



Agricultural/Scientific Academy

Tracy High School

A California Distinguished High School

315 E. Eleventh St., Tracy, CA 95376

Student:

Agricultural-Scientific Academy Policies

Being a student in the Ag/Science Academy is a privilege which comes with associated benefits. Some of these benefits include but are not limited to field trips, job shadowing, career exploration, special guest speakers and individualized focused attention to student needs; these are benefits not available to all students on campus. Since being in this program is a privilege with direct benefit to the student, the Academy has developed expectations of our students to support those that truly want to benefit from the program.

Behavioral Expectations and Consequences

Behavioral Expectations: Academy students are expected to be on their best behavior in all classes at all times. Whether students realize it or not, their behavior is a reflection of the larger program. With this in mind the following consequences for unacceptable behavior will be followed.

Consequences: In addition to the behavioral expectations and consequences outlined in the student handbook, the following applies to Academy students. Depending on the severity of the offense, the range of consequences MAY INCLUDE:

First Offense: referral or warning	Second Offense: referral or warning	Third Offense: referral or warning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with student and/or parent• Placed on probation status• May not attend class field trip• Removal from program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Placed on probation• Not allowed to attend class field trip• Removal from program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removal from program

This applies to all classes not just academy classes.

NOTE: if you are removed from the program AND you are on an intra, or inter district transfer you may be returned to your home school.

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Academic Eligibility: In order to remain in the Academy you must have a 'C' or better in all Academy classes at semester report card time. If you fail to earn a 'C' in all of your academy classes you will be placed on Academic Probation. There are three steps of probation.

Probation Step 1 Initial Probation: An initial probationary period will be determined by the relative date of the next official grading period. Students on Step 1 must bring their grades up to a 'C' by the end of the probationary period, or show significant progress toward earning 'C's as demonstrated by steadily increasing grade percentages. If students on Step One do not meet the probationary requirements they will be removed from the program.

Probation Step 2 Success Monitoring: Students who meet the conditions of Step 1 will be placed on Step 2 and grades will be monitored for the remainder of the current semester. If students on Step 2 maintain or continue to improve their grades they will be released from probation. If students on Step 2 do not continue to maintain or improve their grades, meaning their grades drop below a 'C', they will be removed from the program.

Field Trips

- Field trips are a mandatory co-curricular component of the Ag/Science Program.
- Students must attend the field trip for the entire duration of the trip.
- Accommodations will not be made for student athletes to leave field trips early to attend sports practices.
- Accommodations may be made for student athletes to leave field trips early to attend a sports game.
- Students who do not attend field trips but are present in school the day of the trip **will not** receive an alternate assignment and therefore will receive a 0 for the assignment.
- Students who do not attend field trips due to illness or other extenuating circumstance, must provide a cleared absence from the Attendance Office, or doctors note prior to being provided an alternate assignment.

Field trip attendance is a mandatory requirement of students in the Ag/Science Academy. Ag/Science Academy field trips are co-curricular not extra-curricular. Meaning field trip attendance affects the student's grades, which in turn could affect their extra-curricular eligibility. No accommodations for leaving the field trip early or missing the field trip for sports practices, all students will ride to and from the field trip on the bus.

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Accommodations will be made for students to either leave the field trip early or miss the field trip for school sports games, illness, or other extenuating circumstances verified through prior notice from parents or excused absence. Again, only if a field trip conflicts with a game day will student athlete be allowed to opt out due to sports.

Field Trip Note: You must have at least a 'C', in the most recent recorded grading period, in your Academy classes at the time your field trip permission slips are due in order to be allowed to attend the field trip. Students ineligible to attend field trip will be given an alternate assignment.

Academic Honesty Expectations and Consequences

Academic Honesty Expectation: It is expected that assignments turned in by Academy students represent their own work.

Consequences:

In addition to school consequences stated in the THS student handbook, students in the Ag/Science Academy will have the following consequences.

- ✓ **First Offense:** Student receives a zero for the assignment is placed on academic probation within the Academy, parent is notified by teacher and a conference is set up between program coordinator, parent, and student.
- ✓ **Second Offense:** Student receives a zero on the assignment and is removed from the program.
NOTE: if you are removed from the program AND you are on an intra, or inter district transfer you may be returned to your home school.

Cheating: According to the American Heritage Dictionary to cheat is

1. to act dishonestly; practice fraud.
2. to violate rules deliberately, as in a game: *was accused of cheating at cards.*

Plagiarism: According to the same dictionary to plagiarize is

1. To use and pass off (the ideas or writings of another) as one's own.
2. To appropriate for use as one's own passages or ideas from (another).

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“Working together”: Often students work on homework and/or long term assignments with partners. While the assignment instructions are the same the expectation, as reflected in the student handbook academic honesty policy, is that a student's submitted work should be a true reflection of their effort and ability. With this in mind if two students submit identical, verbatim work is cheating and/or plagiarism and the appropriate consequences will apply. When students submit identical assignments teachers do not truly know whose effort and ability to evaluate.

Our signatures below indicate that we have read and understand the Academy Policies. Specifically, we are aware of the policies and consequences regarding Academy eligibility, and academic honesty.

Please sign and return this page the first week of school to the Academies Office Room D110:

Mrs. Browne, Academy Coordinator

Student Printed Name:	Parent Printed Name	Date
Student Signature	Parent Signature	Date

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