

Family & Consumer Science Syllabus 2025/2026

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Dear Students, Parents, & Guardians,

Welcome to Family & Consumer Sciences. I hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to this school year. I believe it will be a great one! I have planned several fun and enriching activities for you/your child. These are designed to provide you with the basic information and skills needed to function effectively within our society and are aligned with the Arkansas Standards and Common Core. Please feel free to contact me at any time during the school year. I'm very excited to have you/your child in class this year. My ultimate goal in life is to make a difference, and together we can accomplish anything!

Course Description:

Family and Consumer Sciences is designed to provide students with the basic information and skills needed to function effectively in the family and the workforce, within a complex and changing society. Emphasis is given to the development of competencies related to Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America; individual and family relationships, healthy lifestyle choices; housing and interior design; garment care, selection, and construction; the physical, emotional, social & intellectual development of children; nutrition, meal planning, food preparation, and food service; home management, money management. Upon completion of this course, the student should have developed skills that promote a positive influence on the quality of life.

About this Course:

- (1 year, 1 credit) prerequisites-none
- Students will participate in lectures, typing, researching, note taking, labs, individual & group projects, and use of primary math skills and technology to date. **You may be asked to provide some food items for labs & supplies for creating sewing projects. If finances are a concern, please let me know.**



/Procedures:

- **Be Respectful! Be Responsible! Be Prepared!**

Treat other adults, & each other respectfully! Each person deserves to be treated the same, & I do not tolerate disrespectful behavior! All of you possess at least one special trait, and all should look for something good in every person! Treat others the way **you** expect to be treated!

- I strongly advise you to **re-read and understand** all the rules & procedures from the Student Handbook (**Please consider the consequences before acting**).
- Specific procedures will be discussed as needed.
- Absolutely **NO BULLYING or sexual harassment** of any kind(ex, making fun of or belittling someone). Let's work together! We can all learn from one another ☺

- **CELL PHONES & Electronic Devices:**  Bell to Bell.pdf
- **Chromebooks:** Please come to class with a fully charged Chromebook & charger. Negligence will more than likely end in homework.

Assignments/Grades

Students' course grades will be determined entirely by their "Evidence of Learning" (EOL) of course standards (100% weight). Students may also receive practice/homework grades as feedback to track their progress in this course (0% weight).

Assignments in BOTH categories will impact exemption status

- "Evidence of Learning Grades" or "EOL grades"- 100% of the weighted grade for the class
 - These "EOL Grades" will be the only assessments that will be averaged to determine the student's overall class average throughout the semester. These "EOL" grades may consist of (but are not limited to) the following types of assessments: labs, quizzes, projects, and selected assignments.
- Practice Grades- 0% of the weighted grade for the class
 - In addition to the "EOL Grades" described above, students may receive a "Practice Grade" for a piece of student work that is primarily intended to help the student progress in their learning and provide feedback toward learning objectives. While these "Practice Grades" may be entered into the gradebook, they will have no impact on the student's overall class average.

Students will also receive feedback in HAC (Home Access Center) on the achievement of learning habits quarterly. Learning habits assessed will be time management and engagement in learning. Students will receive marks of either DC (Demonstrates Consistently), IC (Progressing, but Inconsistent) or NY (Not Yet, Rarely, or Not Observed).

Grading Symbols

- "N" means you have not yet completed it, but still can
- "Z" means you have not completed it and the deadline to do so has passed
- "O" means you did the assignment, but earned no points
- "X" means you are exempt from it

Retesting/Late Work/ Absences

Retesting:

If you wish to reassess, complete a "request to retest" form. You must:

1. Have all assignments for that unit complete before requesting to retest.
2. Complete a retest assignment to make sure you are ready to retest
3. Sign up for the appropriate Flex

Late Work Policy:

Please work hard to complete assignments in class. You will be given ample opportunity to do so. In the event you need more time, please let me know. Once assignments are graded, I will enter "N" in the gradebook for missing assignments. Schedule yourself for a FLEX period if you need assistance. After one week, the "N" will be changed to a "Z" (unless prior arrangements have been made.)

Absent: "Ask 3 Before Me"

Check Google Classroom and or ask a neighbor before asking me. Talk to Mrs. Carnahan (or send an email) if

there were any handouts you may have missed, or if you need to schedule a test makeup.

