

WELCOME TO Mrs. Williams' Forensics

About Me

My Name is Mrs. Williams, and I will be your Biology teacher this year. I went to Georgia College, but love the Georgia Bulldogs! I have two pups, Piper and Willow, and a baby girl, 5 months old. I can't wait to have you in Biology!

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Welcome to Cartersville High School Science!

I hope you will find Forensics to be both rewarding and fun! Here is a list of the Units we will cover throughout the year:

- Introduction to Forensics: Crime scene, evidence, and law
- Death: What can we learn from dead bodies, anthropology, and entomology
- Fingerprints and Question Documents
- ballistics and arson investigation
- Hair, fibers, toxicology
- Serology, and DNA

Homework and Class Assignments

Homework is whatever assignments you were not able to complete in class, and normally no more than two homework assignments will be given throughout the unit. All assignments will be due the Friday after they were given to you unless otherwise specified. Extra time may be given if discussed with me prior to the due date of the assignment. If the assignment is late it will be -10 points each day. After, 5 days the most an assignment can receive is a 50. Labs will normally be worth two class grades and are extremely important to make up after school or during FAB. Test will also need to be made up before or after school with me.

All assignments, powerpoints, information, and due dates are located in Schoology under my Padlet. All students have access and utilize this resource everyday. There is also an "extra resources" section for extra assistance, as well as, study hall every Tuesday and Thursday. I am always here to help you succeed! Please reach out if you ever have any questions or concerns!

Grading Policy

- **60%:** Summative assessments: Test and Projects
- **40%: Formative assessments:** quizzes, daily grades, Notebook checks (Bell Ringers and TOD)
(The above grades make up 90% of your overall grade)
- **10%:** Final exam

Additional Class Information

Classroom Rules:

1. Work hard to ALWAYS try your best!
2. Plagiarism will NOT be tolerated. This means no copy and pasting, copied assignments, or AI. A 0 will be given.
3. Be on time everyday. If the bell rings and you are not in the classroom you will need a late pass.
4. Enter & exit the classroom prepared.
5. Do not distract other students.
6. Cell phones and headphones will not be allowed in class (please see school cell phone policy). Phones will be placed in cellphone pouch daily.
 - **NO** disrespect will be tolerated in this class to you, me, or other students
 - I will hold after school days at least once a month to make up any test and work with students with any questions. Tutoring is also offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the science department.
 - Students are allowed to go to the bathroom during independent work time, but not during instruction. Students can also not go the first or last 15 minutes of each class (school policy).
 - Disrupting class will result in a verbal warning, then a call home, and then an office referral.
 - Students are allowed three minor infractions before an office referral is submitted.
 - To acknowledge your exceptional behavior students will be given tickets to Will-Mart. A reward system located in my classroom.

***This semester we are expecting classroom visitors such as a crime scene specialist, arson investigator with arson investigation dog, and forensic anthropologist. We also look over cases relative to Cartersville, examine death in our second unit, and watch videos, documentaries, and other film relevant to forensic investigation. PLEASE let me know of any accommodations you or your child may need:**

Accommodations:

Please sign below to indicate that you have read and reviewed the class expectations and overview in this syllabus.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Guardian Name: _____

Guardian Email: _____

Guardian Phone: _____

Preferred form of contact: _____