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**Agricultural Science I Syllabus**

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**Course Description:**

The Agricultural Science I class is a course designed to introduce students to the many areas involved in the field of agriculture. Students will develop knowledge and skills that will provide a foundation for courses in animal science, plant science, horticulture, natural resources, agricultural systems and technology. Topics covered will be basic animal, plant, and soil science; natural resources; food science technology; agribusiness; personal and leadership development; and agricultural career awareness. Through this course, students will develop agricultural literacy.

**Course Content:**

1. **Agriscience in the Information Age**
2. **You and the New Millenium**
3. **Natural Resources Management**
4. **Integrated Pest Management**
5. **Plant Science**
6. **Crop Science**
7. **Ornamental Use of Plants**
8. **Animal Sciences**
9. **Food Products and Processing**
10. **Agribusiness**

**Grading**:

**Homework**: Accounts for **20%** and will be graded on a complete or incomplete basis. The scale is:

100-Complete

75-Partially Complete

50-Largely Incomplete

0-Incomplete (Not Done)

**Class Formative Assessments**:

Laboratory Assignments account for **30%** of your grade. We will always read over the assigned lab before actually completing that lab. This is your time to ask any questions.

**Quizzes:**

Account for **30%** of your grade. May not always be announced. Number of questions vary, and will be graded in the same fashion as tests. I allow students to do extra credit to make up for a failing test grade. Extra credit will not be given for quizzes or labs. If a student is absent for a test or a quiz, they must make up the work they missed upon their return to class. Quizzes will be graded upon a % basis out of 100%.

**Summative Assessments**:

Account for **50%** of your grade. Tests will be graded upon a % basis out of 100%. Will always be announced at least one week before they are given.

**Materials Required:**

* Access to technology
* Three ring binder (3”) - to be used for **ALL** lecture notes, handouts, and homework. **Make sure you have plenty of paper or a several subject notebook.**
* Pens and pencils - **MUST** be brought to **EACH** class.

**Absence:**

Class attendance is extremely important and is a part of your daily participation (including remote learners). If it is necessary for you to be absent, and cannot login to Google Meets, you may earn the participation points by completing the missed class work. The missed work is due the day after you return to class. If you are absent on the day of a quiz or a test, **you** must see **me** to set up a time to complete it. You will not be able to make up any missed work, including tests, if you are truant from class; your earned grade for the day will be a zero. When absent, it is the student’s responsibility to find out what he/she missed. Items will be posted on my Google Classroom pages daily.

**Tardiness:**

Being on time to class is also important in being successful. If you are late to class, it will be recorded. Once you accumulate three tardies, you will receive a referral/after-school detention (see school handbook on attendance policy).

**Extra Help:**

I am available for extra help during these periods

* Period 4
* Period 7 A days
* Period 8 B days

\*Please let me know ahead of time that you require help during these time periods, so I may make myself available.

**Google Classroom/Google Meet Logins:**

**Period 3**

* **Class Code: 27ldek2**
* **Meet Link:** [**https://meet.google.com/lookup/go7kebby2y**](https://meet.google.com/lookup/go7kebby2y)

**Behavioral Expectations:**

* Students will arrive on time. If you are late you must have a pass. Being late without a pass three times will result in after school detention.
* During a lecture it is very important for students to raise their hands with any questions. It is also very disrespectful for students to have private conversations during lectures.
* Disrespect towards myself or any other students, in any form, will not be tolerated.
* There is to be NO eating or drinking in the classroom, this includes candy.

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**\*\*\*\*\*\*Please Detach and Return to Mr. Brown\*\*\*\*\*\***

I have read this letter and the attached expectation sheet and understand my son/daughter’s responsibilities and expectations in Agricultural Science I this year.

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 Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature

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