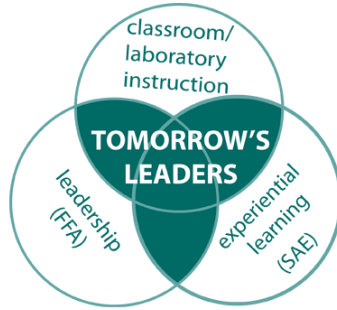


La Plata Agriculture Handbook

La Plata High School Agricultural Education Program
Promoting Premier Leadership, Personal Growth, & Career Success

La Plata Agricultural Education



Agriculture Department:

- **Classroom:** Consists of classroom, shop, computer/technology, and kitchen.
 - Contextual, inquiry-based instruction and learning through an interactive classroom and laboratory.
 - Where learning and life come together!
- **SAE:** Experiential, service and/or work-based learning through the implementation of a supervised agricultural experience program.
 - Where skills & knowledge are applied at home, on the job, or in the community.
- **FFA:** Largest youth leadership organization, with over 650,000 members across the nation!
 - *FFA Membership is **required***
 - FFA promotes premier leadership, personal growth & career success through the activities and opportunities for its members.
 - Participation in FFA will enhance and improve opportunities throughout agriculture
 - Opportunities include travel, friendships, and competitions. Competitions and awards can be received through increased work and participation.

Ag Education Program Focus

Prepare ALL students for the next step: Employment, Enlistment, Enrollment

FFA Mission

FFA is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.

FFA Motto

Learning to Do; Doing to Learn; Earning to Live; Living to Serve.

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Expectations

- Disrespect, backtalk, and immature/inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated
- Profanity, crudeness, name calling or references to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is not allowed
- Come ready for class (Including a pen or pencil, your charged chromebook and a positive attitude)
- Work hard everyday
- Leave the room and supplies better than how you found it
- Food, and drinks are a privilege **** Do NOT -- Leave a mess**
- Cheating will be addressed according to the student handbook
- Be on time and ready to work
- All LHS Handbook policies should be followed at all times in the Ag building
- *Be a Problem Solver*- Figure it out. I will help you, but I will not tell you the answer

Safety Policies

Tremendous responsibility accompanies working in the shop and demands a great deal of cooperation and respect. The following understandings must be met by all explorers in order to maintain a safe, fun, structured, organized, and successful experience for everyone.

- Missouri state law requires safety glasses. Wear them at all times in the shop to help ensure safety even if you are not operating any shop tools.
- School rules and other shop expectations apply.
- Horseplay and other inappropriate behaviors are dangerous and are not tolerated.
- Do your part in cleaning up lab/shop areas at the conclusion of each class.
-- Cleaning responsibilities will be assigned.
- Use tools and equipment in the manner in which they were designed and only after you have passed the safety test for that tool.
- Return everything to its designated location in a clean and working condition.
- *Report any and all accidents immediately!*
- There is limited space in the lab and classroom. Remember all safety practices, and be aware of your surroundings.
- If you don't know, or aren't sure, ASK!

Evaluations

Based on student achievement in the following areas:

- Daily/Weekly Grades- Students will be evaluated on daily "starter activity", attitude, preparation for class, respectfulness, participation in ALL class activities, etc.
 - Points will be updated on a weekly basis on the school-wide grading system
 - Grades will also be posted on google classroom for various assignments
 - Grades are updated by Tuesday at 8 am
 - If you have any questions regarding your grade, **please see me before or after school**
 - **The daily participation point rubric is attached at the end of this document**
- Google Classroom- Each student will be required to work from google classroom.
 - Resources will be posted through google classroom
 - General program forms, permission slips, etc will be posted in the classwork section, under the designated topic of "General Program Forms"
 - ** This helps ensure each student has their "own copy" and it also makes it easy to find.**

