

Forensics - Class Syllabus

Azle High School – Room E28

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Course Description:

Forensic Science is a laboratory-based science class designed for students who are interested in forensic science. The purpose of this course is for students to gain experience in the major investigative techniques currently used by forensic scientists and crime scene investigators, and to develop an understanding of the scientific concepts, which serve as the basis for these techniques.

Contact Information:

I will send regular class updates via Parent Link and Remind 101. Both parents and students can join by texting @bnegative to 81010. Please feel free to e-mail me any time: bcastleberry@azleisd.net or bcastleberry@g.azleisd.net

Tutorials:

I will be available after school from 4:00-4:30 pm on Wednesday unless I have a prior engagement. Please make an appointment with me for the other days of the week.

Grading Breakdown:

1. Daily Grades 60% - minimum 12 grades
2. Major Grades/Assessments 40% - minimum 3 grades
3. CBA will count as an additional test grade when we have them

Class Materials:

- **You must bring your Chromebook to class every day (and charger, and headphones)**
- A folder or binder to keep all Notes unless going to keep up with and E-binder Pencil or pen

Class Rules:

1. Respect your teacher and your classmates.
2. Do not disrupt anyone else's learning.
3. The student will be actively listening when the teacher is talking.
4. You are responsible for your own actions.
5. Furthermore, academic dishonesty, inappropriate language, or bullying will not be tolerated.
6. No electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, iPads, headphones, etc.) may be used, in addition to no food may be eaten during class, unless authorized by teacher.

^*Students will be informed if any rules are added or changed during the year

Policies and Procedures:

- LABS: Safety rules must be adhered to, no exceptions. You are responsible for payment of anything you break or damage through careless attitudes and actions. Quiz grades and test grades are assigned depending on the complexity of the lab. If you miss a lab, you may be able to come in and complete the lab or view a video of the lab, or an alternate assignment may be given. This will depend on the nature of the lab.
- CANVAS: We will be using the Canvas Learning Management System to relay information and complete some assignments. To access Canvas, visit azle.instructure.com. We will use other online resources as well so be prepared with your Chromebook each class.
- Late Work: Students are expected to turn in their work on time. I will accept late work up until we have tested over the unit, **HOWEVER students who turn in work that is already graded need to send me and email so that I know to regrade their assignment.**
- Make-up Work: It is the *student's responsibility* to inquire about what notes, class work, assignments, etc. they have missed when they were absent with an excuse for any reason. Missed tests will require you to make an appointment to come in before/after school during tutorials or at lunch.
- Retesting Policy: I offer quiz and test corrections for one week after a quiz or test was taken in class. The student must complete corrections in tutorials, or retake it.
- o Academic Dishonesty: Plagiarism or cheating will not be tolerated. A student who plagiarizes/cheats on any work for class (i.e., student copies answers from another student's work, student attempts to submit another's work or ideas as their own, etc.) will be given a zero on the assignment as well as an automatic detention. Moreover, their parent(s) will be notified.

Student Success:

I am very interested in the success of every student. If you are having trouble with a particular assignment or concept, please do not hesitate to seek help from me. I am available for additional help during tutorial hours, and also before and after school by appointment.

In closing, remember that all grades are *earned* by you, the student.

Thank you,

Brandi Castleberry