

## TIA TCFA Growth Plan

The purpose of this document is to outline the procedures for administering the Texas Cattle Feeders Animal Health pre-test, teaching, learning checks, and TCFA certification test. The program will be administered to juniors and seniors who are in advanced animal science class.

**Pre-test:** A pre-test provided by Texas Cattle Feeders Association will be administered to students at the beginning of the learning period. This test will be given during the class time period in the cafeteria or other areas that provide no distractions. The test will be administered by the Principal, Counselor, or paraprofessional. All IEPs will be followed while administering the test. The students will bubble a scan sheet, which will be graded afterwards and recorded for growth purposes. The test administrator(s) and agriculture teacher will sign that the test was administered and graded following TCFA guidelines.

**Teaching:** The teacher will instruct students in the areas of cattle behavior, pharmaceutical use in cattle, and beef quality assurance. Learning checks at the completion of each section will determine achievement and reteaching will be done as needed.

**TCFA Certification:** Students will complete an application to be accepted into the Texas Cattle Feeders Animal Health Program. Upon acceptance, the students will attend a three-day workshop for hands-on practice and observational checks of learning by TCFA officials. Students will then complete the post test that is administered by TCFA officials at the workshop. The students will also complete an interview by a TCFA appointed individual who will check for learning and understanding in the animal health areas. Results of the test and interview will then be provided to the students and a certification will be issued if the student reaches the required levels.

**Growth Standard:** The student growth standard will be determined by the Texas Cattle Feeders and will be reflected by the student earning a certification from the TCFA Cattle Care and Handling officials.

Rusty Brixey MAg. Ans.  
Bellevue Agriculture Teacher  
[Rusty.Brixey@bellevueisd.org](mailto:Rusty.Brixey@bellevueisd.org)  
940-733-2755