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Board Agenda Item Request

AGENDA ITEM: Action Item - THS Science Elective Offering

PURPOSE: Board approval required

MEETING DATE: June 18, 2025

PREPARED BY: Lisa Arnold

SUMMARY

The new FFA teacher at THS is requesting that the board identify a class FFA students take as a science elective. The course syllabus is linked [here](#).

Superintendent Recommendation

The superintendent recommends that we Animal Science as a science elective.



Animal Science

2025-2026 School Year

Instructor Name: Ms. Booth

Room: 109

Contact Information:

- Email: josie.booth@lakeland272.org
- Phone: 208-623-6303 ext. 2217

Course Description:

This course is an introductory course into Animal Science. Areas of study include scientific investigations in Introduction to Animal Science, The Organisms, Cell Structure, Functions of the Cell, Animal Tissues, Systems and Organs, Genetics and Heredity, Breeding and Reproduction, Livestock Nutrition, Feeding Livestock, Animal Health, Livestock Diseases and Parasites, Animal Products, and the Scientific Method Term Project and Matrix.

Materials Required:

- 3-ring binder (2" preferred, minimum 1.5")
- Notebook
- Pen/Pencil
- Positive Attitude
- Appropriate clothes for labs

Note: Students in this course will be encouraged to utilize electronic devices during certain lessons throughout the semester. Students will be given advance notice when these devices, laptops, cell phones, etc., are permitted in class. Cell phones will **not** be permitted in the classroom unless under teacher direction.

Grading Policy

Grading will be based on the standard 100-percentile scale. Students will receive a letter grade based on their percentage of total available points in the class. Points will be based on completeness and quality of work.

Student work will consist of:

- 30% Tests
- 20% Labs
- 20% Projects
- 20% Quizzes and Assignments
- 10% Participation

<u>Grading Scale</u>	
● A	100% - 90%
● B	89.9% - 80%
● C	79.9% - 70%
● D	69.9% - 60%
● F	59.9% - 0%



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Tests/Quizzes:

Tests will be given at the end of each unit. Quizzes will be given randomly throughout each unit. Point values for tests and quizzes will vary. Possible District Formative Assessments will be given throughout the year but will not be used to calculate the student's test grade. A final will be given at the end of each semester and will be used in calculating the semester grade. The final will not affect the quarter grades.

Labs:

Students will perform multiple labs during each semester. It is important that the student complete ALL labs to pass the class with a satisfactory grade.

Participation:

Students must maintain a daily log to receive credit for this portion of their grade. If they are absent from class, the student will receive a zero for that day for participation. To make up an absence, the student must arrange a time with the teacher to come in before, after school or at lunch.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Arrive to class on time each day with the required materials
- Respect the opinions, views, and thoughts of others
 - Disrespect or poor attitude will not be tolerated
- Follow Directions
- Contribute to the class through sharing your experiences, interests and ideas

CLASSROOM RULES – Students are expected to:

- Have a pass when student is late/leaves early
- NO PHONES are permitted in the classroom
 - EARBUDS or HEADPHONES are not permitted

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE POLICY

Depending on the severity of the situation, as the teacher I reserve the right to start at any level on the following discipline policy. Issues concerning discipline will be handled accordingly.

1. 1st offense- Verbal warning
 2. 2nd offense- Teacher/Student Discussion with a parent email
 3. 3rd offense- Principal discussion with parent notification including further consequence if needed.
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SCHOOL RULES – for discipline and tardies please refer to your student handbook



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Absent (Make-up work) Policy

Students have three days to turn in missed work upon returning from being absent to earn full credit. If absent for more than 3 days in a row, students will have the amount of days missed to make up their work. After three days, the credit can only be up to a 70% on the assignment.

- If you are absent you are required to get the notes from another classmate on your own time, not during class time.
- It is your responsibility to get the missed assignment before or after class, during lunch, before or after school, NOT DURING CLASS TIME.

FFA Involvement

The National FFA Organization is an integral part of any Agriculture Science program. Each student that enrolls in an Agricultural course at Timberlake has an opportunity to be a member of the Timberlake FFA. As such, participation at local, state, and national FFA events will add to content knowledge gained through coursework.

Where can I find FFA information?

All FFA events and information will be posted in Ms. Booth's classroom, Mrs. Duran's classroom and on Google Calendar.

Please contact me if you have any questions.....

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THS Agriculture Instructor

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Animal Science **Understanding of Class Grading and Expectations**

I, _____, understand what is expected of me and have read all rules and expectations on this form and will do my best to complete all the class requirements.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

We, the parents/guardians, have read and understand what is expected of my student and will do our best to help him/her succeed in this course.

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Contact Email: _____

Parent Contact Phone #: _____