

Texas FFA CDE Contest Clipboard/Dress Code Monitor Quick Reference Guide

Overview

- A lead Contest Monitor will be assigned prior to the State Contest. This individual will be the point of contact for all other monitors. A mandatory meeting will be held before checking begins to cover expectations of the contest.
- Please arrive at the contest site at least 1 hour prior to the contest. Be sure to check in with the contest superintendent and lead monitor when you arrive.
- Dress code and clipboard checks should be completed 20-30 minutes prior to the posted contest start time.

Clipboard

- CDE RULE #20: Team members must provide their own *clear, colorless, plastic clipboard. Clipboards should be: free of all current or recycled label contest stickers; must be sticker free (excluding school logos, which were applied when the clipboard was manufactured), ruler free.
 - Clipboards may have designs or decals if they were applied when the clipboard was made. (Example- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo logo)

Documents

- CDE Rule 20#: Students may have a clean folder with the following items: genuine Judging Card scan sheet, optional copy of the scan sheet, or Texas FFA CDE drop sheet, and/or two sheets of lined or unlined blank paper.
- Make sure that no ID lists or additional resources are present aside from the documents listed above.
- Check to make sure the documents above do not have additional typed or written information.

Calculators & Other Equipment

- In contests that a calculator is applicable: A Non-programmable, four-function calculator is allowed. No other calculators are permitted.
- Be sure to read the contest rules regarding allowable equipment (Examples- knives with no markings, architect scale, etc.) Remember that no multi-tools are permitted in any contests.

Dress Code

- CDE Rule #14: Dress code for CDE participation is official FFA dress (for events requiring official dress) or closed toed shoes, full length pants or slacks, collared shirts with sleeves with the exception of Veterinary Science and Food Science (see contest rules for specific dress code Approved by the Texas FFA BOD on September 13, 2021 Revised on September 15, 2022 Revised on October 2, 2023 requirements). The only logos permissible on shirts are clothing brand, school or organizational logos. (Clothing brands' logos may not promote alcohol, tobacco or any other brand not consistent with the ideals and principles of the Texas FFA). Shirt collars must be full, folded collars. Capri-type pants shall be deemed to be shorts, not pants or slacks. Contestants not in dress code compliance shall be given an opportunity to remedy the noncompliant apparel. Contestants found in the contest in violation of the dress code shall be disqualified. A teacher committee appointed by the state CDE committee chair shall enforce dress code standards.

- Please give students an opportunity to change into appropriate attire. If students cannot get into proper dress code prior to the contest, they should not be permitted to participate.
- Do not remove a student from a contest until you have confirmed with another checker that this is necessary. Please make certain it is necessary to remove students from the contest.