

Livestock Production

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About Me:

Howdy, my name is Mark Bindseil, and I am one of the Agricultural Science Teachers here at Burbank High School. This is my ninth-year teaching agriculture at Burbank High School. Before Burbank I taught agriculture for 15 years at Highlands High School.

Agriculture has been a major part of my life. I have a small ranch located in Blanco, Texas which is about 1 hour north of San Antonio. In high school I took Agricultural Science classes all four years. During this time I began working on a large cattle ranch in Blanco. During the time working on this ranch, I realized I wanted agriculture to be my life. I graduated from Sul Ross State University in Alpine Texas in 1994. After graduating I began working full time on this ranch as the Ranch Manager. In 2000 I decided to leave the ranch and start teaching agriculture.

I have a daughter, Megan, who is currently a senior at “THE” Texas A&M University. My favorite family members are my crazy yeller dog and the red dog.

When I am not in class, I spend most of my free time at my ranch relaxing and hunting.

Course Overview & Objectives

Course Description:

To be prepared for careers in the field of animal science, students need to attain academic skills and knowledge, acquire knowledge and skills related to animal systems and the workplace, and develop knowledge and skills regarding career opportunities, entry requirements, and industry expectations. To prepare for success, students need opportunities to learn, reinforce, apply, and transfer their knowledge and skills in a variety of settings. Animal species to be addressed in this course may include, but are not limited to, beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, and poultry.

Nature of the Course: To be prepared for careers in the broad field of agriculture/agribusiness. Students will be educated on things such as employability, animal handling, nutrition, welfare, rights and importance of animals, as well as study of livestock animal species.

Course Objectives:

1. The student learns the employability characteristics of a successful employee.
2. The student demonstrates technical skills relating to the interrelated human, scientific, and technological dimensions of animal systems.
3. The student performs technical skills related to livestock production
4. The student explains anatomy and physiology related to nutrition, reproduction, health, and management of domesticated animals.
5. The student determines nutritional requirements of ruminant and non-ruminant animals, including poultry.
6. The student explains animal genetics and reproduction.
7. The student identifies animal pests and diseases.
8. The student knows the factors impacting commodity prices and costs
9. The student plans for dynamic changes in business operation.
10. The student develops an improved supervised agriculture experience program as it relates to agriculture, food, and natural resource.

Materials

ICEV Online Personal Account - can be accessed through the SAISD Classlink Single Sign On

[SAISD Classlink SSO \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

Classroom Expectations

- Show up on time
- No inappropriate language or hand gestures
- Stay on task and focused so you do not miss anything the speaker is saying
- Respect others at all times.
- Take responsibility for their learning.
- Come to each class prepared
- Conduct themselves in a safe manner at all times.
- Contribute to class discussions and actively participate in each lesson.
- Wear required personal protective equipment (including eye and hearing protection) during all lab exercises.
- Act in a professional manner at all times.
- Be dismissed from class by the instructor (not the bell).
- Conduct themselves according to this policy during guest speakers, with substitutes and on field trips.
- Follow all instructions given by the teacher.
- Adhere to the classroom / laboratory policy at all times.
- Follow the rules and regulations set forth by the SAISD Student Code of Conduct.
- Be responsible for school issued textbooks and keep them covered at all times.

- Ask before using the restroom or leaving the classroom.

[SAISD Student Bill of Rights | Code of Conduct \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

Grading Policy

Your final numerical 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 investigations, tests and major unit assignments or projects. This class offers many opportunities for hands on activities. If you choose not to participate in any of these activities you will receive a 0 (zero). This class will do many activities outside. If you choose not to participate outside you will receive a 0 (zero).

Grading Scale:

90-100...A

80-89...B

75-79...C

70-74...D

Below 70...Failing*

*To receive credit for a course a student must maintain an average of 70 or above in the overall

course grade.

Grading System:

60% Homework, Daily assignments, quizzes, Labs

40%Test

The final semester grade for this course will be based on the following:

The semester exam will account for 15% of the final grade

Tutorials – I will be available for tutoring Wednesday after school from 4:30 – 5:00

Technical Support

For technical issues, troubleshooting guides and to file a Help Ticket - go to [SAISD IT Support Portal \(Links to an external site.\)](#). For Canvas Learning Management System issues click on the **Help** button on the global navigation sidebar.

Non-discrimination statement

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