

Bledsoe County High School  
Agriscience Syllabus  
2024-25  
Instructor: Bridgett Loyd

**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 21st 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. The academic standards for all programs of study within Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources can be found at

<https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/career-and-technical-education/career-clusters/cte-cluster-agriculture-food-natural-resources.html>

**Materials and supplies:**

- Composition book—Preferably college ruled
- Your school issued Chrome book or other laptop (charged)
- Folder with pockets, a small binder or a designated place within another binder for loose biology papers
- Pencil/pen
- Paper
- glue or tape
- other project supplies, as needed (poster board, markers, etc)

**Safety:** Students are required to identify and explain general lab safety procedures, equipment, and tools. Students must demonstrate safety procedures and complete a safety test with 100 percent accuracy. Safety is critical. There will be no clowning or horseplay. There will be no food or drink present in the lab area. Proper safety gear must be worn during labs.

**Attendance:** As with any class, attendance is crucial to your success. Please refer to your student handbook for details on the attendance policy and make-up work.

**Grade Distribution:**

- Formal assessments (quizzes and tests): 25%
- Daily work (assignments, homework): 25%
- Labs (group work, labs): 25%
- Participation: 10%
- Midterm/Final (you can be exempt from the final): 15%

Students will have the opportunity to correct assignments, quizzes and tests for ½ credit back on their grade (except bellwork). All corrections must follow instructions given for how to earn credit back. Late work will be penalized with a 10% deduction in the score until it is more than 5 days late and then the maximum grade will be a 60. If you are absent, you have 5 days to turn in make-up work.

**Classroom Expectations:**

1. Please be on time and bring all necessary materials (book, composition book, paper, pencil/pen, and charged computer) to class every day.
2. Remember to use the restroom during your 5 minute break. If you need to use the restroom during class time, your cell phone must be placed on Mrs. Loyd's desk (unless it is in the cell phone holder at the back of the room)
3. All school rules will be enforced.

\*Infractions will be recorded in a notebook and signed by the student at the time of the infraction.

**Extra Help:** I am always willing to help you be successful in my class. If you need help, please ask me. I have 2nd period planning.

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Mrs. Loyd  
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Parents,

Please read the syllabus for this class and then place it in the student's folder. Please read, complete, and return this page.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) to contact about grades/behavior:

\_\_\_\_\_

Best contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Is e-mail an acceptable way for me to send you progress reports if your student's grade starts to drop? \_\_\_\_\_

Your expectation for your child's grade in Agriscience: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything I need to know about your child that may affect his or her

learning? \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read and understand the class syllabus for Agriscience.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_