



Professional Standards in Agribusiness



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Conference: 4th Period

Room C147

Tutorials: 8am to 8:30am

Hello Panthers!!! My name is **Ms. Branton** and I am very excited to be here with you!!

Welcome to [Professional Standards in Agribusiness!!](#)

AKA: 1st Semester of the Second Year Ag Classes on the Vet Science Endorsement AND Ag Science class where you can receive your speech credit.

In this class we will explore the world of agriculture

Topics to Include (But not limited to)

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| ✓ Supervised Agricultural Experiences | ✓ Ag Sales |
| ✓ Job Interviews | ✓ Careers in Agriculture |
| ✓ How to be a Professional | ✓ Agricultural Leadership |
| ✓ Employer/Employee Relations | ✓ Communications |
| ✓ Resumes and Cover Letters | |
| ✓ Styles of Leadership | |

FFA

Students taking any kind of Agricultural Science class are STRONGLY encouraged to join the Liberty Hill FFA and take part in the many opportunities that we have to offer. This year we will have a Vet Science Team that travels around the state and competes on topics straight from our classroom curriculum. For more info on how to join please contact myself, Mr. Brown, or an FFA Officer.

Supervised Agricultural Experiences

By law every student in an Ag education class must have an SAE and keep maintained records on this SAE. Time will be given in class in order to maintain record books and build SAE's. Our record book system is online and can be accessed anywhere. Daily, Minor, and Major grades may be taken on a student's SAE project.

Cell Phones

During class time, phones are allowed to be on and placed on the student's desk. Students are not allowed to use their phone while I am talking, during an activity, or during active instruction. There will be times when using your phone is allowed and encouraged, make sure you know when the right time and place is.

Violation of the cell phone policy will result in Ms. Branton taking up the phone and taking a bunch of pictures on it. (Goodbye memory) If the problem persists the phone will be taken up and then a parent or even administration will become involved.

Materials

- ✓ Binder or Folder
- ✓ Composition Notebook
- ✓ Pens and Pencils
- ✓ Organizational system for your binder
 - You will need a system for handouts, notes, graded work, and other necessary items

Expectations

- ✓ Be Respectful
 - Not only should you respect myself and your peers but you should also respect the facilities and property of the school.
- ✓ Be Punctual
 - If you are tardy for any reason sign the log sheet and quietly go to your seat
- ✓ Come to class prepared
 - We are going to treat this class like a job. If you come to class unprepared, you are wasting my time and I will dock your pay (participation grade.)
- ✓ No Cheating
 - I am not stupid and I know all of the tricks
- ✓ No Horseplay in classroom or vet science lab
- ✓ Student follow all school rules and expectations as stated in LHHS student handbook.
- ✓ Have a Positive Attitude
 - I know that it can be hard someday, but a positive attitude and demeanor is expected of you in this classroom and lab. Remember that the animals we are working with will always respond better to a clear head.
- ✓ COMMUNICATION
 - We will use the BAND app to communicate for this course. I will post updates about due dates for assignments, notify you about my absence, etc. I expect you to do the same or email me. If you require tutorials, an appointment will need to be made via email.
- ✓ Pro-Tips for Ms.Branton's Classroom
 - Do not ask if we are doing anything today
 - Do not line up at the door for the bell to ring
 - Do not interrupt me or talk while I am talking
 - Do, leave the classroom when I dismiss you. NOT THE BELL

Consequences

- ✓ Verbal Warning
- ✓ Call Home and meeting with me during your free time
- ✓ Lunch Detention and Call Home
- ✓ After School Detention and Call Home
- ✓ Office Referral

Grading Policy

Your final grade for the course will be based on the number of points earned through a variety of learning experiences. These learning experiences will include but are not limited to: daily work, homework, assignments, field and laboratory work, tests, and major unit assignments or projects.

Grading Scale

90-100...A	20% Daily Grades
80-89...B	30% Minor
70-79...C	50% Major/ Test Grade

Below 70... Failing

Student must make at least a 70 to receive credit during course

Daily Grades- Participation, Assignments, Record Books, any in class activity

Minor- Quiz grades, Project Grades, could be participation or Journal Grades.

Major Grades-

- Students will receive a 6 weeks participation grade that is an accumulation of their daily participation.
- Students will be required to keep a record book in the AET system. Whether a student is an FFA member or not, they are required by LAW to have an SAE and keep up with records. There will be routine days throughout the year when we will work on record books. Every Six Weeks there will be a record book check for a major grade.
- Other Major Grades may include
 - Projects
 - Six Weeks Test
 - Written
 - Multiple Choice
 - Short Answer
 - Authentic Assessment with a Rubric
 - Etc.

Attendance and Makeup Work

- ✓ Tardies will follow school policy
- ✓ Tardies will be excused only with a note from another teacher/administrator
- ✓ If you miss class for excused absence you need to make up the work you missed. It is your responsibility to ask me to get make up work
 - DO NOT interrupt another class of mine to get makeup work. Come in between classes or before or after school.
- ✓ If your absence is UNEXCUSED, make up daily grades and lab work cannot be accepted. Only test grades can be made up on your own time.
- ✓ Make Up work is to be turned in no later than two school days following the day that you were absent.
- ✓ Late Work will be accepted with 5pts taken off for every day past its due date.
- ✓ ALL GRADES ARE AVAILABLE IN **SKYWARD**. GRADES ARE UPDATED ROUTINELY.

Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Form

Disclosure: In this class there will be live animals. Students will be expected to handle live animals. Students will also be expected to perform various dissections and other hands on activities that involve biohazardous materials. By signing the below document as a parent/guardian you are stating that you understand the risks of handling live animals and will not hold Liberty Hill ISD or Ms. Branton liable for any injuries/deaths/illness.

Assumption of Risk

I recognize that there are both foreseeable and unforeseeable risks of injury or death that may occur that LHISD cannot specifically anticipate and list here. I understand that Liberty Hill ISD provides no medical insurance for its students.

_____ Initial that you AGREE

Additional Risk Statement (Animals)

I voluntarily agree to assume all risks involved with my child's participation in this class including but not limited to: risks of physical injury due to bites, scratches, and other unpredictable actions of animals and allergen exposure.

_____ Initial that you AGREE

Release of Liability

I release the state of Texas, Liberty Hill High School, Liberty Hill ISD, any subdivision or unit of LHISD, its teachers, employees, from any and all liability, claims, costs, expenses, injuries and/or losses, that my child may sustain as a result of their participation in Ms. Branton's Ag classes. My child's participation includes, but is not limited to, any and all classroom activities.

_____ Initial that you AGREE

Acknowledgement Statement

I have carefully read this form, understand its contents, and am fully informed about this class and the risks involved with working with live animals and bio-hazardous materials and am satisfied that my child can safely participate in this class.

_____ Students Name

_____ Parent/Guardian Printed Name

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date

Syllabus Signature Sheet

Students: Please read the course syllabus with your parents. Then you and your parents should sign this sheet. Please return this document by Friday August 25th 2017, for a Daily GRADE.

I have read the policies and expectations for Ms.Branton's Principles of Ag Class and understand them. If I choose not to comply with any of what was stated in the syllabus I will accept the consequences.

Student Printed Name:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: _____

Date: _____

Parent Contact Info

Phone # _____

Email _____

Please let me know if there are any medical issues that I need to be aware of: (allergies/diabetes)

We will be utilizing the band app in the classroom to remind students of deadlines and for general communication. Please circle yes or no below to let me know if you would like to be included in the group. Yes No