

Introduction to Agriculture Syllabus

General Information

Intro to Agriculture

2026-2027

Mrs. Denief

Room 1318

Contact Information

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Conference Hours: B-Days 10:37am - 12:09pm

Course Purpose

Students completing this course of study will be introduced to the Agriculture, Food & Natural Resource career pathway.

Course Description

A foundation course for all agricultural programs of study. Topics covered include general agriculture, FFA, leadership, supervised agricultural experiences, animal systems, plant systems, trade skills, agribusiness systems, food products and processing systems, biotechnology systems, and precision agriculture technologies.

Course Materials

Required Every-Day

Please speak with Mrs. Denief after class if you need help acquiring any of these items.

- Writing utensil
- 3-ring binder
- Lined paper
- Charged laptop
- A positive attitude and willingness to learn!

Required for Lab Days (in shop 3rd quarter)

Students will be informed at least one week in advance of lab days.

- Closed toed shoes; preferably leather
- Hair tie for long hair
- Long sleeved cotton shirt
- Long cotton pants (such as jeans or sweats)

Intracurricular Opportunities - FFA

FFA Affiliation Program & Membership

FFA utilizes the three circle model of Agricultural Education, which makes FFA an *intracurricular* opportunity that is embedded in our coursework. Our chapter is also affiliated, meaning every student enrolled in an ag class is automatically an FFA member. **Dues are \$_____** and cover local, state, and national membership; the cost of a chapter FFA t-shirt; and eligibility for FFA events and competitions. Dues must be paid before a student can participate in FFA related activities, and are charged as a course fee.

Dues must be paid by: _____.

Dues are a required cost for the class.

Club Communications:

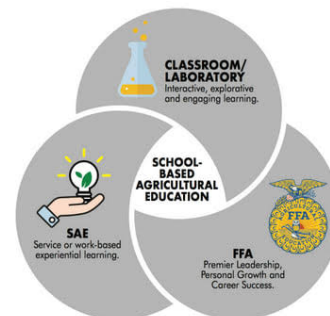
School Status Connect:

Students and families are automatically added when their child enrolls in the BWHS FFA google classroom at school

Facebook:

Bentonville West
Agricultural Education &
FFA

Instagram: @bentonvillewestffa



Community Service Learning

Arkansas law §6-16-1901 requires students to complete 75 community service hours by the end of the senior year (some exceptions apply). This class contains 3 hours (1.5 for a semester class) of community service learning integrated into the curriculum and related to our standards and therefore it is mandatory for all students regardless of prior service hour completion.

Year at a Glance

Unit	Timeframe	Expected End Date
Intro to Agriculture	3 Weeks	September 1st
FFA & SAE (Leadership & Experiential Learning)	4 Weeks	October 1st
Animal Systems	5 Weeks	November 6th
Plant Systems	4 Weeks	December 11th
Trade Skills	6 Weeks	February 19th
Agribusiness	2 Weeks	March 9th
Food Science	2 Weeks	April 1st
Biotechnology	2 Weeks	April 22nd
Precision Agriculture	2 Weeks	May 6th

Course Rules & Procedures

All rules and procedures align to the school district policies.

Smart Pass

If you need to leave the classroom for any reason you must:

1. Obtain verbal permission from Mrs. Denief
2. Create and start a Smart Pass on your chromebook
3. Set your chromebook on the desk by the door where Mrs. Denief and others can view it
4. End the pass yourself when you return

Only one student is allowed out at a time for bathroom / drink.

It is always the responsibility of the student to end their SmartPass.

No unnecessary travel is allowed during the first 15 minutes of class or the last 15 minutes of class.

Cell Phone Policy

Act 122 passed by the Arkansas State Legislature prohibits students from using or possessing their phones or smart watches during school hours. A telephone is available in the office for student use before and after school and during lunch.

Violence & Horseplay

There is a zero tolerance for violence or horseplay in the classroom, shop, greenhouse, or other lab spaces. Blatantly unsafe or violent behavior will result in immediate referral to the deans and is grounds for removal from the class or lab settings permanently. Please reference the discipline rubric for specific questions on discipline:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DIImchxKs8d5Mvgd-LBVpMC8wNddwWlcl/view>

Academic Policies

Make-up work is any work that you missed due to an absence. Assignments will be posted on Google Classroom, although you may need to pick up a physical copy from me. If you are unsure about what work you missed from your absence please come see me before or after school so I can explain the previous day's assignment and work to you. Work will be due two weeks after your return to school for full credit.

Late work is any work you did not turn in on time or file an extension for. Late work is not accepted for a grade, but will be reviewed and scored for instructional purposes. This helps keep you on top of your work, and me up to date on your grades.

Extensions can be granted up to two times per class per semester in accordance with the building late work procedure. If you need extended time to complete an assignment please submit an assignment extension form found on our google classroom. This form does not guarantee you will receive an extension, and must be submitted before or on the due date of the assignment. Sometimes extreme situations keep you from finishing your work. If you have an extenuating circumstance, please visit with me so we can set an appropriate timeline for your work.

Plagiarism is defined as 'the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.' Plagiarism or cheating of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in a zero score for the assignment and possible discipline following the [discipline rubric](#) under academic integrity.

AI Usage

Throughout this course the teacher will be giving specific directions about allowable AI usage. When in doubt, ask your teacher for clarification and refer to your course google classroom.

See AI Policy on our Bentonville Schools Technology website:

<https://www.bentonville12.org/departments/technology>

Important Resources

Google Classroom

Our class code is:

theAET.com

Our FFA code is:

Student Log In

Track experiences in SAE, FFA and classroom. Also, assist in managing your program. See your teacher for access.

Chapter:

Username:

Password:

✓ Log In

Classroom Contract

Space is provided for students to write down what these actions look like in the classroom – it will be used for a “ticket out the door” on syllabus day, and then returned to students to put in the front of their binder.

Learning to Do = students are expected to be prepared for all class activities.

Doing to Learn = students are expected to participate in all class activities.

Earning to Live = in this classroom everything is earned; grades, privileges, and respect.

Living to Serve = students are expected to respect their classmates, teachers, and resources; and to display the characteristics of a leader.