



FORENSIC SCIENCE SYLLABUS

Hephzibah High School

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Tutorial Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday with **one week advance notice** by appointment
ONLY

Virtual and/or Face to Face

Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to Forensic Science at Hephzibah High School! We are very excited to engage you in forensics—the application of science for solving crimes. This is a course rich in exploration and lab investigation which applies many disciplines of scientific study such as biology/anatomy, chemistry, and physics to solving crimes.

I believe your experience in forensic science will be one to remember—the cases are fascinating, the labs engaging, and the content a satisfying application of all sciences studied up to this point. Plan to actively participate in class, complete all assignments thoughtfully and on time, and to study regularly outside of class.

I. Materials Required:

- 1) Face Mask
- 2) Composition book
- 3) Pen or Pencil (enough for the semester)
- 4) Loose leaf paper (enough for the semester)
- 5) Paper folder
- 6) Glue sticks (enough for the semester)
- 7) Crayons/Coloring Pencils
- 8) Dry Erase Markers
- 9) Scissors
- 10) Earbuds/Headphones compatible with Hp Chromebooks
- 11) Posters

Materials Recommended (kept with the student)

- 1) Hand sanitizer
- 2) Disinfectant Spray/Wipes

II. Course Content Standards

SFS1. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to properly conduct a forensic investigation of a crime scene.

SFS2. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information on various scientific techniques to analyze physical, trace, and digital evidence.

SFS3. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information relating to biological evidence in forensic investigations.

SFS4. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to analyze the role of impression evidence in order to make a physical match examination.

SFS5. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to Medicolegal Death Investigations.

III. Grading System:

Student grades will be recorded in the district mandated on-line portal, Infinite Campus



. Please see a counselor to obtain login information.

Grades will be weighted as follows:

Formative Assignments **35%**

i.e. Classwork, labs, and quizzes

Summative Assignments **40%**

i.e. Tests and/or unit projects, cumulatives

Other Assignments **25%**

i.e. Homework



IV. Classroom Expectations

Expectations: All students are expected to follow the rules of the classroom. The rules are posted in the room as a gentle reminder of how you are expected to behave in the classroom. In the event that you decide not to follow the rules, corrective action will be taken.

1. Come to class ready to learn & Remain **ACTIVE** throughout
2. Be ready to work as soon the bell rings.
3. Bring all materials needed to class—notebooks, pencils/pens, homework, etc.
4. **Refrain from** grooming in class--brushing/combing hair, lotion, nails, applying makeup, etc.
5. Food/candy/snacks/drinks of any kind are allowed **ONLY** in the cafeteria **NOT** in 127.
6. Be responsible for getting the work missed due to **excused** absences. **SEE Ms. Sullivan.**
7. **RESPECT** others and their property—the school's, student's, and teacher's.—**If it is not yours, please leave it alone.**
8. **Stay awake** in class. If you insist upon **sleeping** after several warnings, your parents will be notified.

Corrective Actions: All corrective actions taken will be documented in Educators Handbook and on paper

First Offense—Student Teacher Conference and Parent Contact

Second Offense—Student Teacher Conference and Parent Contact

Third Offense—Office Referral

This will be followed unless *otherwise requiring an immediate referral*.

V. Student Success:

I am very interested in the success of every student. If you are having trouble with a particular assignment or concept, do not hesitate to seek help from me. I am available for extra help during tutorial hours by appointment. Students and parents are encouraged to also use email to contact me at sullibr1@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us or 706-592-3722.

VI. Field Trips

Participation in field trips and/or any off campus activity will be based on academic performance, attendance, and behavior. Parents will be notified prior to.

VII. Policies & Procedures:

i. ATTENDANCE:

In order to succeed in this class a student **MUST** be present whether virtual or face to face. After returning from an absence, it is the student's responsibility to retrieve the assignments and the notes missed when absent for any reason.

