

Licking Heights Central Middle School Technology Course Syllabus

The course syllabus along with other pertinent information can be found on-line at:
<http://wanacktech.weebly.com/>

Course Description

Technology: 1 Credit

Grade Level: 8th Grade

Prerequisite: Computer Literacy Background

In this course in the Design and Technology program, students acquire a foundation in technological material, energy, and information and apply processes associated with the technological thinker. Challenged by laboratory activities, students create new ideas and innovations, build systems, and analyze technological products to learn further how and why technology works. A variety of technology formats are used to develop finished products that will communicate information to diverse audiences. Students will use technology to complete real world projects for the campus, district, and community. This course satisfies the Technology Education credit.

Attendance is extremely important because all production work must be completed in my classroom. For make-up work or additional assistance, tutoring will be on Wednesdays, 2:35 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in Room 242.

The six weeks average will consist of daily grades (45%), tests (45%), and homework grades(10%). Your child will receive a progress report or report card every three weeks. You may call me (740) 927-3365 or email me (awanack@laca.org) at any time to request information about your student's grades, attendance, and behavior. Please review district policies as these rules coincide with but are not inclusive of every policy.

Grading Policy

- Grades are based on a product and at least once a week, a product will be assessed.
- Most assessments can be completed using reference material, such as on-line help, or the students' own personal notes.
- A student can correct a graded product and receive up 20 points to the initial grade not to exceed 80 points total for the product grade. Students are allowed one week after the initial grade is made to correct their product.
- If a student has an excused absence, student will need to attend tutorial to complete missed assignments. If a student has an unexcused absence, the student will receive a zero.
- If a student cheats on a graded assignment; he/she will receive a zero, and the guardian will be called.
- Semester final accounts for 20% of their grade.
- Progress reports are issued at the end of the third week of each nine-week grading period.
- I reserve the right to make exceptions for unique situations.

Classroom Procedures

- Be seated in assigned seat when the bell rings.
- Only leave your seat with permission.
- Respect others. Act with kindness in your actions and words.
- Ask questions using the cup method at the computers.
- Treat all assignments as if they will be graded.
- During lecture, please ask only questions relating to the lecture topic. If you have problems with your computer or you move ahead of the lecture, please wait until the end of the lecture to ask your question.
- Attendance is crucial, as all work must be completed in class or during tutoring. If a student is absent, he/she should attend the first available tutorial session.

Computer Rules

- **ABSOLUTELY no food or drinks** in the classroom.
- Instant messaging or e-mailing is not allowed.
- Students are responsible for computer, periphery equipment, and software assigned to them.
- No personal usage of computers without prior approval. This includes bringing files or documents from home to be loaded or printed. This also includes accessing web sites that aren't included in the course instruction.
- We share the equipment, so please don't customize icons, wallpaper, etc., update files that aren't yours, or load software.
- Gracefully exit all computer applications. If your computer locks up, try to close slow running programs through the task manager. Last resort is shutting off the computer.
- If you have a hardware problem, ask for assistance.
- Please do not move hardware or adjust cabling.
- Please do not share your password and please print documents only when asked.
- At the end of class, close all files and log off all programs. Clean your work area, keyboard, mouse, and monitor with a disinfectant wipe.