



Introduction to Agriculture

Mrs. Scholz · 2008-2009 · 1st Semester

Class Overview

Introduction to Agriculture explores the basic skills and techniques used in agricultural careers. Subjects include leadership development, horticulture, forestry, animal sciences, fisheries, food science, business skills, woods, and welding. This is a hands-on class where students will use the greenhouse, welding and wood shops, classroom laboratories, and other means of learning to explore agriculture and the world around them while building life skills.

Grading

Your grade is the result of three criteria:

Daily Work
Tests/Projects
FFA Participation*

Letter grades are assigned as follows:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
Less than 70%	F



(Santiam High School is implementing a school-wide +/- grading system. Grades earned for this course will be designated as +/-.)

* FFA is an extension of the agriculture classroom where students apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings. Alternative assignments will be provided to students who chose not to participate in FFA activities.

Classroom Policies

- Act in a safe manner.
- Be respectful of yourself, your classmates, the building, and the equipment.
- Come to class on time and prepared (*paper, pen/pencil, and any other assigned materials*).

Shop Rules

- Safety glasses are to be worn at all times in the shop.
- All work in the shop must be approved by the instructor.
- Students are only to operate tools and equipment in which they have passed a safety test for.
- When working in the shop, students are expected to stay in the shop.
- Students are expected to clean up their workstation before they are excused from class.
- **Horseplay or destructive work will not be tolerated!**

Additional Expectations

Absences

- Students are responsible for asking for work missed due to an absence.
- Students who miss shop-related assignments should make arrangements with the instructor to make up the assignment after school.

Late Work

Late assignments will receive a 10% deduction from the final grade.

Tardy Policy

Students should be seated in a chair and ready to work when the bell rings. Students who enter the room after the final bell will be counted tardy.

Students who violate classroom policies and/or shop rules* will be subject to the following consequences:

- First violation Immediate 15 minute cleaning session
- Second violation 1-page reflective paper and trip to detention
- Third violation Long form and parent meeting
- Continued violations Removal from unit*

Note to Parents/Guardians

- Due to the nature of this course, it may be necessary to take educational field trips during the class period. Permission slips will be required for any trips that are longer than the assigned class period.
- On occasion, short clips from feature films such as Remember the Titans (PG), Hoosiers (PG), Footloose (PG), etc. may be shown during class. All film clips will be pertinent to the day's lesson and will not exceed a rating of PG-13 (*per School District policy*).
- If there are any concerns or objections to any classroom procedures or policies, please feel free to contact me at (503) 897-2311.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date