
5. To encourage members in the development of individual Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs.
6. To encourage members to improve their home and its surroundings.
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement 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 II Organization

Section A The Weld Central Chapter of the FFA is a chartered local unit of the Colorado Association of FFA, which is chartered by the National Organization of the FFA.

Section B The Weld Central Chapter of the FFA accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and by-laws of the Colorado Association of FFA as well as those of the National Organization of the FFA.

Article III Membership

Section A Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds: (1) Active; (2) Associate; and (3) Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

Section B The regular work of the chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.

Section C Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree.

- Section D Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:
1. They attend local chapter meeting with reasonable regularity (no more than 2 unexcused absences of meetings)
 2. Show an interest in, and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
 3. They pay dues regularly.
- Section E Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the initiation committees.
- Article IV Emblems
- Section A The emblems of the FFA shall be uniform and those obtained from concerns officially designated by the National Organization of the FFA.
- Article V Membership, Degrees, and Privileges
- Section A There shall be two degrees of active memberships in this chapter. These degrees are: (1) The Green Hand Degree, and (2) The Chapter FFA Degree.
- Section B Green Hand Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:
1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a S.A.E.P.
 2. Be Familiar with the purpose of the FFA and program of work of the local chapter.
 3. Understand and explain the FFA Creed.
 4. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the chapter.
- Section C Chapter Degree. Minimum qualifications for elections:
1. Must have held the degree of Green Hand for at least one year immediately preceding election to the Chapter FFA Degree and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.
 2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an improved SAEP, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.
 3. Be familiar with the purpose and the programs of work of the state association and the national organization.
 4. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the local chapter.
 5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.
 6. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes.
 7. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting.

- Section D The initiation committees shall review the qualifications of members and make recommendations to the chapter concerning degree advancement.
- Article VI Officers
- Section A The officers of the chapter shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices. Additional offices such as parliamentarian and executive committee member can be added as needed.
- Section B
1. Officer candidates shall submit an application for the office of their choice at least one week before the election is to be held.
 2. Candidates applying must have a "C" average in all their high school classes and officers must maintain a "C" average or give up the office pending the decision of the executive committees.
 3. Having fulfilled the above requirements, officers shall be elected annually by a committee consisting of senior members, advisory members, alumni, school administrators and others as deemed necessary by the advisors.
 4. Illegal or immoral acts will be determined by the code of ethics defined in the official FFA manual, Weld Central High School student/parent handbook and the Weld Central FFA Handbook; actions will be taken as needed.
- Section C The officers of the chapter together with chairman in charge of the major sections of the annual program of work shall have full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations or by-law adopted from time to time.
- Article VII Meetings
- Section A Regular chapter meetings shall be held monthly during the school year as such time and place as is designated by the chapter executive committee. Special meetings may be called at any time by the chapter President.
- Section B Two delegates shall represent the chapter at the state FFA convention, other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings with the state.
- Section C A majority of the active members listed on the secretary's membership roll shall constitute a quorum and must be present at any meeting at which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the chapter to any proposal or action.

Article VIII Dues

Section A Local dues in this chapter shall be set annually by a majority vote of the active members.

Section B Full local, state, and national dues shall be paid by all active members.

Section C No members shall be considered as active and in good standing unless they pay full local, state, and national dues.

Article IX Amendments

Section A This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the state association constitution or that of the National Organization of FFA.

Section B By-laws will be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such by-laws conflict in no way with the constitution and by-laws of either the state association or the National Organization of the FFA.