

Textbook:

Forensic Science by Richard Saferstein (replacement cost \$130.00). A classroom set is used. Students can check out a textbook upon request.

Reading in the Curriculum Area:

As part of our content standards, we will be reading a number of various case studies, autopsy reports, current event articles, and other literacy materials.

Expectations:

Be on time to class:

Do not be tardy to class without a note.

If you are home sick, let me know. If you know you will be absent, let me know ahead of time.

Be ready to learn:

Turn in your assignments on time.

Do your best to remain on task and an active participant in class.

Make good choices:

Show respect to yourself and your classmates.

Follow the dress code and the appropriate rules for the lab.

If students do not meet the class expectations, the teacher will follow the course of action below:

1st Offense – Teacher/Student Conference

2nd Offense – Parent Contact/Teacher Detention

3rd Offense – Referral to Administration

Cell Phone Policy:

Cell phones will not be allowed in the classroom, except for educational purposes.

Lab Rules:

You must follow all of the regulations provided to you in the lab rules as well as any additional rules either written or verbal. It is important that you follow my instructions at all times during lab. This is not to hinder your creativity, but rather to keep you alive and non-disfigured. If you do not follow lab rules, you can be excused from lab and given a grade of zero (0) for that lab.

Absences:

You are always responsible for any material that you miss for any reason of absence. Although most information will be available to you through my google classroom, it is good practice for you to still check with me regarding your absence. It is in your best interest to get your assignments turned in ahead of any upcoming absences.

Grading:

You will have the opportunity to earn the grade you chose to have. What you make in this class is up to you.

Tests are worth 35%

Labs and Projects are worth 25%

Classwork, quizzes, daily grades are worth 20%.

Benchmarks (9 weeks exams) are worth 20%

Tutoring:

There may be times when you need clarification on content, grades or expectations. If that applies to you at any time during the course of this year, please email me (bhayes@tcjackets.net). If your concerns cannot be addressed via an email at that time, we can schedule a time to meet in person or virtually. To guarantee that I will be available for you, please schedule a time with me at least 24 hours in advance so I can clear my schedule and meet with you.

Communication:

I ask that you come to me, first, whenever there is something that needs to be handled. Give me an opportunity to fix the situation, grade, misunderstanding, etc. If we cannot fix it together, we will go to the next step, together. If you have a situation that you feel makes an exception to my cell phone policy, grading policy, or anything else that you need to discuss with me, please reach out to me. We are going to do this together!

“In the spirit of science, there really is no such thing as a ‘failed experiment.’ Any test that yields valid data is a valid test.”

-Adam Savage, *Mythbusters*