

Chester County High School

Course Syllabus

Course Code 5989: Criminal Justice 3

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Course Resources:

Forensic Science (textbook)

Notebook with Pen and Paper

Computers Provided by School

Course Description

Criminal Justice III: Investigations is the final course designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills to be successful in the sciences of criminal investigations. Students will learn terminology and investigation skills related to the crime scene, aspects of criminal behavior, and applications of the scientific inquiry to solve crimes. By utilizing the scientific inquiry method, students will obtain and analyze evidence through simulated crime scenes and evaluation of case studies. Upon completion of this course, proficient students will be able to identify careers forensic science and criminology, summarize the laws that govern the application of forensic science, and draw key connections between the history of the forensic science system and the modern legal system. Standards in this course are aligned with Tennessee State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in Technical Subjects and Tennessee State Standards in Mathematics.*

	Course Standards Topics
<p>Goal:</p> <p><i>To provide an environment where students can prepare for work related web design skills for advancement into postsecondary education and industry.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scope and Development of Forensic Science ➤ Career Planning ➤ Elements of Investigation ➤ Physical Evidence Analysis
<p>Grading Policy:</p>	<p>Projects 30%</p> <p>Classroom participation 10%</p> <p>Tests 50%</p>
<p>Attendance Policy:</p>	<p>In order to be successful in this class, students must complete assignments and study for tests. If assignments are turned in late due to an EXCUSED absence, they must be turned in within five days of the absence. Failure to meet the school designated time limit will result in a zero. Assignments missed as a result of an unexcused absence will result in a zero.</p>
<p>Semester Test Policy:</p>	

<p>*End of semester testing policies have been altered recently by BOE, however, end of course finals and/or projects will be administered in this classroom.</p>	<p>*Students with any unexcused absences in a course are required to take the semester exam. The Semester Exam and or "End of course Finals" count as 15% of the semester grade.</p>
<p>Plagiarism/Academic Dishonesty Policy:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plagiarism and academic dishonesty are serious offenses. The academic work of a student is expected to be his/her own effort. Students must give the author (s) credit for any source material used. ○ Students must not copy another student's work electronically and present it as their own. A grade of Zero will be given and will be reported to the administration.
<p>Writing Component:</p>	<p>Students will utilize their writing skills by completing "Great Start"/Bell Ringer Activities, writing portfolio pieces, open responses, on-demands and responses to "essential questions". Other writing components may be added as deemed necessary.</p> <p>*Participation grades will be taken as student reflections and sharing are a necessary component of gauging learned practices.</p>
<p>General Classroom Rules:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be Prompt ○ Be Prepared ○ Be Respectful ○ Absolutely No Alterations Made to the Computer Settings ○ Absolutely No Gum Food, Candy or drinks are allowed into the Computer Lab
<p>General Procedures:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be on time and in assigned seat when the tardy bell rings ○ Abide by the Acceptable Use Policy and Media Policy as outlined in the county wide contract
<p>General Consequences:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Verbal Warning ○ Teacher/Student Conference ○ Parent Contact ○ Office Referral <p>*Breaching the A.U.P/Media Policy are automatic office referrals as well as severe acts of violent actions.</p>