



## Agriculture Syllabus

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**Mission Statement:** It is my hope that all students who take this class leave with a better understanding and respect for all aspects of agriculture. If a student participates actively in class they will leave with hands-on experience. Also, the students will get an introduction to careers in Agriculture. And lastly, I hope for all my students to look back and say they had fun while learning.

### **Class Procedures**

1. **Student Notebook**— Students will be required to keep a notebook for this class. Acceptable notebooks include: **Composition Notebook**. Students will receive a notebook grade. The following items must be in notebook to receive an 100.

1. **All notes given for the test**
2. **All handouts given**
3. **Any definitions or questions that are assigned**
4. **All previous notes and handouts**

This procedure is intended to instill academic responsibility so, that they may be a better student after taking this class.

2. **Classroom/Lab Behavior**—I set high expectations for my students while they are in my classroom. I was raised that when you are at school or any other public place there is a certain way one should act and a way not to act. Students having simple manners and showing respect for everyone will prevent almost all behavior problems. This policy will be stressed to all students from day one and students will be asked to follow these simple rules:

1. **Be respectful of peers and teachers**
2. **No cursing or derogatory language**
3. **Be safe and do not endanger peers**

3. **Safety Agreement**— This class will be spending time outside the closely controlled classroom environment, students will be expected to keep their safety and that of their peers in mind at all times. The class will be tested over safety procedures while and all students must pass it with a 100. If a student does not

reach a 100 on the first test he/she may re-take test as many times as needed to score a 100 and only that 100 will be recorded in the grade book, but will write off every question missed five times with the correct answer. The last page of this syllabus will contain a space where the student must sign pledging to be safe and not risk the safety of others while in this class.

4. **Open door policy**—Students that are in need of someone to talk to for any reason may come to me to speak. The conversation will be kept private as long as the conversation does not imply anyone is in danger. I understand that in high school issues arise where the student may not think they can talk to anyone. My door is always open.
5. **Special needs/ accommodations**— Any student who requires special accommodations or needs that I should be made aware of may come to me privately or have a parent contact me to arrange those accommodations. All students will be given a fair chance to succeed in my classroom.
6. **Classroom discussions** —I encourage student feedback and discussion of the material.
7. **Academic integrity**—Students who are caught cheating will immediately be given a zero for that work and it will be reported to the principal.

#### **Discipline Procedures**

1. **1<sup>st</sup> offence**— I will have private conversation with student during or after class issuing him/her a verbal warning. Once we have agreed on why the student is in trouble and on how to correct future behavior; the student will sign a verbal warning form which will be kept on file in my office.
2. **2<sup>nd</sup> offence**—Student will receive a referral that will be sent to the office. Once a referral has gone to the office the principal will decide punishment from there. See Student Handbook for more information on discipline.
3. **3<sup>rd</sup> offence**—Parents or guardian will be contacted and if needed a conference will be set up for student, parents, and myself. Referral will be written and sent to office. See Student Handbook for discipline information.

#### **Grading Policy**

<b>Tests/ quizzes</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Notebook</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Daily Grade</b>	<b>50%</b>

#### **Contact Info**

If a parent wishes to speak to me directly please email me [jason.walker@fcstn.net](mailto:jason.walker@fcstn.net) at the school or call the school 931-469-7679.

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**AGRICULTURE CLASSROOM, SHOP, AND GREENHOUSE  
RULES AND SAFETY AGREEMENT**

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**Competency Awareness-** Below is a link to the competencies for this class that are mandated by the TN department of Education. If you would like a paper copy of these let me know and I will be happy to provide one for you.

<https://www.tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-agriculture-food-natural-resources>

This section is to verify that the student and parent has read the syllabus and agree to the classroom rules and safety agreement and are aware of the competencies that are used to guide this class

**I \_\_\_\_\_(student name) agree to the rules and safety agreement and pledge to act in a safe manner and not endanger myself or any other.**

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_