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ASSOCIATION OF FFA

State FFA Officer Candidate Parent Handout

Dear parents of State FFA Officer candidates,

Your child is embarking on the journey of a lifetime. They have already put in hours upon hours preparing for the State Officer election process, and regardless of the outcome of the election, they will have grown from this opportunity. We have put together this handout to provide you with some information about the election process and year as a State FFA Officer.

Accountability & Code of Ethics

Being a Wisconsin FFA State Officer is an honor and a privilege. This opportunity is something that the State Association takes very seriously. As a parent, you will be asked to sign-off on a document that states that your child WILL uphold the ideals and values of the State Association. You are asked to sign off on this document because we are relying on you to help hold your child accountable. If you have any questions, please reach out to State Staff and they can help clarify. Again, this is crucial to the success of the State Officer Candidate and their ability to serve their State and Section during their year of service!

Handling Stress

During the election process and throughout the year as a State FFA Officer, there will be stressful times. Between important events, lots of hard work being invested, and planning and preparation, there is a lot for your students to manage; their schedules will be jam-packed! Understand your son or daughter could be feeling overwhelmed, so please be there for your child if they are stressed out or need someone to talk with. At the same time, understand that being in FFA provides students with a strong network of supporters, so they might be communicating with others as well. If elected, your child will become part of a very close family of teammates, and they will support each other in good times and bad.

Communication

Along the same lines as 'stress', your child's communication patterns might change a lot over the next year. They will likely be staying up late, waking up early, and working long hours. Communication may become...interesting. State Officers spend a lot of time on the road working with members, teammates, advisors, and state officials. Make sure to check in with your child and understand that they are busy individuals.

Despite these challenges, State FFA Office is the opportunity of a lifetime! State Officers are 'living the dream' every day of their year of service. Be there for the good and the bad! (:

*Best regards,
Wisconsin State FFA Officers and State Staff*