**Forensics Course Syllabus**

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**Course Description:** Students in the semester-long Forensic Science course continue to develop knowledge in the core disciplinary ideas described in the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) including science as inquiry. The course will introduce students to the scientific methodologies used in forensic investigations.

**Text**: Forensic Science- An Introduction, Prentice Hall c.2006

**Course Materials**: Textbook, 3-ring binder, Dividers, Paper, Pencils, Pens, Colored Pencils.

**Concepts and Competencies:**

Topics covered include…

Unit 1: Criminalistics, Crime Scene, and Physical Evidence (3 weeks)

Unit 2: Properties of Matter and Chemicals (3 weeks)

Unit 3: Forensic Science Research and Tools (3 weeks)

Unit 4: Trace Evidence and Fires/Explosions (6 weeks)

Unit 5: Documents and Electronics (3 weeks)

**Assessments:** Students will be assessed on class work, quizzes, tests, labs, class participation and homework.

**Classroom Rules and Expectations:**

1. Be respectful toward others and the learning environment. Cell phones and food are not permitted in class.
2. Use school appropriate language, voice, and timing. Off-task conversation should be kept to a minimum.
3. Be prepared and in your seat when the bell rings.
4. Raise your hand and wait to be called on.
5. Turn in assignments on-time for full credit. Late assignments will receive 50% of points earned. Late work will not be accepted the week prior to the end of the quarter.
6. Make-up work is due within 3 days of your return to class.
7. Follow all required laboratory safety procedures and technology rules.
8. Remain seated until dismissed.

Failure to follow classroom rules and expectations will result in a phone call to your guardian, teacher detention, administrative detention, or removal from class.

I have read the above classroom rules, requirements, and expectations.

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