



**Horticulture & Landscape Construction Theory**  
**2025-2026**  
**Grades 9-12**

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**Theory Expectations & Policies**

**Learning Expectations (10 things that require zero talent)**

- Be on Time
- Work Hard
- Put in effort
- Show Ambition
- Have a good attitude
- Be passionate
- Use good body language
- Be coachable
- Do a little extra
- HAVE FUN!

**Mobile Device/Technology Policy**

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Students will be issued a personal Chromebook by the school district's IT department. Each student is responsible for bringing their Chromebook to school every day and using it appropriately during school hours. Personal laptops or tablets are not permitted for use during the school day. If a student forgets their

school-issued Chromebook, it will count against their **Participation & Conduct** grade in the Work Habits category.

### **Google Classroom Policy:**

We will be using Google Classroom in theory. You can find this expectation sheet and any other class announcements/information, warm-ups, study materials, assignments, and google slides. You are responsible for checking google classroom daily for any important announcements, assignments, warm-ups, quizzes, ect.

### **Grading Scale**

<b>Exemplary (EX)</b>
<b>Advanced (AD)</b>
<b>Proficient (PR)</b>
<b>Developing (DE)</b>
<b>Unsatisfactory (UN)</b>
<b>No Credit (NC)</b>

### **Work Habits: Participation, Conduct, Warm-ups (Weight 20%)**

*Participation & Conduct in theory refers to the ability to be prepared, to be professional, to participate in class, and to submit assignments in a timely manner. The standards students will be graded in for participation & conduct is in **Work Habits**.*

### **Theory Grading: Assignments, Projects, Quizzes & Exams (Weight 80%)**

*Assignments, projects, quizzes, and exams make up a significant portion of your overall grade. If you stay on top of your assignments/projects and prepare for quizzes and exams, you should be well on your way to passing the class with flying colors. The standards students will be graded on for assignments, projects, quizzes and exams are outlined below:*

**Grade 9:** Botany

**Grade 10:** Plant Health Care and Greenhouse Management Practices

**Grade 11:** Soil Science, Nursery/Landscape Industry Standards, and Plant Identification

***Grade 12: Landscape Design & Estimating, Industry Cert/Licensing Prep, Career Readiness, and Plant Identification.***

### **Attendance, Punctuality, and Retake Policy**

Being on time and present is important so you don't fall behind in Theory. If a student is tardy or absent and misses an assignment, project, quiz, or exam, it is their responsibility to make it up. Any missing material will be recorded in PowerSchool as "No Credit" until the student arranges a time to complete it. Students are expected to take full responsibility for making up any missed work.

### **Student Accountability (Discipline)**

As instructors, we don't want to be put in the situation where we have to give a student detention, but if the situation warrants one we will give one. Students will be required to stay after school at a selected time with their instructor for 1 hour. Situations that warrant a detention:

- Fooling around
- Fighting or threatening
- Verbal Abuse
- Disrespectful to peers/Staff
- Swearing
- Disruptive behavior
- Inappropriate Comments
- Vandalism
- Leaving Class
- Cell Phone/Technology Violations

### **Extra Help Policy:**

Students are to notify instructors if they need to stay after for extra help.

Students Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name (printed):\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_