

BROTHERSVALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
GRADING POLICY
(2014 - 2015)

Grades for the agricultural education curriculum will be based upon four areas:

1. KNOWLEDGE
2. SKILL (LAB/SHOP)
3. HOMEWORK AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS
4. CLASS PARTICIPATION/SAFETY/ATTITUDE

1. KNOWLEDGE

Grading in this area will be based on the extent of the student's knowledge as indicated by tests, quizzes, oral presentations, assignments, notebooks, and classroom organization. When appropriate, student performance may be evaluated by fellow students.

Students are expected to complete assigned work and to maintain their grading standards in the classroom through participation in all aspects of classroom activity.

2. SKILL (LAB/SHOP)

Student grades in this area will be determined by the accuracy, neatness, and completeness of work done in the ag mechanics lab, greenhouse, and other "hands-on" activities. Safety and work attitudes will be monitored as well as the quality of the work completed.

3. HOMEWORK AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Student grades in this area are determined by the neatness and completeness of homework and/or class assignments. All assignments must be submitted on time. Deductions will be made for late work.

4. CLASS PARTICIPATION/SAFETY/ATTITUDE

A desirable work attitude is essential in all fields of employment. Appropriate personal changes in the areas of organization, planning, cooperation, leadership, participation, personal hygiene, loyalty, and responsibility determine the grade awarded to the student.

Students are also expected to fully participate in all activities in a safe and appropriate manner.

THE ABOVE EVALUATION AREAS WILL BE WEIGHTED AS FOLLOWS IN DETERMINING A FINAL GRADE: (*)

KNOWLEDGE	35%
SKILL (LAB/SHOP)	25%
HOMEWORK AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS	10%
CLASS PARTICIPATION/SAFETY/ATTITUDE	30%

(*) AREA WEIGHTS MAY BE ADJUSTED DEPENDING UPON MATERIAL COVERED WITHIN A GRADING PERIOD.

ADDITIONAL CLASS INFORMATION

ASSIGNMENT MAKE-UP POLICY

It is the **STUDENT'S** responsibility to see that all assignments, tests, quizzes, projects, etc. are completed on time.

TESTS AND QUIZZES MISSED DUE TO ABSENCE MUST BE MADE UP BY THE STUDENT WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE DATE THE STUDENT RETURNS TO SCHOOL.

AGAIN, IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP TRACK OF MISSED WORK AND TO ARRANGE WITH THE TEACHER TO MAKE UP THE WORK.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Obviously, all students will miss school from time to time; however, illegal and excessive absence is unacceptable. Many assignments in a vocational class are difficult, if not impossible, to make up if a student is absent on the day the activity takes place.

Grades will in no doubt suffer if a student misses more than a few days of school. Please plan to have good attendance this year.

SAFETY

Safety is **CRITICAL** in a lab setting. Students must follow all shop and lab procedures as outlined by the instructor. Common sense is also essential when dealing with machines, tools, etc. **As a safety rule, NO FOOD OR DRINK IS TO BE BROUGHT TO OR CONSUMED IN CLASS.**

PRACTICE SAFE WORK HABITS AT ALL TIMES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM THIS CLASS. ALL ACCIDENTS, NO MATTER THEIR SEVERITY, SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE INSTRUCTOR.

REQUIRED CLASS MATERIALS

All students should come to class prepared to work. In a job, wasted time is wasted money. Students should have a pen or pencil at all time, including days scheduled for shop or lab work. Repeated failure to bring a pen/pencil will result in grade reduction or discipline action.

A notebook will be issued to all students. Notes, handouts, etc. should be kept in the notebook. These notebooks should remain in the classroom unless students are given permission to take them home or to other classes.

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE

Classroom order and discipline are an important part of this course, as well as other courses you may be taking. In addition to expecting “normal” acceptable behavior, I expect you to demonstrate ABOVE AVERAGE behavior due safety concerns and the fact that you will be in the “public eye” many times (fieldtrips, contests, etc.).

As a member of a vocational course, your actions and appearance must be in line with industry standards in order for you to participate fully in my class. Unsafe or unacceptable behavior and/or appearance (dress, etc.) will not be tolerated.

As a guide, the following classroom offenses will be punishable by detention and/or removal from class: (This is not considered to be an all-inclusive list. Other offenses may be punishable with detention as well.)

- ❑ Classroom disruption
- ❑ Tardy to class without a pass (2 warnings per nine weeks will be given, followed by detention for each additional offense)
- ❑ Insubordination
- ❑ Abuse of hall pass privileges
- ❑ Inappropriate or vulgar language
- ❑ Disrespectful behavior directed toward others in the room
- ❑ Sleeping
- ❑ Misuse of or tampering with school property or equipment
- ❑ Cheating/plagiarism
- ❑ Lying to or misleading school personnel
- ❑ Any other infraction that disrupts the class or poses a safety hazard

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Rules outlined in the school’s handbook dealing with cell phones and other electronic devices will be followed in this class!!!

FOOD AND DRINK IN CLASS

No food and drink is permitted during advisor/advisee period or during classes. Students may bring water to class if needed.