## Agriculture Mechanics | | | | | | |

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## Welcome to the Ag Mechanics Shop!

This course is all about the hands-on skills needed to keep a farm or ranch running. You'll become a jack-of-all-trades, learning how to troubleshoot, repair, and build a wide variety of systems and equipment. From tearing down a small engine to welding a gate, you'll gain practical, real-world knowledge that you can use for the rest of your life.

## **Key Learning Areas**

- **Comprehensive Safety:** Learn and apply safety standards across multiple disciplines, including tool use, electrical work, and equipment operation.
- Small Engine Systems: Diagnose, troubleshoot, and repair two-stroke and four-stroke engines on equipment like mowers, trimmers, and pumps.
- Welding & Cutting: Gain foundational skills in SMAW (Stick) welding, oxy-acetylene cutting, and basic metal fabrication.
- **Electrical Wiring:** Understand basic electrical theory and safely wire circuits, outlets, and switches according to code.
- Plumbing & Irrigation: Learn to work with PVC and copper pipe to design, install, and repair basic plumbing and irrigation systems.
- **Concrete & Masonry:** Gain experience planning, forming, pouring, and finishing concrete for small pads and posts.

Our Shop Rules & Expectations	Grading Breakdown

1. Safety First, Always. The correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn for every task. At a minimum, safety glasses and closed-toed shoes/boots are required in the shop at all times.	Shop Labs & Projects (50%) br> The quality, craftsmanship, and completion of your hands-on work.
2. <b>Use the Right Tool for the Job.</b> Use tools only after you have been properly trained. Always report any broken or malfunctioning tools and equipment immediately.	Safety & Daily Participation (30%) Based on your daily safety habits, positive attitude, and focus in the shop.
3. <b>Focus on the Task at Hand.</b> This shop contains electrical, mechanical, and chemical hazards. Your full attention is required to ensure a safe environment for everyone.	FFA / Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) (10%) in FFA activities and/or completion of your SAE project.
4. Phone-Free Zone. Upon entering the class, you will place your cell phone in the designated locked container. It will be returned at the end of the period.	Knowledge Checks & Quizzes (10%) Written tests on safety procedures and technical concepts.
5. Clean Up is a Team Sport. We all work together to clean our work areas, put away tools, and organize the shop during the last 10 minutes of class.	
6. Meet Your Deadlines. Late work will be accepted for reduced credit (10% deduction per day late) up to one week past the due date.	

Required Materials	Stay Connected!
* ANSI Z87-rated Safety Glasses * Leather, Closed-Toed Boots (recommended) * Pencil &	Scan the code for links to our FFA Chapter and other class resources.  (You can paste your generated QR code

Notebook * A Problem-Solving	image here)
Attitude!	