Make-up work will only be addressed during independent work time during class. Students must see Ms.Sullivan during tutorial hours or by appointment to receive any assistance with make-up work. Remember: STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING UP ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND NOTES MISSED DUE TO AN ABSENCE FOR ANY REASON.

ii. TARDINESS:

Tardy students will not be admitted into the classroom without an excuse from the front office. A student is considered tardy if they are not inside of the classroom when the tardy bell rings. **Loitering in the hallway or at the classroom door until the bell rings is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.**

iii. MAKE-UP WORK:

It is the student's responsibility to inquire about what assignments, notes, and class work they have missed when they are absent. **Work turned in after the due date will be graded for reduced credit. As a general rule, a three (3)**

day window is given to complete missed assignments upon return to school. Make-up work will only be addressed during independent work time during class. Students must see Ms. Sullivan during tutorial hours by appointment to receive any assistance with make-up work.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Do your own work. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. While it is expected that students will discuss homework and classwork assignments, a student should never submit another person's work or ideas as their own. This also includes copying from the internet. Quizzes, tests, and exams are always individual assignments and are never collaborative.

If a student is observed copying answers from another student's completed work or attempts to submit another's work or ideas as their own, then a grade of "0" will be assigned.

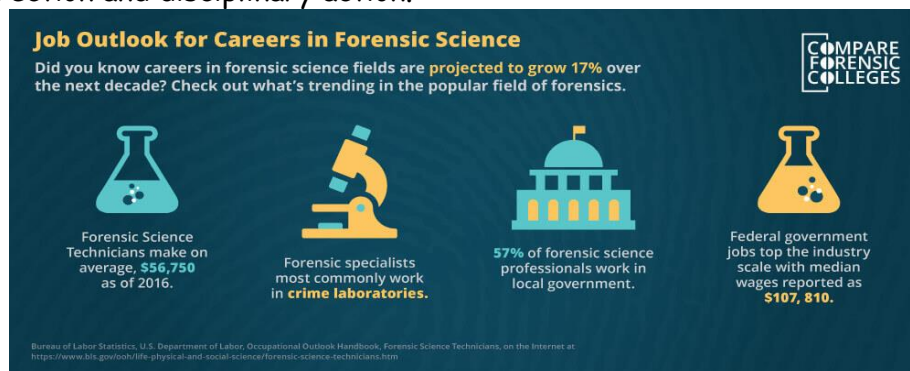
V. DO NOT BRING TO CLASS:

The following items are strictly forbidden in the classroom. If they are observed during class time, they will be confiscated from the student, and kept until the end of the day.

- Hats
- **FOOD**
- Drinks other than water
- Any item deemed to interfere with instruction

iv. CLASSROOM CONDUCT:

It is necessary for all students to present themselves in a mature and appropriate manner that creates the best learning environment for everybody. Students must maintain respect for themselves, other students, the instructor, and our community at all times. Inappropriate behavior will result in the involvement of the student's parent/guardian and the school administration to aid in both correction and disciplinary action.



PARENT/STUDENT SYLLABUS FORM SIGNATURE PAGE

A Note to Parents & Guardians:

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns you have regarding your child's success. The best way to contact us is via email. My school email address is: **sullibr1@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us**. Likewise, I will not hesitate to contact you if I think that it is necessary. If you do not use email, you may leave a message for me by contacting the Hephzibah High School main office at 706-592-3722, or schedule a conference with me through your child's counselor.

Due to the nature of the course, there may be some instances where the topics discussed are more graphic than in other courses. If you feel that you or your student might have a problem with any potential topics please contact me to discuss possible solutions. Also, as this is an upper level elective designed for juniors or seniors going on to college, the workload will be aimed at preparing them for this. They will complete several labs and projects that will require them to research, investigate, write and read.

Media literacy is a vital component of this course and that some of the video clips shown/television shows analyzed will involve dramatic representations of criminal acts, crime scenes, and their investigation. In accordance with RCBOE policy, no R rated clips or movies will be shown at any time. I give permission for my child to watch the clips presented during class. Teamwork is vital to not only my success, but to that of my peers. As such, I commit to being a valuable and contributing member of my team. It is permissible to photograph the student referenced in this syllabus during curricular activities for posting on the course website, power-points, etc. The student will not be identified in any way (including his or her name).



We, the undersigned, have read and fully understand the guidelines for Ms. Sullivan's Forensic Science course. I agree to abide by these guidelines, and all school policies throughout the school year.

Student Signature & Date

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date

(TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN)

Best Contact Phone Number: _____

Email: _____