

Mountain View Agriculture Program

Disclosure Statement for Biology Agriculture, Plant & Soil Science, Floral Design, Animal Science & Greenhouse.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Mountain View High School Agriculture and FFA Program! Agriculture courses that are available here at MVHS are Biology Agriculture, Plant and Soil Science, Animal Science, Floral Design, and Greenhouse Management. During your time in class, we will be learning about each respective industry and it's application to the world you live in. We will focus on hands on activities to help you understand the processes used in the industry and to help you develop career skills.

CLASS WEBSITE

Assignments, notes, permission forms, etc. can be found and printed from the class website:

mountainviewffa.org

Page password: mvffa

ASSIGNMENTS, PRODUCTIVITY & ATTENDANCE

In order to be successful and meet standards, students **MUST BE IN CLASS**.

Students will receive stamps on assignments when they are on time and work productively throughout the class period. A **reasonable number** of absences will not be enough to affect a student's productivity grade. **THESE STAMPS CANNOT BE MADE UP WITHOUT**

GETTING PERMISSION PRIOR TO BEING ABSENT. In extenuating circumstances when a student will be absent multiple days within a 2 week period due to family emergencies, illness, vacation, etc., the student's parent must either complete the appropriate steps with the attendance office to have medical or vacation absence on their attendance record or send an email notifying me that their student will be absent multiple times and will need the opportunity to make up productivity stamps.

If a student simply chooses not to attend class or chooses not to work productively during class they will not be allowed to make up productivity stamps. Individual assignments will not count on a student's grade, but they will help the student achieve proficiency in each standard, and being productive during class (that's the part that goes on the final grade!) ensures that the student stays on track to meet the standards.

GRADING

This course is graded using a Standards Based Grading system. This means that you are graded on your ability to show proficiency in each learning goal throughout the year. The mastery levels will reflect the following:

Level of Proficiency	Score	Description
Highly Proficient	4	Complete understanding of concepts, no mistakes.
Proficient	3	Strong understanding of concept, but making mistakes.
Approaching	2	Basic understanding of concept, but needing more practice.
Beginning	1	Very little understanding of concept.
Pre-Attempt	0	No understanding or no attempt made.

Grades will be determined based on the following:

Grade	Proficiency Level
A	100% of standards at Level 4
A-	Minimum 95% at Level 3
B+	91 % of standards at Level 3
B	88% of standards at Level 3
B-	85% of standards at Level 3
C+	81% of standards at Level 3

Grade	Proficiency Level
C	78% of standards at Level 3
C-	75% of standards at Level 3
D+	71% of standards at Level 3
D	68% of standards at Level 3
D-	65% of standards at Level 3

Each standard will be shown in the gradebook to provide feedback for needed improvement, but the term letter grade will be based on the unit grades. Each unit grade will also include a score for proficiency in responsibility and productivity during class. An example of a unit grade might look like this:

Unit 1, Standard 1	4
Unit 1, Standard 2	2
Unit 1, Standard 3	3
Unit 1, Standard 4	2
Unit 1, Standard 5	3
Unit 1, Productivity	3
Percentage at Level 3	66%
Unit 1 Grade	D-

At the end of the term, unit grades will be evaluated to determine a final term grade. For example:

Unit	Percentage at Level 3	Grade
Unit 1	66%	D-
Unit 2	93%	B+
Unit 3	83%	C+
Final Term Grade	Avg. 80%	C

FFA, Leadership, SAE Projects

Leadership and FFA will be taught as part of this class **in accordance with State Curriculum Standards**. As part of this agriculture course, each student will be required to have an SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) project outside of class time. Each student will be given an online record book login to keep track of their project. Further direction and information will be given about this project during class. Students with the best SAE projects will have the opportunity to compete on a state level through the FFA. Some of our students have received cash awards and free trips for their projects! **Participation in the FFA will be a required portion of this course in order to meet the leadership development requirement. Because this is an agriculture course, it is anticipated that students enrolled are interested in and will be members of the FFA and pay \$25 for chapter dues.** This is separate from class fees. Chapter dues will be used to cover most registration and admission to FFA events, activities, and conferences. This also covers membership in the State and National FFA Organizations, which is required for participation in FFA. Overnight conferences (not required) will have additional charges. Each student will be required to participate in some local FFA leadership development activities. Please contact me directly if you have questions or concerns regarding FFA membership.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

There will be a place in the classroom where students may store binders and notebooks, however **STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING LEFT IN THE CLASSROOM**. If their binder or notebook is lost or stolen, they will be responsible for replacing the materials in it for credit.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be limited to assignments not completed during class, studying for quizzes and tests, an SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) Project, and FFA Leadership Activities.

CHEATING OR DISHONESTY

Students are expected to do their own work. Any **Cheating or Dishonesty** on tests, quizzes or assignments will result in a zero (0) for that item. Cheating will also be reported to the main office.

HALL PASS

Students need to take care of their personal needs during the 5 minutes of passing time. However, I understand that emergencies arise. Should misuse of hall pass privileges occur, hall pass permits may be issued to limit hall pass use.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

- Students will be expected to be **respectful** of each other and **responsible** for their own preparation and actions.
 - Get permission before leaving your seat or classroom
 - Work and participate throughout the class period and clean up at the end.
 - Use materials appropriately and not waste materials.
 - CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND CANNOT BE USED DURING CLASS TIME UNLESS GIVEN PERMISSION.** Any student in violation of this policy will have their cell phone confiscated. **NO WARNING WILL BE GIVEN. No exceptions. If a parent needs to contact a student during class time, please call the main office.**
 - Writing on the desks, destruction of textbooks, class equipment, Chromebooks, or other student's personal items in the classroom will not be tolerated. These will be treated as acts of vandalism. Furthermore, students are expected to clean up after themselves.
- Rewards for Appropriate Behavior will include an enjoyable learning experience, verbal praise and positive notes home. Appropriate behavior is expected. Inappropriate behavior will earn a Teacher – Student Conference, a call home, and/or referral to Assistant Principal. All school rules and policies will be upheld.

CONTACT

I can be reached at the school (801-610-8160) or by e-mail (preferred): nbaadsgaard@alpinedistrict.org

SIGNATURE

Parents or guardians: Please go to mountainviewffa.org and fill out the electronic questionnaire on the home page. Your submission of the electronic form will serve as your signature for this disclosure. Thank you!