



## Honors Forensics 2018-2019

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### Course Description

Forensic science is a comprehensive science course. It includes applications from all the major science courses including; chemistry, physics, geology, and biology within the context of criminal justice.

### Units Covered

- Crime Scene Analysis
- DNA
- Blood Spatter
- Hair/Fiber
- Fingerprinting
- Document Analysis
- Ballistics & Firearm
- Other Impressions
- Arson & Explosives
- Toxicology
- Pathology
- Anthropology

### Materials

#### Needed:

- Pens and/or Pencils
- Highlighter
- 2" Binder & 12 Dividers

#### Optional:

- Colored pencils
- Calculator
- Protractor
- Ruler

#### Class Donation:

- Copy paper (for student use)
- Box of tissues
- Bottle of hand sanitizer

### Grading

Test 70%  
Quizzes 20%  
Assignments 10%

-Assignments are both homework and in class assignments.

### Homework

Assignments are chosen to reinforce and extend concepts covered in class.  
Homework is due at the beginning of class for full credit!

### Late Assignments

1 day late=**80%**, 2 days late=**70%**, 2+ days late= **50%**  
Assignments will be accepted until the end of each quarter.

### Rules and Expectations

**"You are free to choose but you are not free from consequences."**

- Arrive to class on time and be ready to work every day.
- Do your own work/NO CHEATING!
- No phones during lecture/notes
- No eating in class
- Dispose of trash and clean up after class
- Be respectful
- Do not interfere with my teaching and others' learning

## Attendance

Students are expected to be at school each day and on time. Students who miss more than 10 days per course will be required to complete recovery or receive a grade of "F" for the semester.

Students are responsible for making sure they obtain any missing assignments and arrange a date to turn in missing work. Arrangements must be made within 5 days of the absence.

Late policy: If you are more than 1/2 the class period late, you will be marked absent as/per CMS rules. If you have more than 1 late in a week, you will be required to make up the missed time during your lunch or after school.

## Assessment

Assessment will mainly be tests. Tests are given for each unit and on no particular day. Unit assessments will be primarily open-ended application based tests.

If students achieves a **grade lower than an 80%** on the test, they may **retake**. The highest grade a student may receive on a retake is an **79%(C)**.

\*Quizzes may not be **retaken** and will given on no particular day.

## Tutoring

Tutoring will be available Mondays 2:30-3:15  
Students are expected to come ready with questions.

### Google Classroom:

1<sup>st</sup> Block: **9c77ezd**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Block: **xw1cbc9**

## Contact

The best way to contact me is through email. I will return all emails within 24 hrs.

**dawn.snyder@cms.k12.nc.us**

Also, please make sure that the school has all updated phone numbers in case of an emergency.

Parents/Guardians,

Forensics is a new elective class that we are excited to be teaching and hopefully your child is excited to be taking! The best way that you can help your child is by making sure that their binders are organized and by asking them questions. We will also be using Google Classroom this year. I am always available by email if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Snyder