

Agriculture Structures Course Syllabus
Richmond High School
2016 – 2017

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Textbook: None: this class will use supplemental material when necessary provided by the school.

Course Description: This course includes electrical wiring, electrical motors, concrete masonry, plumbing and sewage disposal, farm fences, product handling and processing equipment, and farm buildings.

Course Rationale: Agriculture encompasses the food, fiber, conservation and natural resource systems, employing over 20% of the nation's workforce. Advanced skills in welding, woodworking, and project construction provide students with entry-level agricultural construction skills.

Grading: The following grading scale will be used:

93-100	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
63-66	D
60-62	D-
59 and below	F

Grades will be derived from dividing the total points earned during the grading period by the total overall points possible during the grading period, then converting the result into a percentage. All assignments will be assigned a point value, which will have influence over the final grade.

Grades from this class will be from classroom assignments, participation in class and in the laboratory, homework assignments, projects, announced and unannounced quizzes, unit tests, student's SAE project records, and the semester final exam.

ALL students will be required to pass a safety exam with a score of 100% before being allowed to enter and work in the Agriculture shop. The test will then need to be signed by both the parent(s) and student and returned to Ms. Daubendiek by the due date.

Understand that appropriate clothing and safety glasses are a REQUIREMENT in the shop at ALL times. Failure to do so will result in a loss of points for the day and the student will be required to write a two page paper on the importance of shop safety.

Portfolio: Each student should keep a 3-ring binder for this class that includes handouts given in class, graded work, projects, and graded tests. These will need to be brought to class each day and will be evaluated throughout the course of the year for completeness and accuracy.

Tests and Quizzes: You will have one week from the day of the test or quiz to make it up, unless prior arrangements are made with Ms. Daubendiek. Failure to do so will result in a zero.

Homework: Occasionally homework may be given for this course. The homework is due the next class period after it was given, unless otherwise stated. The student is responsible for getting and completing missed homework. Late homework will be graded according to the policy in this syllabus. Missed work will be available immediately, and can be found in the students respective class folder located in the chart on the chalkboard (ex: 1st Hour folder.)

Cheating: Academic dishonesty is not tolerated and will be dealt with according to the student handbook.

Bullying: There will be a zero tolerance for bullying. Students found to be bullying others, whether as a joke or not, will be given an immediate office referral.

FFA: By participating in an Agriculture Education course, **it is expected that students will also become members of the Richmond FFA Chapter.** "FFA is an intra-curricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of three components of agricultural education." This statement and more information can be found at www.ffa.org. FFA offers students many opportunities for personal, career, and community growth. It also offers scholarship and award opportunities to members. More information regarding membership, jackets, etc. will be sent home throughout the year, and can be found in the Agriculture Department Student and Family Handbook.

Classroom Expectations:

- Personal Electronic Devices must be put away, unless otherwise instructed.
- Bring required materials EVERYDAY! (This includes a pencil, paper, and binder.)
- No food or drink in the shop or greenhouse.
- Bottled water will be allowed in the classroom.
- Wear Personal Protective Equipment at ALL times! This is a MUST!
- Quiet while others are talking (includes ALL teachers and students)
- Leave others' materials alone
- Participate
- It's Ag class... have FUN!

Late Work Policy:

- Late work is defined as any assignment not turned in during class on the specified due date.
- NO credit will be given for missed "in-class assignments such as group discussion or participation points.
- You will receive a 10% point deduction for each day your assignment is late, up to five days. After five days, you will receive a zero on the assignment. Accepting late work beyond five days late, while unlikely, will be at my discretion only.
- Computer issues are not an excuse for not having work completed. If this is the case, please bring in a hand written copy of your assignment so that I can verify the work has been completed on time. If these steps are followed, a typed copy may then be accepted without penalty.

Note: This is an agriculture class and lab work can often be dirty. Please dress appropriately! A limited number of storage for shop clothes will be available to keep you from ruining your school clothing.

Please fill out the following, sign, and return to Ms. Daubendiek by **Monday August 22nd**:

I have read and understand the guidelines and procedures for Ms. Daubendiek's Agriculture Structures class and have shared them with my parents/guardian.

Student Name: _____ Period: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____