



**AGRICULTURE
TEACHERS**
ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Partnership and Cooperation

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Policy

Purpose: To guide the Association for partnership and cooperation matters.

1. Association members who are elected will serve on the Major Livestock Show Advisory Committee. Members will abide by the policies and procedures adopted by the MLSAC Board of Directors.
2. Cooperate with state and national farm organizations, statewide professional education organizations, and members. Continue to work with those organizations on local, district, and state levels, and inform them of our programs.
3. Cooperate with the Texas Education Agency and maintain that relationship to promote agricultural education and career and technology education.
4. Work with teacher training institutes for the improvement of ag education as it relates to teacher preparation.
5. Create partnerships with corporations and organizations that can promote and improve agricultural education.
6. Recognize key supporters of our Association with the Outstanding School Administrator Award, Outstanding Chapter Advocate Award, Agricultural Education Hero Award, and ATAT Champion award.
7. Provide opportunities for Young Farmer and FFA Alumni and Supporters to participate in ATAT events.
8. Maintain relationships with retired ag science teachers and involve them in activities as needed.

Operational Protocols

1. Provide information regarding the benefits of being partners with other state or national agricultural organizations.
2. Encouraging agriculture science teachers to work with adult education groups, including Young Farmers, FFA Alumni and Supporters, and booster organizations by providing

members with information relating to how to start and maintain adult education programs in their communities.

3. The Executive Director will visit with and promote the Association to ag ed student teachers in universities where ag science teachers are certified. The New Teacher Handbook material should be available for first-year teachers to obtain during their time on the student teaching block.
4. Continue developing a partnership with 4H and collaborate with them.
5. Work with teacher institutions to encourage new ag science teachers to maintain and follow our own code of ethics, maintain closer supervision of students during FFA conventions, livestock shows, and other activities, and strive to improve the conduct and total image of FFA and Association programs as referred to in policy.

* No changes to the policy in December 2021 or December 2022