

PALMER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Forensic Science

IGNITE, ENGAGE, ENCOURAGE, AND EXPECT
EXCELLENCE

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Office Location: Neighborhood B
Classroom: A-1304
Availability: before and after school

Required Materials:

- Colored pencils/ Pencil sharpener
- Graph Paper
- Metric ruler
- 3-ring binder
- 1 box of Kleenex



It was the break they had been waiting for: prints left behind at the scene of the crime.

Grading:

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| ▪ Homework | 25% |
| ▪ Labs/Cases | 30% |
| ▪ Assessments | 45% |

Fee: \$30.00 Class fee is paid to Palmer Ridge High School but given to the teacher; receipt of payment will be given to student.

Course Objectives: Forensic science is the application of basic chemical, physical and biological scientific principles and technological practices. Students will apply such scientific disciplines to various cases, discussions, and processes involved in executing solid forensic techniques. Students will also be able to discern the quality and effect of popular culture on the judicial system and forensic science as a whole.

Pre-requisites: The prior successful completion of general biology and general chemistry is necessary for student success in the course.

Assignments: Assignments are due at the beginning of class and are considered late once the bell has rung. Missing or late work is the responsibility of the student. All laboratories and/or cases are available on my staff page and need to be printed by the student prior to class. Students should make arrangements in advance to accommodate for any technological difficulties that may arise. Work received after the due date because of technological difficulties will be considered late.

There is NO extra credit.

Grading Policy: Grades will be updated at minimum every three weeks for athletic eligibility.

The teacher reserves the right to amend or adjust the content and policies at anytime. Prior notification will be given to students. It is the student's responsibility to discuss the changes with their parent/guardian.

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Late Policy: Late assignments (homework, laboratories, quizzes, and exams) will be accepted at 50% credit for **two weeks** after the due date after which time all missing and/or late assignments will receive zero credit.

Absences: Absences will be handled according to Palmer Ridge Policy as outlined in the student handbook. It is the responsibility of students to communicate with the teacher regarding all absences. Students who fail to communicate will operate under the late policy.

Classroom Behavior: Talking during a lecture, sleeping, misuse of class or lab/case materials or distracting classmates will simply not be tolerated. Students who cannot handle being in the classroom will be removed.

In addition:

Food and Drink: Only covered water bottles will be allowed in the class portion of the room. No other drink will be allowed.

ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD!

Electronic Devices: No electronic devices (cell phones, iPods) may be used at anytime during class unless teacher instigated. If a student has an electronic device out it will be confiscated and returned to the student after school.

Dishonesty: Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in no credit for the assignment, exam, quiz or lab. Parents/guardians will be notified immediately and further action may be taken.



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