COURSE EXPECTATIONS FOR:

MR. PICARD’S CLASSES

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### WHAT IS AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY?

Agriculture Science & Technology is an elective course within the total curriculum of Lyman Memorial High School. The program consists of instruction, supervised agricultural experience, and leadership development through the FFA. Generally it’s very hands-on however there is some theory and science that needs to be explained.

**HOW WILL I BE GRADED?**

Quizzes: 40%

Class Participation: 20%

Assignments/Homework: 20%

Responsibility Points: 10%

Record Book Update: 10%

**WHAT ARE QUIZZES?**

These are assessments and practicums (hands-on assessments) that evaluate your knowledge of each subject.

**HOW IS CLASS PARTICIPATION GRADED?**

You are expected to participate in class at all times and be attentive. Class participation grades are taken at random; they could be taken during a classroom activity or a laboratory exercise in the shop or outside. Getting a 100 for class participation is easy as long as you answer questions, help out, and be active. Lower grades are subjective to your participation.

**WILL I HAVE A LOT OF ASSIGNMENTS AND HOMEWORK IN YOUR CLASS?**

Not a lot. However, when I do assign a project or homework, I expect it to be completed in a timely matter. Accepting late work is at my discretion. Generally I subtract 10 points if it’s a day late. If you are absent from class for school excursions (field trip, concert, sports, etc.), you are **NOT** absent **FROM SCHOOL**. Therefore, you are responsible for handing in your assignments on time and/or consulting with me for any assignment given during the period you were on an excursion.  **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHER FOR ANY ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING AN ABSENCE ASAP.**  Remember, the work of the class goes on, whether you are present or not.

**WHAT ARE RESPONSIBILITY POINTS?**

Points reflecting your responsibility. You start off each semester with 100 points. Every time that you come unprepared to class (ie. forgetting your notebook or writing device, not wearing closed toe shoes in the shop when required, not wearing your safety glasses in the shop, or are tardy to class, I will subtract 10 points from your overall responsibility grade. The message here is: BE RESPONSIBLE!

**WHY AM I GETTING GRADED ON RECORD BOOK UPDATING?**

You will be given time on Monday to update your record book. You will be graded using a 1 to 5 scale. 5 is obviously full credit. Use the time wisely and make sure that you have everything updated.

**TIPS**

**ABSENTEE POLICY/MAKE-UP POLICY:**

When your absence from school is unavoidable, here are the basic procedures:

* Call a friend to obtain assignments or email me. [Geoffrey.picard@lebanonct.org](mailto:Geoffrey.picard@lebanonct.org)
* Try to keep up with the work.  You are in charge of your own education, so the initiative must be yours.
* If your absence is several days in length or longer, it is your responsibility to make the effort to obtain assignments.  If you need help, you can call me or the main office to request that a friend of family member obtain assignments for you.

**MATERIALS:**

You are required to have a notebook or folder dedicated to this subject. It is imperative and required that you bring this notebook to class everyday unless instructed otherwise. Notebooks may be subject to periodic checks to make sure you are taking notes, grasping the subject matter, and are staying organized. Always bring a pen or pencil as well.   
  
One other kind of notebook you will want to keep is an assignment notebook.  This will allow you to maintain a running record of each day's assignments in all courses and will help you organize the requirements of each week's work.  Lyman Memorial High School provides every student with their very own assignment book.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY:**

It is very important that you maintain a high level of academic integrity when writing your speeches and papers. Consequences range from loss of credit for the assignment to referral to the office.

**SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:**

I suggest keeping a spare pair of shoes in your locker for when we go outside or in the shop. You also may want to bring in tick spray. Tick related illnesses are very common and since we venture in the woods quite often, you may want to spray your clothes to prevent ticks from attaching.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

Last but not least, don’t be afraid to ask questions. If you need extra help, don’t be afraid to schedule an appointment with me after school or during a free period.