



CLASSROOM SYLLABUS
MR. DRIA
HORTICULTURE PROGRAM-ROOM F-110



Welcome to Horticulture at Jackson High School! This course is designed to provide an opportunity to investigate horticultural science with a focus on Plant Science, Greenhouse and Nursery Management, Landscape Systems Management, Turf Science and Management, Landscape Hardscapes, and an Agricultural and Environmental Systems Capstone Project.


The goal of horticulture is to expand student knowledge learned previously and to prepare you for your future. Throughout this course you will see a general theme of how horticulture is connected to the real world and related to other branches of agriculture. Upon completion of this program you will be career ready for many entry level jobs in the horticulture field and have a great foundation to continue on to a two or four year degree. Horticulture is the topic this course is based on but we will be utilizing and developing skills you will use for a lifetime, including problem solving, inquiry, customer service, and creativity.


-The Juniors will meet daily, the first three periods of each day and we will focus on learning: Plant Science, Greenhouse and Nursery Management, and, Landscape Systems Management. Juniors earn 3 total credits, which includes 1 science credit, upon completion of the course


-The Seniors will meet daily, the last three periods of the day and we will focus on learning: Turf Science, Landscape Hardscapes, and an Agricultural and Environmental Systems Capstone Project. Seniors earn 3 credits upon completion.


-Both Junior and Senior level of this program are rigorous, hands on, career and college preparatory. Students will be completing many career related projects, activities, and labs. As students, it is up to you to help make this class challenging, yet fun, so you learn something new and interesting each day. Let's have a great year!

CLASSROOM CONDUCT: There are four standing rules in my classroom:

 Safety is the number one priority! Students will be expected to take safety seriously at all times. Students refusal to follow safety protocol will be removed from class and receive a zero for the day. Students and parents will be asked to review a safety contract to sign and return to me. Students without signed and returned contracts will not be permitted to participate in labs.

 Respect others at all times. Points will be deducted from the students' daily points each time a rule is broken. Some examples of these rules are: 1) not being prepared for class with proper materials, 2) absence, tardy, improper dress, 3) leaving a mess without cleaning up, 4) lack of participation 5) disrespect to fellow classmates, 6) etc.

 Arrive to class promptly and be in your seats, with your materials out and ready to work when the bell rings. If you are tardy to class make sure to bring a pass and after your third "unexcused" offense you will be issued a detention.

 All school rules apply in this class. For further outline of these rules please see the student handbook.

Other Policies:

-The teacher, not the bell dismisses class!

-No cell phones or media devices are permitted to be used without teacher approval!

MATERIALS: The following is a list of **REQUIRED** materials your student needs for class by September 9th:

Safety Glasses (must be ANSI Z87 rated) (Provided thanks to previous fund-raising)

Binder (3-ringed 3" binder and about 10 tabs) (Provided thanks to previous fund-raising)

Work Pants (jeans are fine)

Work Shoes (Do not need to be steel-toed, but NO Flips Flop, Sandals or Crocs)

Sweat Shirt or Jacket (for colder months)

The following is a list of items that are **OPTIONAL, but suggested** materials for students:

Work Gloves Extra Shirt/spare cloths

Sunscreen Extra Pair of Socks

Bug Spray

Field Trips: Field trips throughout the year will be scheduled that will provide your student with outside educational opportunities. All field trips are optional, but strongly encouraged. These are FFA- sponsored field trips, so students must be due paying members of FFA. FFA **Dues** for this year are **\$30, which will be collected with other school fees**. While all attempts are made to keep the cost of field trips at a minimum, students may be responsible for some fees on certain trips. For field trips outside of class time, permission slips must be signed and turned in before the day of the event.

GRADING POLICY: The grades received in this class will be earned by each individual student, not given. Grades will reflect the percent of accuracy and completion of all work assigned by the teacher. This work includes homework, labs, in class performance and assignments, quizzes, tests, and various other requirements. The grade scale for this class is posted in the student handbook.

ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY: Please review the student handbook. School policy will be followed in this program.

DISCLAIMER/DISABILITY STATEMENT: This Horticulture course of study conforms to all federal, state and local laws and regulations included in Title IX and nondiscrimination against any student based on race, color, creed, sex, religion, citizenship, economic status, married status, pregnancy, handicap, age, or national origin. This policy of nondiscrimination shall also apply to otherwise qualified handicapped individuals.

CLOSING REMARKS: Parents/Guardians and students: We have a great year planned to investigate horticultural science! I am glad to have the opportunity to teach this course this year and help each student work toward graduation as well as personal success towards a career or college entry. Feel free to contact me by the following methods.

E-mail: rjd2jc@bearworks.jackson.sparcc.org

Website: <http://www.jackson.stark.k12.oh.us/webpages/rdria/>

Voice Mail and Homework Hotline: (330) 830-8100 extension 1540

You may also receive my Remind101 messages by signing up with:

<https://www.remind.com/join/juniorhort> for Juniors, or

<https://www.remind.com/join/rdria> for Seniors

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I would like the parents and students to sign the following to ensure that everyone is aware of my expectations for the year. Also, if you have a method of contact other than email, please provide the requested information to me to keep on file. I am looking forward to a Great Year! Thank You!

Sincerely,

Mr. Roy J. Dria

Student Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Print and Signature: _____

Email Contact: _____