

**FORENSICS**  
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**Course Description**

This course is designed to introduce you to the world of forensic science. In this class, you will explore the scientific aspects of criminal investigations. Topics will include evaluating evidence, fingerprints and hair and fiber analysis, blood and toxicology, bones and DNA, and other topics as time allows.

**Required Materials**

- Lined paper, graph paper, pencils, pens, calculator
- Notebook for notes, handouts, graded papers
- Extra credit: classroom supplies

**Expectations**

- Always focus on safety
- Behave respectfully at all times
- Come to class prepared, on time, and ready to work and learn
- Take responsibility for your own academic success by working for it
- Cell phones are a tool, not a distraction
- NO FOOD IN THE CLASSROOM

**Academic Dishonesty**

Don't cheat! Dishonesty and plagiarism will result in a 0 on the assignment or test, a student/teacher conference, parent communication, and discipline from administration in accordance with school policy. During tests, cell phones will not be allowed as calculators. There will be no hall passes during a test.

**Electronic resources**

I will maintain a website for this class: [www.lieferscience.weebly.com](http://www.lieferscience.weebly.com). Check this site for homework assignments, due dates, quiz and test dates, extra practice, class announcements, and web links. If you are absent, you can see what you missed in class on this site.

**Communication**

The best way to reach me is by email. I will do my best to respond promptly. I frequently email students and parents with class announcements and important due dates. Test and quiz retake deadlines will be posted on Infinite Campus.

## Grading

Based upon the percentage grade, a letter grade will be assigned as follows:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage Range</u>
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69

Term grades will be weighted according to the following:

Labs, projects, and activities	50%
Tests and quizzes	40%
Homework and classwork	10%

## Tardies, Attendance, and Make-ups

**Attendance is vital to passing this class!** Poor attendance will drastically affect your grade. It is your responsibility to obtain **all** missed work from an excused absence, including labs, in a timely manner. Students absent for an extended period must make special arrangements with me to compensate for the missed work. Makeup work must be obtained before class or during advisement, NOT during class time. Unexcused absences and tardies will be handled according to school policy. Our final exam is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> pd) and October 4<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> pd).

## Additional information

You have the opportunity to **retake any test or quiz** if you are not satisfied with your grade. You will need two days for each test: one day to review your old test and another day to take a different version of the test. You have two weeks to retake tests and quizzes after they have been passed back. The retake grade will be entered into the grade book, even if you score lower. Make sure you're prepared! You may also make corrections on your labs and homework for half points back.

Daily practice, review, and enrichment are essential to success in this course. Keep your work in your binder for future reference. Class work ranges in structure from warm ups and note-taking to group and independent work. You will receive one class work grade for every week of warm ups. There is NO deduction for excused absences as long as you make up the missing warm ups. If you are absent, email me and I will send you that day's warm up. Unexcused tardies and absences as well as not completing this work will result in no credit for that day. Late work will result in a 25% deduction for each day overdue.

Safety is a main concern during all activities and labs. Removal from the lab for any reason will result in a score of 0% for that lab activity or report and parent contact.

## Office Hours

This year I teach at CV for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> periods only. I will be available during advisement for assistance and retakes. I can often be found in the VPA office, room 2400, or room 8200.

### SIGN AND RETURN

I have read the forensics syllabus. I understand all the policies therein and agree to abide by them.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_