



Central Agriculture Department
Mr. Sorensen
Room C104
2011-12 Vet Science Class Expectations and Guidelines

Course Description:

Grades 11, 12

2 Semesters

This course will develop students' understanding of the small and companion animal industry, animal anatomy and physiology, animal nutrition, animal reproduction, animal ethics and welfare issues, animal health, veterinary medicine, veterinary office practices, and animal services to humans. Career exploration will focus on veterinarian, veterinary lab technicians, office lab assistant, small animal production, research lab assistant, and animal nutrition lab technician. Since FFA and Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs (SAEPs) are integral components of this course, students are required to maintain SAEP's, and be a member of the FFA while participating in activities of the FFA organization. Students will also be required to work outside of classroom instruction in the Central FFA Cooperative. THIS COURSE WILL MEET THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT OF A SCIENCE ELECTIVE if taken with the Introduction to Agriculture and Basic Agricultural Science sequence.

Prerequisites: Biology and Basic Agricultural Science or Instructor Approval

Lab Fee

Text: No text book is required for this class. You must have a 3 ring binder or notebook with your materials.

Ag Department Expectations:

1. Students will be in their seat when the bell rings, with writing utensils, their Agriculture 3 ring binder, any assignments due that day, and any other materials needed for class that day. I expect them to stay in their assigned seat unless instructed or permission to leave their assigned seat.
2. Students will conduct themselves in a manner that allows everyone the right to a good learning environment.
3. Students shall leave materials and objects in the classroom and/or lab, teacher's desk, shop greenhouse, storage compartments, etc. alone unless instructed or given permission to use them.
4. Students will participate in classroom and/or lab instruction and activities at all times. It is not an option to not participate or attempt the activities of this course.
5. Students will be dismissed from class when all materials are returned to proper storage area and teacher verbally dismisses them.
6. Students will confer with teacher if they feel all possible tasks have been completed.

7. Students' heads will be in an upright attentive position without the support of their arms and hands.
8. Students must contact me the day they return from any absence, to update student on missed classroom/lab/greenhouse activities. *(I am usually in my room before and after school. If you cannot find me at one of these times. My email is bsorensen@cusd4.org or my number is (815)-953-0044).* Some assignments and notes will be on my website, mrsorensen.weebly.com and can be downloaded. Failure to contact me will result in this manner, may result in a late grading policy or no credit for missed assignments or tests.
9. You have 2 school days to obtain and complete your assignments from an excused absence. You are responsible for obtaining missed work. I will not seek you out to give you missed work; you must check with me to see what you missed. Any work collected or assigned on the day of an unexcused absence will not be accepted.
10. I reserve the right to change this syllabus at any time.

Grading Policy and Procedures:

| Skyward Name | Category | Weight |
|---------------------|---------------|--------|
| CLW: Classwork | All classwork | 85% |
| Oth1: Other 1 | SAE | 10% |
| Part: Participation | FFA | 5% |

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|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| A+ = 98-100% | B = 87-89% | C- = 77-78% | F = 69% and below |
| A = 94-97% | B- = 85-86% | D+ = 75-76% | I = Incomplete |
| A- = 92-93% | C+ = 83-84% | D = 72-74% | |
| B+ = 90-91% | C = 79-82% | D- = 70-71% | |

Things you are required to bring to class:

- Paper
- Writing Utensil
- Binder
- Calculator

Class Requirements (the following items will occur outside the regular class hours. A grade will also be associated with each item)

- Students are members of the FFA organization. Students will be required to participate in at least 2 FFA activities / semester. (5% of semester grade)
- Students must work a minimum of 4 hours in the Central FFA COOP during regular store hours. (this will be 50% of the final exam)
- Develop an individualized SAE program and keep the appropriate records. (10 % of grade)

Students will/may be evaluated by the following methods:

- Quizzes
- Tests
- Reports
- Assignments
- Class participation
- Skills
- Participation in outside of class requirements
- SAE program

I have read the classroom expectations.

Student's Name _____

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____