

Mrs. Cox Ag Biology

Student Course Outline and Expectations 2023-2024

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Grading Scale:

90-100% ~ A

80-89% ~ B

70-79% ~ C

60-69% ~ D

59% - Lower ~ F



Course Description

This one year course integrates biological science practices and knowledge into the practice of sustainable agriculture. The course is centered on an extensive laboratory component in order to connect the big ideas of all life science with agricultural applications, earth and physical science principles and other curricular areas, including written and oral reporting skills. The course culminates with an agriscience research project in which students design and conduct an experiment to solve a relevant issue. Leadership development will be provided through FFA. Each student will be expected to have a supervised agricultural experience program.

Grading Policies

- ★ 15% In Classwork/Homework
- ★ 15% Participation & Notebook
- ★ 30% Projects & Presentations
- ★ 20% Tests and Quizzes
- ★ 10% FFA Participation
- ★ 10% SAE Project

.FFA: Calendar coming soon

Each student is REQUIRED to participate in a minimum of **5 FFA activities** every quarter. Approximately twenty opportunities are offered each quarter.

For ex: FFA meetings and activities, fundraisers, shirt credits, service projects, virtual conferences & activities. **EXTRA CREDIT** points will be awarded for each additional activity.

SAE is a hands on marketable Ag project outside of class.

Graded by SAE reports, AET recordbook, and project activities.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

- Mechanics project (if enrolled in ag shop)
- Ag related employment/placement/school coop project
- Animal Project(breeding or market animals)
- Still exhibits: Ag photography, agriscience fair, ornamental or vegetable plants, food science projects, ropework, leather making, ag related arts, floral designs

FFA EXTRA CREDIT

FFA is graded per activity - 125 points total in gradebook. Each activity is worth 25 points. All credits over the requirement become ten points extra credit each. Credits count in all ag classes. How FFA is entered in gradebook:

Credit 1 = 25 points

Credit 2 = 50 points

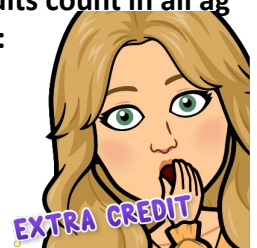
Credit 3 = 75 points

Credit 4 = 100 points

Credit 5 = 125 points

Credit 6 = 135 points

...and so on



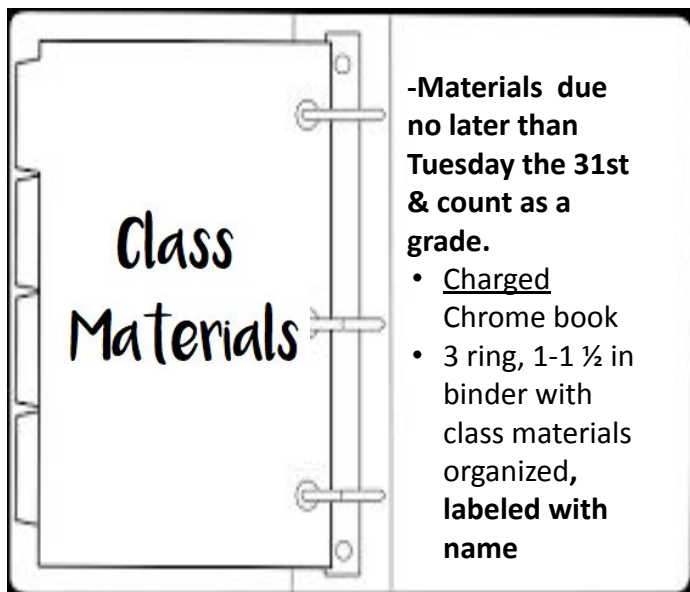
My Course Policies and Expectations

RULES

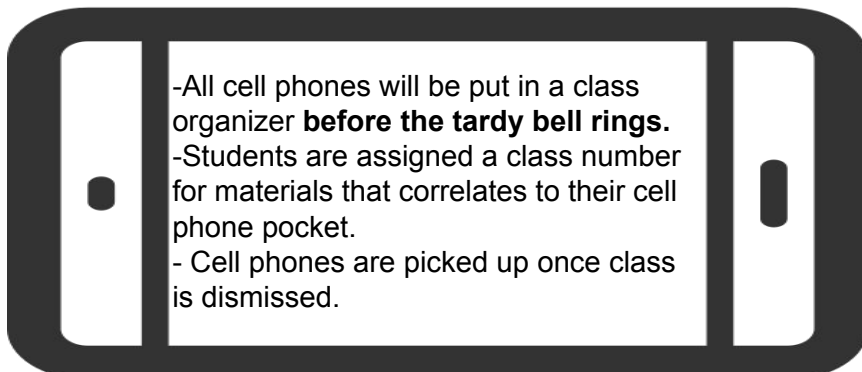


- **LATE WORK**

- **ALL** assignments will be given a due date and students are provided ample class time, **LATE WORK** past the current unit in the course.
- **It is the students job to get work upon return for days missed.** If the student is not aware of the exam/assignment due to extended absence, then two days will be allowed for the student to catch up on missed work. I will not remake copies if lost, the student may access online and print for themselves.
- **EXTRA CREDIT** will be offered to the students periodically throughout the school year. It is up to each student to take advantage of it. **NO STUDENT** will be offered an individualized extra credit assignment at any point.
- **NOTEBOOK CHECKS** will be conducted and students will be required to keep their work organized. Students **UNPREPARED** on the day of a notebook check will receive a zero. Notebook checks can be made up for half credit within one week of the check.
- **PLAGIARISM:** Any student(s) caught cheating on a test or quiz, or copying any portions of assignments or lab reports will receive a **ZERO** for that activity. They will **NOT** be able to make it up for partial credit.
- **QUALITY WORK:** Work should follow all directions & components and be the students best possible work. Redo's and retakes are not permitted due to low effort.



Cell Phone Policy



Course Outline

What is Agriscience

FFA and Leadership Development

SAE's and AET Online Recordbook

Sustainable Agriculture

Sustainable Agriculture and our Environment

Molecular Biology Principles in Sustainable Agriculture

Ecological Decision Making in Sustainable Agricultural Practices



Google Classroom

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Your Class Period - hmh4we3
Holtville FFA - lyhmiol

W E B S I T E S

Need Help?

Make sure you have done the necessary reading/research first! Give it a try so I know what you are misunderstanding!

- Tutoring - @ lunch or afterschool by appointment.
- Access grades through Synergy - Get login info from counseling office.



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Chapter Website

Parent and Student Signature

By signing below you are agreeing that you and your student reviewed the course syllabus information.

I am looking forward to an excellent school year! Should you have any questions please feel free to ask!

Mrs. Cox

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____