**Small Animal Management 2017-2018**

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Welcome to the Agriculture Science Department at Lufkin High School!

**The Panther Way:**

Be Prompt! Be Prepared! Be Productive! Be Polite! Be Patient!

**Course Outline:**

This course allows students to develop knowledge and skills regarding agriculture career opportunities related to animal systems. This course will include but not limited to small mammals, amphibians, reptiles, avian, dogs, and cats.

**Topics**: These topics will be covered at varying levels and depths, as they relate to agriculture, food, and natural resources, throughout the 9 Weeks.

1. Characteristics of a Successful Employee
2. Career Opportunities in Small Animal Care
3. Supervised Agriculture Experience Programs (SAE)
4. Describe Historical, Current, and Future Significance of Ag Industry
5. Agricultural Leadership/ Personal and Communication Skills
6. Importance of Responsible Small Animal Ownership
7. Safety/Hazards associated with the Small Animal Industry
8. Animal Rights/ Animal Welfare
9. Care and Management of Small Animals

**Agriculture Education has three components:**

1. **Classroom**: this is based on the topics covered for this class experience.
2. **FFA:** The Future Farmers of America is one of the largest national youth organizations. Through the FFA students have the opportunity to participate in numerous leadership and career development contest. **FFA member ship is encouraged for all students that are enrolled in Agriculture Science Courses.**
3. **SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience):** An SAE allows students the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills learned in a classroom setting. According to TEKS (state standards) every student must have an SAE project. SAE’s will be covered during the 1st two weeks of the course so you will have a better understanding of this portion of agriculture education.

**Materials Needed For This Class:**

Note taking materials (examples: Composition Book, Folder with paper in brads, spiral, 3 ring notebook)

Pens and/or Pencils

\*Note if you are not prepared for class you ARE NOT allowed to have your cell phone out at any time!

Optional Items: Crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue stick (these can be items shared among your other classes.)

\*A 100 Exam grade will be given if you contribute one of the following items: GermX, Kleenex

**Grading System:**

Grades will be determined by the following criteria:

Daily/Participation/Quizzes: 40%

Exams/Labs: 60%

Late work will be -10 points /each day late for up to 3 days

Extra Credit opportunities will be available throughout the nine weeks

**Make up Policy:**

The student will have as many days as they were absent to make up the assigned work. Pop quizzes given during class will not be counted against the student if they were absent, but any written work or notes are the student’s responsibility to obtain. The student must also contact me when they return so I can give them instructions of what they missed in my class.

**Notebooks/SAEP Record Books:**

The student will keep an electronic journal or log of their classroom hours and what they have participated in over the nine weeks. Each three weeks they will receive a grade on completeness, neatness, and on how much they elaborated. These record books are part of the grading rubric and more information will be given in greater detail during class.\*\*Bonus Point will be given for work done outside of classroom hours. Example: LDE/CDE contest, SAE Project, committee work, etc\*\*

**FFA Membership:**

FFA membership is **highly recommended** while enrolled in an Agricultural Science course. **FFA is CO-curricular NOT extracurricular!** The student will have the opportunity to get involved with the community, gain leadership experience, and have to opportunity to conduct a supervised agricultural experience. We will be exploring career opportunities in Livestock Production, and through FFA the members are also exposed to other career opportunities and can find out their strengths and weaknesses. This is also a great organization to start a network of people for when you get ready to continue your education, job references, or even possibly they can help you find a job in your field. \*\*2 points added to final semester grade for being a member & Bonus Points (2) for attending each FFA Chapter Meeting to a daily grade\*\* **Membership is $20**…please send cash or make checks payable to Lufkin FFA. A receipt will be given at the time of payment! ☺ You can also sell cookie dough boxes to pay for your membership! Inquire if you are interested in doing that!

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