



Principles of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Syllabus

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Course: Principles of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources

Course Description:

Principles of Food, Agriculture, 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:

Chromebook

Writing Utensils

Folder (if you would like to keep any hard copies or unfinished work)

FFA Dues:

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 (Poultry Judging, Wool Judging, Livestock Judging, etc). FFA also offers the agri-science 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.

Grading Policy:

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

Major Grades = 40%

Exams
Major Projects

Daily Grades = 60%

Class Notes
Record Book
Daily Work/Quizzes

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.

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!

Absent Work:

It is the student's responsibility to complete the work you miss while you are out.

Work will be posted in Google Classroom for you to complete. Should you not see work in google classroom please notify your teacher by email so we can either fix the problem or come up with a plan for you to receive it.

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
2. Be prepared to work (Chromebook, supplies, attitude)
3. Be respectful! Teacher and adult visitors, classmates and facilities/equipment

4. No Cellphones or earbuds unless instructed by the teacher
5. **Clean up before you leave!**
6. "Horseplay" is not acceptable in the classroom or labs
7. Make our building a place to be proud of
8. Give your best effort everyday
9. School rules remain in place. Discipline actions will be taken per the Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct set by North Zulch ISD

Projected Course Schedule:

1st Nine Weeks: The FFA, Parliamentary Procedure, What is Ag

2nd Nine Weeks: Leadership, Communication, Goals, World Agriculture, Food Science

3rd Nine Weeks: Plant Science, Texas & World Ag, Animal Science

4th Nine Weeks: Animal Science, Natural Resources, Ag Tech, Ag Mech

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

- Thomas Edison