**Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources**

2016-2017 Course Syllabus

|  |
| --- |
| **Instructor:** Mrs. Madison Johnson |
| **Email:** madisontjohnson@katyisd.org |
| **Room:** 1343 |
| **Conference:** 5th period (11:21 am – 12:11 pm) |
| **Tutorials:** Thursdays before and after school,  or by appointment |

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to help students attain academic skills and knowledge in agriculture. Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to: parliamentary procedure, animal science, horticulture, soil science, communications, agricultural mechanics, food science, and the history and current trends of American and international agriculture. Time will also be spent learning about FFA – the largest youth-led organization in the nation.

**Classroom Expectations:**

* Be Prepared
* Be on Time
* Be Respectful
* Be Ready to Work
* Be confident!

**Materials Needed:**

* 1 ½” or 2” Binder (to contain Principles of AFNR work only)
* 1 Spiral (Warm-up spiral)
* Notebook paper or an additional spiral for class notes
* Pens or pencils
* Markers
* Construction paper
* Book: *The Omnivore’s Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat* (Young Reader’s Edition) We will be using this book to study the various aspects of agriculture. Please have this by **September 16th**. We will have a book check that day. If you have any questions please contact me.
* Additional materials may be needed throughout the course. You will be notified in advance when these will be needed.

**Safety in the Classroom:**

 This is a hands-on agricultural class. Therefore, horseplay will not be tolerated at any time. There will be days when you will work with tools and could possibly injure yourself. Appropriate clothing must be worn on days when working with these tools. You will have to pass a safety test before using tools that could potentially be harmful.

**Grading Policy:**

* Major Grades = 55%
	+ EX: Exams & major projects
* Minor Grades = 30%
	+ EX: Quizzes & minor projects
* Other Grades = 15%
	+ EX: Warm-ups & participation in group work & class discussions

**Late Assignments:**

Assignments that are not turned in the day they are due will be accepted the next class day for a maximum score of a 70. If the assignment is not turned in by the next day after it was due, it will not be accepted.

**Make-up Work:**

Students will have two days for every day they are absent from school to complete make-up work. It is your responsibility to get your make up work from the teacher. If you are absent for three days or more, please meet with the teacher to discuss make-up work options.

**Supervised Agriculture Experience Program (SAEP):**

It is mandatory for each student to have and complete an SAEP project throughout the duration of the course to meet course curriculum requirements. The teacher will discuss this project in further detail during the first six weeks of school.

**Record Book:**

Part of the SAEP requires students to keep and maintain a record book. The teacher will help set this up and give some time in class to work on it. Several grades will be taken on the progress of the completion of the record book.

**Additional Information:**

Students are highly encouraged to join FFA! Being enrolled in this course does not mean the student is automatically a member. **Those wanting to become an FFA member should ask for a membership form and pay $30 by September 23rd.**

***Course:*** Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

***Instructor:*** Mrs. Johnson

***Period:*** 1st or 6th (circle class period)

***Student Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have read the course syllabus and understand all the expectations and requirements for this course.***

***\*Please return this form to Mrs. Johnson by the end of the first week of school for a grade.***

***Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

 ***Student Signature Date***

***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

 ***Parent/Guardian Signature Date***