



COURSE TITLE: **Basic Agriculture Science**

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Forsyth County Schools Course Syllabus 2022-2023

Course Description: This course is designed as the foundational course for all Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Pathways. The course introduces the major areas of scientific agricultural production and research; presents problem solving lessons and introductory skills and knowledge in agricultural science and agri-related technologies. Classroom and laboratory activities are supplemented through supervised agricultural experiences and leadership programs and activities. This course is the prerequisite for all AFNR pathways and is intended for students in grades 8-10.

Standards: Forsyth County offers many State Board of Education approved CTAE Career Pathways with three sequenced courses. *To view course standards, pathway guides, and plans of study, visit the following links:*

Standards: <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/cluster-pathway-courses.aspx>

Programs of Study:

<https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/Programs-of-Study.aspx>

Standard 1 in all CTAE courses is to demonstrate employability skills required by business and industry. This includes communication, demonstrating creativity, exhibiting critical thinking and problem-solving skills, modeling work readiness traits required for success in the workplace, and applying the appropriate skill sets to be productive in the workplace. Standard 1 also places emphasis on presenting a professional image through appearance, behavior, and language.

Required Assignments: All students must complete the following assignments: Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE), Safety tests, Plant Identification test, Wildlife identification Test, Soil Testing, Plant Propagation, Dress for Success Days, and at least 1 class presentation per quarter.



Availability for Extra Help: Students can schedule time during IF for any assistance they may need.

Makeup Work: Make up work is defined as work assigned during a student's absence, not work assigned prior to an absence. The student has five (5) school days upon returning to school to complete make-up work.

Grading Calculations:

Non-EOC Course Average = 50% (1st Sem. Course Work) + 50% (2nd Sem. Course Work)
1st and 2nd Semester Course Work = 75% Summative + 25% Formative

Grading Policy:

A = 90 – 100
B = 80 – 89
C = 70 – 79
Failing = Below 70

Formative Assessments include, but are not limited to homework, class work, practice tests, rough drafts, and sections of projects/ research papers/presentations.

Summative Assessments include, but are not limited to unit tests, final projects, final essays, final research papers, and final presentations.

Learning Resources/Textbook(s): All learning resources, both print and digital, are meant to support and enhance the student learning experience of this class. Below are the names of the textbooks and websites that will be used in this course. Some of the web-based resources require parent permission per federal regulations. Federal laws that guide parent permission requirements are as follows:

Initials _____ (every page initialed by parent)

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- **Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA):** The school is required by CIPA to have technology measures and policies in place that protect students from harmful materials including those that are obscene and pornographic. Any harmful content contained within inappropriate sites will be blocked. <http://fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/cipa.html>
- **Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA):** COPPA applies to commercial companies and limits their ability to collect personal information from children under 13 years of age. No personal student information is collected for commercial purposes. <https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/complying-coppa-frequently-asked-questions-0>
- **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):** FERPA protects the privacy of student education records and gives parents the right to review records. Under FERPA, schools may disclose directory information in certain circumstances. <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa>

Please review the resource list. Each website related to the curriculum resources is provided along with their privacy policies. Should you have any questions regarding these resources immediately contact the course teacher via email or phone.

Name of Resource*	Hard copy/Website	Privacy Policy
Virtual Job Shadow	Website	https://www.virtualjobshadow.com/resources/policy/
ICEV Online Curriculum	Website	https://www.icevonline.com/privacy-policy
Adobe Creative Cloud	Website	https://www.adobe.com/
YouScience	Website	https://www.youscience.com/privacy-policy/
Talk Hiring Job Interview Practice	Website	https://www.talkhiring.com/privacy-policy
AET Agriculture Experience Tracker	Website	https://www.theaet.com/docs/AETTerms2019.pdf

** The following resources are county approved. These resources may vary by school due to sequencing, pacing, curriculum design, and/or individual needs of students.*

Parent Initial for Approval **	Name of Resource	Website	Privacy Policy
	Georgia FFA	https://www.georgiaffa.org/	https://www.ffa.org/privacy-policy/#:~:text=FFA%20provides%20additional%20privacy%20protections,and%20described%20in%20this%20notice.
	UGA extension	https://extension.uga.edu/	https://eits.uga.edu/access_and_security/infosec/pols_regs/policies/privacy/

***** The following resources are web-based resources that require parent permission. By signing the syllabus, the parent is approving these resources. Should you have any questions regarding any of these classroom resources, please contact your student's teacher via email.***

Dress for Success: Career and technical education pathways in Forsyth County incorporate Dress for Success Days throughout the school year. These experiences allow students to foster confidence and continue to develop a positive self-image, while understanding the importance of dressing well for their future profession. At certain intervals throughout the course, students will analyze industry standards of the profession and study the importance of dressing well for a job interview. This will culminate into being fully prepared for Community Mock Interviews which occur as students complete a career pathway.

Industry Credentialing/Credentials of Value (EOPA): Students are encouraged to select a career pathway beginning in the ninth or tenth grade that is connected to college and career goals. This course is one of three courses in the career pathway chosen by a student. At the conclusion of the third pathway course, students will be required to take an industry credentialing End of Pathway Assessment. This assessment provides students an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned by completing an online, nationally recognized exam and allows students the ability to earn a FCS Pathway Medallion upon graduation. Student directory information may be shared with credentialing vendors offering the assessment.

The rigorous/technical coursework that you have been taking or will take in future years will provide you the foundational knowledge you will need for this exam. Your teacher will provide you the testing details and share the study guide and resources that are available to also assist you in preparation for this industry certification exam.

Credential of Value (EOPA) Assessment Name: Precision
Credential of Value (EOPA) Assessment Vendor: Companion Animal Systems

I, _____, have read this course syllabus and approve of its contents. I agree to allow my student to use each of the classroom resources listed in the learning resource section. I will support my student following the classroom expectations outlined in this course syllabus. I agree that I am the person who is legally allowed to consent for my student whose name is listed below.

Student's Name (Print)

Parent's Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date

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