- Google Classroom will be used for AMI and AMI-X -- Please reference the student handbook for questions
 - Will be incorporated into the daily/weekly management of the coursework, creating user-friendly electronic resources and a grading system.
- Folders- All class materials will be kept in a folder/binder inside the student's designated cubby
 - Record Keeping- **Each** student will be required to maintain a record of his or her receipts and expenditures.
 - Receipts & Expenditures are updated daily on the online platform.
 - 50 Points per month- A minimum of 10 entries are required
 - Junior high school students are exempt
 - Other Work- Projects, worksheets, assignments, quizzes & tests will be graded following a rubric/scoring guide or points noted on the sheet.
 - **Classwork will be “spot checked” to evaluate understanding and will fall into a notebook check.**
 - Late Work – Deduction of 10% per day. Work over 5 days late will not be accepted
 - Electronics– Put your phone in the hanging phone holder when you enter the room. Phones will not be allowed in class unless specific permission is given.
 - There are to be absolutely no electronics in the bathrooms
 - When being used without specific permission, the following will happen:
 1. Reminder to put the electronic away. This will be reflected in the students daily participation points. *(Assuming you are not rude/disrespectful and further disrupt the class. If so, the principal will become involved.)*
 2. Follow the directions of the LHS Student Handbook Electronics Policy
 - 1st Offense: Turned into Principal, pick up at the end of the day
 - 2nd Offense: Turned into Principal, parent called and must pick up at the end of the day, 1 Monday school assignment
 - 3rd + Offenses: Loss of privileges
 - Ag Construction/Shop
 - Primarily a projects-based class, where students will be provided project guidelines with a scoring guide/rubric. Students will have freedom within those guidelines to design, construct and finish the project to suit them.
 - ** Daily Participation of 10 points will be assigned
 - *Safety Tests*: Each student will take a safety test over each piece of equipment and each test must be passed with 100% accuracy.
 - *Equipment tests will be given with the appropriate project assigned*
 - Students can take the test as many times as needed
 - Each student working in the shop must take all tests each school year.
 - OSHA 10 training/certification does not qualify.
 - Students can only take a test on a particular machine 1 time per day.
 - **EXAMPLE**: John Smith takes the Table Saw Safety test on Tuesday and does not pass. John cannot take the Table Saw Safety test until Wednesday (at the earliest)
 - **Goal** – For students to become familiar with various techniques and tool/equipment operations.
 - ** In regards to shop projects, please see the attached shop agreement forms.

- Seniors
 - Senior Exit Interviews = 50 pts.
 - Must be completed before Senior Trip
 - Seniors are required to fill out 3 scholarship applications (50 pts/each) as part of the coursework.
 - Senior *FFA members* will be required to fill out the Macon Co Cattlemen's Scholarship
- Extra Credit – The opportunity to earn points above those given through FFA activity participation.
 - FFA is an intra-curricular activity. Various FFA Activities will be offered for explorers to attend and receive a designated number of points.

The grading scale follows that found in the LHS student handbook.

Additional Program Information

- 3 for 1 Program: 3 Ag Classes – Ag Sci I, Ag Sci II & Advanced Animal Science/Advanced Crop Science EQUALS 1 Science Credit.
- State-Required Forms: There will be a state-required form sent home at the beginning of the year which must be completed and signed before any student is allowed to travel for any agricultural/FFA trip. The form will include the student's health information.
- All members must meet the requirements and expectations as stated in the La Plata FFA Chapter Constitution and ByLaws which can be found on their Google classroom, on the FFA Website, or by asking Mrs. Curtis for a copy.

Daily Participation Points

“There is no straighter road to success than exceeding expectations one day at a time.”- Robin Crow

Participation will be given daily and are worth up to 10 points. The expectations for students in my class each day are listed below and their ability to meet these expectations will determine their daily participation score. *This is a guide to be used at the discretion of the teacher.*

Prepared and on Time

- Students will be expected to arrive at my classroom on time before the tardy bell rings
- Students are expected to have the proper materials needed for that class with them and ready to use including but not limited to the following:
 - Charged Chromebook
 - Proper writing utensil
 - All forms and due assignments
 - Appropriate attire for shop work if applicable to the class
- Student's electronic devices are expected to be placed in the appropriate holder when the bell rings

Attitude

- The number one expectation for all students in the Ag department is to be respectful at all times
- The student is expected to have a positive attitude during all class activities
- Negative comments will not be tolerated

Listening

- Students are expected to be active listeners to their teacher and other presenters at all times
- Students should be able to follow directions and respond to questions consistently
- Students should not be talking when the teacher or other presenters are talking

Classroom Interaction

- Students should exhibit exemplary self-control and social respect for others
- Students should show positive leadership qualities in the Ag department
- Students are expected to volunteer and willingly assist when asked
- Students should complete tasks to their best ability
- Students are expected to work with their classmates as well as individually to meet the classroom objectives

Behavior

- Students are expected to behave in a safe and responsible manner at all times
- Students should only use positive and appropriate language
- Students are expected to follow the dress code at all times including the hat policy
- Students will always refrain from obscene language and gestures
- Students are expected to respect each other's space and keep all body parts to themselves
- Students are expected to handle all technology and equipment/materials respectfully

9-10 Points: Students have exceeded all expectations

7-8 Points: Students have met all expectations

5-6 Points: Students have met most expectations

3-4 Points: Students have met some expectations

1-2 Points: Students only met a small amount of the expectations

0 Points: Students did not meet any expectations OR lost all points by teacher discretion