- Make the date, don't procrastinate! All work is expected to be handed in on time!
- Time in class will be given to complete assignments; however, flex is offered to enable you to finish, conduct research & or work with your group. Take advantage of this!
- Some homework required.
- No extra credit, district policy.
- Standard grading scale, found in the student handbook. You should be able to view at least 1 to 2 grades per week in E-School (I will do my best to keep up). **Keep in mind, if you turn it in late, it will more than likely take a while to grade & be recorded.**
- **N** you either didn't turn it in, didn't put your name on your paper, were absent, or your dog ate it. This is the only way I can keep up with grades. They will be changed as soon as the assignment is turned in & graded. *Updating grades/missing assignments can be very time consuming. If turned in late, it will be graded late.*
- **X means** you are excluded from the assignment. This won't affect your grade. **If you're absent, you're responsible for making up the work. Please** Check Google Classroom & E-school often.
- **L means** you turned it in late, but still receive a 0 (this is new)
- **Late Work Policy:** Once assignments are graded, I will enter "N" in the gradebook for missing assignments. Schedule yourself for a FLEX period if you need assistance. After one week, "N" will be changed to a "Z" (unless prior arrangements have been made).
- You have 1 week to make up an assignment/test! Flex 1.4 is for CTE courses.
- If you wish to reassess, **You may be given a remedial assignment to complete before retesting.**
- All labs will be calculated as unassisted grades.
- Did you know that **right now all of you have an A?** Yeah!
- I have high expectations for each of you & believe in you!

Tardiness and Absences:

- Both will be handled as stated in the student handbook. Please do not miss class!!! Attendance is very important, and it will be difficult & time consuming to make up work. **You only get 10-12 per semester.** I suggest bringing a doctor's note for your protection
- Ask 3 before me, Check Google Classroom, ask a neighbor, and check the black hanging folder for handouts you may have missed. I will try to put your name on them.
- If you are tardy & don't sign in, there is no proof you were here! Please write your name and time arrived on the sign in sheet & sticky note. Post the sticky note on the edge of my desk (or where told), so I can change in the gradebook.

Behavior Management:

SAFETY FIRST! Each individual and situation will be handled according to my discretion and the incident. It is important that our students learn in a **safe & respectful** environment! If there are problems or concerns I will notify parents, guardians & or deans (This includes distracting myself from teaching & others from learning). **Your education is important & together we'll be doing everything we can, to see that ALL students in the classroom succeed!**

Food & Drinks:

- Allowed. **Please take into consideration any allergies!**
- Some items will not be allowed for safety purposes; however, we have several food labs involving your basic staple items. It will be up to the student to not eat or touch these items

(ex. eggs, dairy). If the student wants to bring special items from home to substitute, that will be fine.

Field Trips:

- You may be asked to bring a packed lunch or money for food on field trips.
- You will be expected to dress according to school policy or may not be able to attend.

Supplies:

- **GRATITUDE JOURNAL**

Optional - 3 Ring Binder with dividers (you may keep a section in your binder for this course, notebook paper (loose-leaf), **pencils, pens**, and eraser (white recommended).

- Markers, crayons, scissors if wanting your own personal supplies; otherwise, these will be provided for you.
- **1 yard of material (**



- *Students enrolling in Family and Consumer Science courses are strongly encouraged to join the student organization, FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America). Looks great on college transcripts, is adventurous and fun, & offers opportunities for travel, scholarships, and meeting new friends.*
- **If interested, please scan the following QR code**

After you and your parents/guardians have read the form in Google Classroom, check the box's, sign & return to Mrs. Carnahan. You may sign for yourself if 18, but also check the I am 18 box.

☐ I have read the information above, and understand that consequences will be given if needed from the teacher & or others if rules and procedures are not followed.

☐ I am allowing (fill name here) _____ to attend field trips off campus whenever scheduled & aware they will need to follow school dress code & student handbook rules to attend.

☐ I am 18 & responsible for my own actions

I agree to allow myself (student) or child to be photographed and published to appropriate school sponsored media.

☐ Allow

☐ Don't Allow

Students Signature _____

Parents (Guardians') Signature _____