



Guidance for Online / Virtual Public Charter Schools within the State of New Mexico *(updated 10.13.2025)*

Assumptions:

1. There is no difference between the online/virtual Approved CTE Programs of Study vs. the traditional brick and mortar school.
2. The New Mexico FFA Association oversees the State Level Events (district and state events)
3. The online/virtual charter schools with FFA Chapters will reside within the geographic boundaries of the host school district's physical address.
4. Local FFA district rules, procedures, and policies are enforced at the FFA District.
5. The New Mexico FFA Association extends an FFA charter to school districts within the State of New Mexico.
6. The New Mexico FFA Association does not develop, conduct, or approve local FFA Chapter Program of Activities and or FFA events.
7. **Advisor Supervision Requirement**
An official FFA advisor must be physically present and on-site for the duration of all in-person FFA activities in which chapter members are participating or competing. This requirement applies to, but is not limited to, the following events: State FFA Convention, State, District, or Local Career Development Events (CDEs) and Leadership Development Events (LDEs), the New Mexico Leadership Conference, and any other official FFA functions or competitions. (see additional notes below)

- **Advisor Supervision Policy**
 - **Section 1. Requirement for Advisor Presence**
An officially designated FFA Advisor shall be physically present and on-site for the entirety of all in-person FFA activities where chapter members are participating, competing, or representing the chapter.
 - **Section 2. Scope of Activities**
This policy applies to, but is not limited to, the following events and functions:
 - State FFA Convention
 - State, District, and Local Career Development Events (CDEs)
 - State, District, and Local Leadership Development Events (LDEs)
 - New Mexico Leadership Conference
 - Any other official FFA event, competition, or function involving chapter members.
 - **Section 3. Compliance**
 - Failure to comply with this policy may result in the disqualification of participating members and/or restrictions on future chapter participation as determined by the New Mexico FFA Association or relevant governing body.

- **County Fairs, Livestock, animal and other exhibits of Student's SAE**
 - Exhibitors at a local county fair or state fair will be required to have the licensed teacher (FFA Advisor) present.
 - The FFA member is obligated to the rules, policies and procedures of the county where the fair is taking place.
 - Members living outside of home district are encouraged to participate in local county fairs through other extracurricular organizations (i.e. 4-H).

- **Career Development Events**
 - The FFA Chapter associated with the online / virtual Program of Study will participate as a normal FFA Chapter within the FFA District where the online / virtual school charter physical location resides.
 - Advancement towards FFA invitational and state events will occur in the normal manner of FFA District events advancement.
 - All FFA CDE events require to have the licensed teacher (FFA Advisor) present.
 - For events that do not have a qualifier in order to participate at the State FFA Convention (Agri-science, Agriculture Issues, etc.),

the FFA Advisor is expected to attend and supervise students at all FFA Events.

- **District Officer Leadership Position**
 - The online / virtual FFA members will conform to the specific duties, expectations, protocols and procedures of the local FFA District.
- **FFA Membership**
 - FFA membership is limited to students enrolled in at least one class / course annually in a New Mexico Department of Education Approved Agriculture Science and Technology CTE Program of Study.
- **FFA Advisor**
 - The FFA Advisor is the NMPED licensed Agriculture Science and Technology teacher employed by the online / virtual charter school where the Ag Science CTE Program of Study resides.
- **FFA name, image and branding**
 - The online / virtual FFA Chapters are expected to follow and abide by the parameters of their FFA constitution and bylaws as well of the parameters of the New Mexico FFA Association's Charter to the online / virtual FFA Chapter.
- **Fundraising under the FFA name**
 - The FFA Advisor is responsible for activities under the FFA brand for the online / virtual FFA Chapter.
- **Home District Definition**
 - FFA Chapter will reside in the district in which the hosting school resides/receives mail.
- **Leadership offices**
 - The online / virtual FFA members will conform with New Mexico FFA Association standards
- **Leadership Camps**
 - The online / virtual FFA members will participate in the FFA District leadership camp where the online / virtual school charter physical location resides.
- **State FFA Convention**

- The FFA Advisor is expected to attend and supervise students at the State FFA Convention and follow all New Mexico FFA Association policies and procedures of the State FFA Convention.
- **Scholarships**
 - The online / virtual FFA Chapter / members will conform with New Mexico FFA Association standards.

- **State FFA Degree & FFA Proficiencies**

- For interviews, record book review and selection. The online / virtual FFA Chapter would participate the same as other FFA Chapters.
- The FFA Advisor is responsible for activities under the FFA brand for the online / virtual FFA Chapter.