**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Forensics**

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**Course Description:** Welcome to the world of Forensic Science! Forensic science is a multidisciplinary applied science encompassing several sub-fields of biology, chemistry, physics, and crime scene investigation. The primary emphasis in this course will be for students to deepen their understanding of the sciences by applying scientific concepts and to develop and extend their scientific skills and processes through problem-based learning. The learning strategies used will include lecture, doodle notes, labs, research, activities and case studies. This course will relate the above subject areas to real-life applications of criminal investigations.

**Course Materials:**

* Three-ring binder with College Ruled paper (not necessary if you are using iPad to take notes)
* Colored pencils (not necessary if you are using iPad to take notes)
* 3x5 index cards for studying/reviewing

**Grading Policy**



### Students will be evaluated using a variety of methods, including quizzes, tests, projects, and labs. More information concerning due dates will be available in class. Grades will be weighted and assessed as follows:

**Tests and Projects**: 35% **Participation**: 5%

**Quizzes**: 20% **Labs**:25%

**Classwork & HW**: 15%

**Late Work Policy**

Assignments are due when the teacher collects them or we go over them at the beginning of class. Late assignments will be graded with a 50% deduction and are due the next day.

**Make-Up Work Policy**

Students are expected to make up missed work immediately upon returning to school. If an assignment was due on the first day of the absence, students should be prepared to hand the assignment in on the day they return to school. Students are expected to take the initiative in the “catching-up” process.

**Extra Credit**

Students will have several extra credit assignments available to them. In order to be eligible to earn these extra credit points, students must:

* Have no more than 4 absences. (Exceptions may be made)
* Have no more than 6 tardies.
* Have completed 80% of assignments and taken all tests.

**Cheating/Plagiarism**

Cheating and plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated. A student who copies another student’s work or who cheats on quizzes or test will get a 0 for that particular assignment or exam. Students giving work to others to copy, or who allow others to copy on quizzes or tests are equally guilty of cheating.

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Please have your parents read over the syllabus and the statement below. Return the bottom portion with your parent’s signature.

I have read over the syllabus for Forensics. I understand the Grading Policy, Late Work Policy, Make-Up Work Policy, and Cheating/Plagiarism Policy

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_