



Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Syllabus

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Course: Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Course Description:

Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources is an introductory agricultural science course. You will be able to learn about plant science, animal science, natural resources, world agriculture, and leadership. You will also have the opportunity to join the FFA, where you can develop career and leadership skills outside of class. I LOVE this class so I hope you enjoy it as much as I do this year!

Supplies:

Pens/pencils
Paper
Chromebook

FFA Involvement:

FFA participation is not mandatory but I do encourage you to get involved. FFA has a place for everyone. You do not have to show an animal to be in FFA although that is one aspect of our organization. In the fall we participate in Leadership Development Events (Quiz, Creed, Chapter Conducting, Skills, etc.) and in the spring we participate in Career Development Events (Floriculture, Landscape/Nursery, Horse Judging, Entomology, Dairy Foods, etc.). FFA also offers the agriscience fair, the FFA chorus and band, and teaches you skills you can use throughout your life. The more you put into the program the more you will get out of it. The FFA also offers many scholarship opportunities for its members. We will discuss the FFA in detail during our class. There are many other opportunities to get involved so be listening in class for upcoming details. FFA t-shirts will be available for sale at the beginning of the year.

Grading Policy:

Your assignments will be graded according to HISD policy. I will let you know if an assignment is a major, minor, or other grade.

Instructional Achievement = 50%

Exams
Major Projects

Instructional Practice = 50%

Class Notebook
Record Book
Daily Work

Chromebook:

You will each be required to bring your Chromebook to class daily charged. Failure to do so may have an impact on your grade. Please come to class prepared as we will use our Chromebooks as often as possible!

Record Book:

The Texas Education Agency requires that every student taking an Agricultural Science class maintain a record book. Every student in this class will have an online record book. You will be given time in class to work on it. You are expected to keep the record book current. This is a grade.

Absent Work:

Make up assignments and/or tests will be available to students after an absence, **BUT it is the student's responsibility to get the work from the teacher.** For every day the student is absent, that is the amount of time they have to complete the assignments. If it is not completed in the allotted time, it falls under the guidelines of late work.

Expectations:

Most of our work will be done in the classroom. From time to time as we work on large projects you may need to take work home to complete the assignment. It is your responsibility to bring back the assignment on time.

We will be working in group for several topics we cover. Be courteous to your fellow group members and encourage participation among everyone.

All students will be expected to participate in class each day and give their best effort towards each assignment. You are also expected to bring your materials to class each day. If you are unsure about how to complete a task and need further instruction please ask. From time to time students who grasp concepts quickly may be asked to help other students. This is an elective but we will do work every day.

Class Rules:

1. Be in class on time and prepared to work. You will need to sign the tardy log if you are late.
2. Be respectful! Teacher and adult visitors, classmates and facilities/equipment
3. Outside food is not allowed in the classroom
4. No Cellphones unless previous permission is granted!
 - a. During tests all phones will be collected and can be returned after the test has been turned in.
5. **Clean your area before you leave!!!**
6. "Horseplay" is not acceptable in the classroom or lab.
7. School rules remain in place in my classroom. Discipline actions will be taken per the Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct set by Huntsville ISD

Projected Course Schedule:

- 1st Six Weeks: The FFA, Parliamentary Procedure
- 2nd Six Weeks: Leadership, Communication, Goals
- 3rd Six Weeks: World Agriculture, Food Science
- 4th Six Weeks: Plant Science
- 5th Six Weeks: Animal Science
- 6th Six Weeks: Natural Resources/Ag Mechanics

**Opportunity is missed by most because it is
dressed in overalls and looks like work.**

- Thomas Edison