**Agriscience**

Course Syllabus

Chester County High School

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**Welcome!**

I am very excited to work with you to provide the best experience possible in this class.

**Course Description**

Agriscience is an introductory laboratory science course that prepares students for biology, subsequent science and agriculture courses, and postsecondary study. This course helps students understand the important role that agricultural science and technology plays in the twenty-first century. In addition, it serves as the first course for all programs of study in the Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources cluster. Upon completion of this course, proficient students will be prepared for success in more advanced agriculture and science coursework. This course counts as a lab science credit toward graduation requirements.

Grade(s): Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior

Required Platforms and websites:

● Gmail

● Google Classroom

**National FFA**

FFA is a leadership organization for scholars interested in agriculture. By enrolling in this class, you are an FFA member! The National FFA offers incredible opportunities for you including scholarships, speech and judging contests, conventions, community service and leadership training. Through the Chester County FFA you will make new friends, experience the world around you, and get the chance to explore several different career areas. It is truly an invaluable experience.

**SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience)**

The SAE aspect of this class brings what we learn in the classroom to “real life.” You are required to have some type of project outside of class that relates to agriculture during your high school years.

# Supply List

3 ring binder with paper (only for this class)

Pencils, Highlighters, Colored Pencils

# What I expect from you:

# 1. You should be in your seat before/by the time the bell rings. If you are late, you will need a note from a teacher or the office when you come to class. Stay in your seat until instructed to move about or the bell rings to dismiss you.

# 2. Be responsible and prepared! Bring all your required material (notebook, paper, and pencils) to class daily. To be successful, it is important to be prepared! Don’t give up! Ask for help. Take ownership for what you may/may not do.

# 3. Pay attention during class. Sleeping, talking, or writing and passing notes during class are not acceptable. Electronic devices may sometimes be used during class. Please wait until you are asked to use that device.

# 4. Be respectful! Do NOT talk while the teacher is talking. Keep your hands to yourself and do not bully or make rude remarks to your classmates or the teacher. \*\*\* Respect is not a gift, it must be earned.

# 5. Only bottled water will be allowed.

**Electronic Policy:**

Cell phones should be turned off and put away at the beginning of each class unless instructed to use it for your “Great Start”. If they are out when they shouldn’t be, then students may be ‘grounded’ which will require them to turn in their phone before each class for a period of time. If this continues to be a problem then the student’s phone will be turned into the office.

**Teaching Environment:**

I use a variety of teaching methods such as short lectures, assignments, tests/quizzes, group work/discussions, hands-on activities, and videos throughout the semester. These methods will help students with different learning styles. It will be your responsibility to keep up with all the material given in class and it will need to be placed in your notebook daily.

**Notebooks**:

It is your responsibility to bring your notebook, paper, and pencils to every class. They (notebooks) will be checked periodically, and it will count as a test grade!

**Attendance and make-up work:**

Any student with an absence will be able to make up the work they missed by going to the makeup binder in the room for any missing assignment. Please inform the teacher before missing class due to an approved school or other approved event.

**Grade determination:**

Each assignment, test, and project will be graded using the following scale. Some assignments may be evaluated using rubric.

Grading Scale: 90 – 100 A

80 – 89 B

70 – 79 C

60 – 69 D

0 – 59 F

# Ag Class Rules

1. Stay with your team during collaborative times.

2. Be respectful to everyone and everything in the classroom and learning environment\*

3. Be purposeful with your actions, work with the goal in mind.

4. All tools and supplies will be cleaned & returned to their place by the end of class.

5. Own your accomplishments and mistakes.

\*Lack of respect toward peers, animals, tools, or materials needed in class may result in loss of lab privileges and/or immediate referral.

**Disciplinary Action:** 1st offense: Verbal Warning

2nd offense: Parents/Guardians will be contacted & you may be grounded in class.

3rd offense: Office referral