



Course Description:

Forensic Science is a course that introduces students to the application of science to connect a violation of law to a specific criminal, criminal act, or behavior and victim. Students will learn terminology and procedures related to the search and examination of physical evidence in criminal cases as they are performed in a typical crime laboratory. Using scientific methods, students will collect and analyze evidence such as fingerprints, bodily fluids, hairs, fibers, paint, glass, and cartridge cases. Students will also learn the history and the legal aspects as they relate to each discipline of forensic science. TEKS for this course are currently in the revision stage with new implementation beginning in 2023. Updates to this document will occur in 2022.

Grading Periods	Unit Names
Grading Period 1	<i>Processes of Forensic Science Investigations Unit 1: The Role of Forensic Science in the Criminal Justice System Unit 2: Searching and Documenting a Crime Scene Unit 3: Collecting and Processing Crime Scene Evidence</i>
Grading Period 2	<i>Unit 3: Collecting and Processing Crime Scene Evidence, cont. Unit 4: Glass and Paint Evidence Analysis Unit 5: Hair, Fiber, and Textile Evidence Analysis</i>
Grading Period 3	<i>Unit 6: Fingerprints Unit 7: Impressions and Tool Marks</i>
Grading Period 4	<i>Unit 8: Firearms and Ballistics Unit 9: Counterfeiting, Forgery, and Handwriting Analysis Unit 10: Serology and Blood Analysis</i>
Grading Period 5	<i>Unit 10: Serology and Blood Analysis, cont. Unit 11: DNA Analysis Unit 12: Toxicology, Drugs, and Alcohol</i>
Grading Period 6	<i>Unit 13: Death Investigations Unit 14: Anthropology</i>