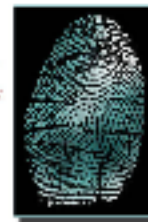


Forensic Science



GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Welcome to the Logan High School Crime Unit. The goals, expectations and assignments are different from your average science course. During the course of the year you will be trained in crime scene investigation techniques including but not limited to: crime scene procedures/basics, digital photography, observations, trace evidence (glass, fiber, hair, soil), impression evidence (tire prints, tool marks, lip prints, footprints, fingerprints) DNA/molecular forensics, document analysis, blood analysis, toxicology, anthropology, pathology, ballistics and profiling. There will be a number of mock crime scene challenges and competitions for you to test your skill. This class is **ACTIVITY BASED**, therefore your attendance is REQUIRED.

EVALUATION

Your evaluation/grade and continued participation in the forensic science course is based on:

Lab Skills/Assignments = 35%

Homework, class work assignments, labs, lab notebook, projects, reports, case studies/articles and crime scene write ups.

Academics = 40%

Quizzes, lab practicals, exams, crime scene investigations, projects and outside reading.

Attendance = 5%

Attendance & participation is mandatory! You can't learn if you're not here. Tardies will affect your grade.

Final & Lab Practical = 20%

A omprehensive written final exam and competition based lab practical at the end of each semester.

Cut Here

Students in the Forensic Science course will have opportunities not available to others. It requires a commitment from the students and the adults in his or her life. Because it is often hard to control the timing of experiments occasionally students will be expected to be in the lab at unscheduled times.

I understand the expectations and commitment required in Forensic Science.

Student

Parent/Guardian

Print Name _____

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

DAILY LABORATORY AND CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

By now you have been in school for 11+ years.....you know generally what is expected in a class. Here are a few rules specific to this class however.

1. Follow the directions of the instructor/supervisor the **first time**. If you do not understand, ASK!
2. Everyone is expected to use all equipment safely, correctly, and as directed. No unauthorized experiments are allowed. Ask if you want to try something new
3. Everyone is expected to respect the rights of others to learn and work.
4. Everyone is expected to **participate** in all lab work, crime scenes and discussions.
5. You are expected to clean your work area and help maintain common work areas. Teacher will dismiss class when everything is clean and returned
6. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to makeup the work/time in the required time period (1 week).

OUTSIDE FEES/COSTS

Students will incur outside fees to participate in certain activities. Multiple field trips and possible competitions at other schools all have additional charges attached to them. Fund raising opportunities are available and will occur throughout the school year. Donations are gladly accepted. Every student is asked to help fundraise to participate in these events. Latex Gloves, lunch fees and T-shirts have a fee associated with them as well. **Each student will need a box of gloves in their size.** Fundraising is not available for these items

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Students are responsible for their own actions. Failure to comply with lab safety procedures will result in their suspension from classroom activities. Also, students will be working with equipment that is very costly (from \$100 to \$15,000). Damage caused due to negligence on the student's part will result in a fee to replace the damaged part/item.



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MAKE UP WORK POLICY

Homework & Classwork: It is the student's responsibility to find out what they missed if absent. Assignments must be completed and turned in within one week of their return. All missed labs must be made up.

Test & Quizzes: Students have one week from the test date to make up any missed tests or quizzes with an excused absence. You must arrange a time to make up the test or quiz **ON YOUR OWN TIME** (NOT DURING CLASS). Failure to make up a test or not show up to the appointment will result in a zero.

Crime Scene Comps: No makeups are available for missed crime scene competitions. **A zero grade will result for a missed crime scene investigation**

Latework: Latework will only be accepted up to the day of the exam and is only worth 25% of the actual score. For example, a 20 point assignment is only worth 5 points late.

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR WORK

- Binder (for non-lab worksheets)
- Dividers (10 to start)
- Blue/Black Pens
- Pencils/Erasers
- Calculator
- Latex Gloves (see outside fees/costs)

SPECIAL ABSENCES

Independent Study:

It is very difficult to do this. Notify me at least 2 weeks in advance for a special project to complete.

Final Exam/Competition Absences: A zero will be given if you do not attend the final exam or the competition lab practical. If necessary, written approval from your House Principal must be obtained before the written final exam is issued if it must be missed. No make ups for the competition practicals are offered.

ADDITIONAL CLASS TIME

There will be times when you will need to come into class during non class hours (before school, lunch, afterschool) to finish experiments, work on competition analysis, prep for competitions, finish reports etc. Just be aware!

ELECTRONIC/PERSONAL ITEMS

Keep all electronic items OFF and out of sight. Make sure your cell phones and ipods are "OFF" and AWAY

Comments/Questions or Concerns that you may have:

What are you interested in?

Why did you sign up for this course?

Signature

TEXTBOOK

You may be issued a book. It is worth \$150. Dont lose it or damage it or you will be charged. Keep it at HOME on a book shelf!

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Please give at least two weeks notice . Make sure to include any info. I may need to complete the letter along with the due date.

EXTRA CREDIT

Students will **NOT** be given extra credit projects to make up for incomplete or missing work. Students are expected to maintain a passing grade in this class without extra credit.

PROFESSIONALISM

You are expected to be professional and respectful at all times. Due to the nature of this course unprofessional behavior, may result in removal from the course.

NEED HELP?

Forensic Science builds on each unit, so if you don't understand something **ASK!!** Talk to your group or make arrangements to speak to Ms. Panico. This is a skill based class so practice!

PARENT CONTACT

Grades are posted by ID number in my classroom, so students are able to keep track of their grade. For parents, I send home progress reports to let the parents know how their student is doing. Please sign the progress report and have the student return it to me.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me either by:

Phone: (510) 471-2520

Email: epanico@nhusd.k12.ca.us

I look forward to a fun and enjoyable year!

CLASS DISCLAIMER

Please note that for this class all information set forth in mock crime scenes is the truth....however, upon leaving the class, all such information is to be ruled invalid and nothing more than an unsubstantiated rumor!

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS