

# Horticulture I



## Course Description & Grading Procedures Trinity High School



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**Classroom:** G 82/Media Center lab

**Available Hours:** Please email to set up a time to call/virtually meet.

**Course Description:** There are several sections that will be focused on within this course. These include: plant anatomy, plant growth and development, plant nutrition, media selection, basic plant identification, pest management, innovative gardening techniques, customer relations, career opportunities, and leadership development.

**Required Materials:** All students in Horticulture I must bring with them a pencil, a three-ring binder OR a tab for this class only that will be in a binder that they use for other classes. These items need to be brought every day to class. Since this semester is a little different, you will also need to make sure that you complete your ONLINE work by the due date. Since this is definitely a different year, I am asking that students who come to campus please bring with them earphones so that they can listen to the lessons and not disrupt anyone

**Instructor Expectations:** In general homework will consist of reviewing activities and information from recent lessons or preparing for upcoming topics. You will also be asked to complete small projects in each class. When a project, paper, or speech is assigned I expect that you will come to class ready to present or turn in your assignment on the due date.

**Safety Info:** This class is likely different from anything else you have done in school. Safety comes first. I will not make you do anything you are uncomfortable with, but it is important that you take all equipment and procedures seriously! IF YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHETHER IT IS A GOOD IDEA, IT MOST LIKELY IS NOT.

**How I will be Grading:**

### o Quizzes (Celebration of Knowledge): 25%

We will have quizzes over each section throughout the term of this course breaking up each of the major topics in the course. Quizzes will be announced at least two days in advance. For some quizzes, students will be able to use their notes and for other quizzes, students will rely on their study skills.

### o Class Work 75%

Students are expected to participate in the class to its fullest. Agricultural education is based on experiential learning, which means you learn it by doing it. You will be graded on involvement and completion in several small class projects throughout the semester. It is important you are taking notes and doing the assigned work that I provide as this will help you on your quizzes in the future. We are also looking at participation in class (through attendance and turning in assignments) as part of this grade.

**Final Exam-** This year there will be NO final exam as long as you complete what is in class and make satisfactory grades. If you fail to do so, you WILL have to take an exam at the end of the semester.

**Phones-** Every student who has a cell phone will be asked to put their phone in the "Phone Pocket" that is located in the room. Students are not allowed to have phones on them during class unless the teacher permits it. If the student is caught on their phone without permission, the parent will be contacted and school administration will be notified as Insubordination/Defiance of Authority.

**Make-Up Work / Absences-** I encourage you to have a study buddy to help with missed work. If you anticipate being absent, see me for work before you leave. There is also a "Ketchup" folder located in the room for missed worksheets or notes. If you are online, most of the work will be available to you throughout the semester but I highly encourage you to make sure you are keeping up with your work as there will be sometimes I will turn off the online materials and make sure that you are doing what is asked.

**Late Work:** Respect your time and my time and turn your work in on time! As a high school student, you are expected to turn in the work by the due date. If there is a reason you cannot turn it in on time, please see me and we can work something out.

Best wishes for a great semester!

Caroline McKee

