



Pine Ridge High School
Agriculture Foundations Grades 9-12



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School Mission Statement: "Panthers will excel through diversity, seize technology...create the future."

Course Description: This course is designed to develop competencies in the areas of agricultural history and the global impact of agriculture; career opportunities; scientific and research concepts; biological and physical science principles; environmental principles; agriscience safety; principles of leadership; and agribusiness, employability, and human relations skills in agriscience. Laboratory-based activities are an integral part of this course. These include the safe use and application of appropriate technology, scientific testing and observation equipment. Laboratory investigations that include scientific inquiry, research, measurement, problem solving, emerging technologies, tools and equipment, as well as, experimental quality, and safety procedures will be an integral part of this course. Students will interact with materials and primary sources of data or with secondary sources of data to observe and understand the natural world. Students will develop an understanding of measurement error, and develop the skills to aggregate, interpret, and present the data and resulting conclusions.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Respect yourself, your teacher and fellow students.
2. Follow all teacher directions.
3. Follow all school rules.
4. Keep all objects to yourself.
5. Follow all safety guidelines as applicable.

Earned Consequences:

1. Verbal Warning
 2. Student/Teacher Conference
 3. Parent Contact
 4. Parent Conference
 5. Referral to Discipline
- *Teacher holds the right to issue a Discipline Referral at any time for a severe incident.

Materials:

1. Pen or Pencil
2. Three subject notebook
3. Closed Toe Shoes
4. Other Supplies May Be Requested During the Course of the School Year

Missed Work:

1. **It is the student's responsibility to obtain the homework assignments, notes, and any other pertinent information that is missed during an absence.** This includes daily bellringers.
2. Missed work due to an absence: Additional time (up to one school day) and full credit will be allowed for each day of an absence. Exceptions will be made in unique, deserving situations as determined by the teacher and/or administrator.

Late Work: Work turned in late and not associated with an absence will not earn full credit. **Depending on the magnitude of the work being turned in late and the degree of lateness, the teacher may reduce the credit given up to 70%; 10% per day late.** Regardless of how late work is turned in (within the current quarter), work that meets the quality standard used on the original due date will earn at most 70% of the original value.

Grades:

1. The District grading scale is as follows:
 - A** = 100 – 90%
 - B** = 89 – 80%
 - C** = 79 – 70%
 - D** = 69 – 60%
 - F** = 59% and Below
2. Each grade recorded into the teacher’s grade book will be recorded on a point basis. The final grade will be a percent of the total points possible and areas evaluated will be weighted as follows: **Summative-60%, Formative 40%**).

Land Lab: Working outside in the land lab or in the greenhouse is an integral part of the class. Students will be asked to do various activities including, but not limited to: working with large animals, growing plants, evaluating soil, and other labs. Proper attire is required by the student, this includes closed toe shoes.

Parent/Teacher Contact: I will contact parents/guardians to share good news concerning their student’s education growth or to discuss behaviors or work habits that might cause the student difficulty in class. Students are to meet, outside of class time with the teacher to discuss questions or concerns related to class. Parents are encouraged to communicate with me through my e-mail. My e-mail address is ajpeck@volusia.k12.fl.us

FFA: The FFA Mission is “The National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.”

The FFA is an inter-curricular component of Agriscience. It is not required to join the FFA, but it is highly encourage. Dues for this year are covered by the students required class fee of \$25.00. *Students will be issued a school obligation if the class fee is not payed to the school Bookeeper. Miss. Behanna.

By signing below you agree that you have read and understand the syllabus for this class. I am looking forward to an exciting year and with your help this year will be. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns you may have.

Student’s Name: _____

Student’s Signature: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____