**Forensic Science**

**Class Syllabus**

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CONF. PERIOD: **5th (11:20A.M.-12:20 P.M.)**

Google Classroom: **e44ukmb**

**SCOPE & SEQUENCE**

***1st Semester (Fall ’22)***

* **1st** 6 Weeks
  + ***Unit 1****: Scientific Processes*
  + ***Unit 2****: Roles, History, Ethics*
  + ***Unit 3****: Crime Scene Sketches*
* **2nd** 6 Weeks
  + ***Unit 4****: Trace Evidence*
  + ***Unit 5****: Hair & Fiber Analysis*
  + ***Unit 6****: Glass Analysis*
* **3rd** 6 Weeks
  + ***Unit 7****: Blood Splatter Analysis*
  + ***Unit 8****: Blood Typing, Serology & DNA*

***2nd Semester (Spring ’23)***

* **4th** 6 Weeks
  + ***Unit 9****: Fingerprint Analysis*
  + ***Unit 10****: Alcohol Level in Victims*
  + ***Unit 11****: Controlled Substances in Victims*
* **5th** 6 Weeks
  + ***Unit 12****: Dental Records ID*
  + ***Unit 13****: Tool Marks / Ballistics*
* **6th** 6 Weeks
  + ***Unit 14****: Time of Death & Decomposition*
  + ***Unit 15****: Forensic Anthropology*

***IMPORTANT!***

Forensic science objectives are based on crime classification/motive, crime scene analysis, etc. There are some topics that may be unsettling for some students. Please communicate with me any sensitivities so that I can adjust instruction.

***SUPPLIES NEEDED***

● 1 to 1½ inch **hard-back** binder

● Set of Dividers ● Highlighters

● **Positive, proactive mindset!**



***CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS***

**P**articipate…

Complete assignments in a timely manner. Use classroom time wisely. Contribute during lab activities. Attend tutorials when needed.

**R**espect…

By not handling other’s belongings and/or classroom resources without permission. Do not waste resources by failing to use them properly and/or damaging them. Damage done to equipment due to horseplay or malicious intent will result in a discipline referral and fines to replace the damaged resources.

**I**ncorporate…

Your conversations, movement and electronic devices appropriately while in class.

**D**emonstrate…

Integrity of speech & action. Abuse of passes / failure to return to class in a timely manner will result in the loss of the privilege to leave the classroom. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated (see ***Grading Policies*** for a further breakdown).

**E**nter…

On time & ready to work. Students must be in the classroom before the tardy bell rings, or they will be counted tardy. The 10:10 rule will be strictly enforced. No passes will be given the first or last 10 minutes of class. Students will receive 3 restroom passes each 6 weeks, unless they have a documented medical condition.

P+R+I+D+E= **PRIDE!**

Remember that you not only represent yourself, but you also represent your family, campus and district.Text, calendar

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**Assignment Weights…**

**60% MINOR GRADES**

worksheets / labs / quizzes

(at least 10 per six weeks; 1 will be dropped))

**40% MAJOR GRADES**

tests / projects

(at least 2 per six weeks)



***Late grades…***

● All assignments must be submitted through Google Classroom by **midnight** on the due date or they will be counted late. Do not work on an assignment due that day during class if we are covering a new topic.

● Late penalties are as follows:

**1** day late: **85%** credit**\***

**2** days late: **70%** credit**\***

**3-5** days late: **50%** credit**\***

**\*** **“*credit*”** means the actual grade of the assignment; for example, if an assignment receives a grade of 90 and is 1 day late, the late grade would be a 77.

**After 5 days, assignments will not be accepted for credit!**

● Students with an **unexcused or UIL absence** on a test day or project due date will be expected to take the missed test or turn in the project **the next school day that is attended** or the late policy will apply. UIL activities are pre-scheduled and are not exempt from this policy.

***Reassessment…***

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● Only **major grades** are eligible for reassessment. Students have **one week** from receiving a failing major grade to complete the reassessment process. The highest grade a student can receive on a reassessment is a **70**.

● **Tests:** Students are required to attend a **30-minute advisory tutorial session** with the teacher before attempting to retest.

● **Projects:** Students must turn in **complete** projects for the project to be reassessed.



***Please note…***

● All campus and district policies will be followed and enforced.

● In specific instances, or if there are extenuating circumstances, the stated policies may be changed at teacher discretion to benefit the student.

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**District & Campus Policies on**

**Telecommunications Devices**

● Campus policy allows students to use their electronic devices **before school**, **during lunch** and **after school**.

● Students **may not** use their devices between classes, in the hallways or during drills.

● Students will be expected to place their electronic devices in the pocket assigned to them during class **unless** they are using them for instructional purposes with the teacher’s permission.



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