

Forensics

Course Compendium

This course provides students an introduction to the science of forensics. Students explore concepts through a variety of laboratory investigations. Topics of study include DNA analysis, crime, anthropology, comparative skeletal anatomy, blood composition and behavior, entomology as it relates to crime solving, genetics, odontology, and pathology. Warning: crime scene images and descriptions may be graphic in nature.

UNITS OF STUDY*

Unit 1- Evidence Tells the Story of the Crime

Unit 2- Human Remains Provide Details

Unit 3-The Time and Location of Death Can Be Determined

Unit 4- Toxicological Analysis

Unit 5- Psychological Analysis

Unit 6- DNA Testing in Identification

Unit 7- Forensic Scientists Compare Questions

Unit 8- Analysis of Wound Evidence

Unit 9- A Variety of Scientists Answer Questions

Unit 10- Bodily Fluid and their Relationship to a Crime

INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS -

NJSLS Companion Standards Grades 9-12 (Reading & Writing in Science & Technical Subjects)

NJSLSA.R1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

NJSLSA.R8. Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

RST.11-12.1. Accurately cite strong and thorough evidence from the text to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to precise details for explanations or descriptions.

RST.9-10.3. Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks, attending to special cases or exceptions defined in the text.

RST.11-12.3. Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks; analyze the specific results based on explanations in the text.

RST.11-12.5. Analyze how the text structures information or ideas into categories or hierarchies, demonstrating understanding of the information or ideas.

RST.11-12.7. Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem.

RST.11-12.8. Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.

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RST.11-12.9. Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding

NJSLSA.W1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

NJSLSA.W2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

NJSLSA.W6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

NJSLSA.W7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects, utilizing an inquiry based research process, based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

NJSLSA.W9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

WHST.11-12.1. Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content. .

WHST.11-12.2. Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

21st Century Life and Careers

CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.

CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills

CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.

CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.

CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.

CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies.

CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.

CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence

9.3.ST.2 Use technology to acquire, manipulate, analyze and report data.

9.3.ST.3 Describe and follow safety, health and environmental standards related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workplaces.

9.3.ST.4 Understand the nature and scope of the Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Career Cluster and the role of STEM in society and the economy.

9.3.ST.5 Demonstrate an understanding of the breadth of career opportunities and means to those opportunities in each of the Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Career Pathways.

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9.3.ST-ET.1 Use STEM concepts and processes to solve problems involving design and/or production.

9.3.ST-ET.2 Display and communicate STEM information.

9.3.ST-ET.4 Apply the elements of the design process.

9.3.ST-ET.5 Apply the knowledge learned in STEM to solve problems.

9.3.ST-SM.2 Apply science and mathematics concepts to the development of plans, processes and projects that address real world problems.

9.3.ST-SM.3 Analyze the impact that science and mathematics has on society.

9.3.ST-SM.4 Apply critical thinking skills to review information, explain statistical analysis, and to translate, interpret and summarize research and statistical data.

9.3.HU.1 Evaluate principles of planning, development, implementation and evaluation to accomplish long-range goals in the human services.

Technology

8.1 Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.

A. Technology Operations and Concepts: Students demonstrate a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems and operations.

8.1.12.A.CS1 Understand and use technology systems.

8.1.12.A.CS2 Select and use applications effectively and productively..

E: Research and Information Fluency: Students apply digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information.

8.1.12.E.1 Produce a position statement about a real world problem by developing a systematic plan of investigation with peers and experts synthesizing information from multiple sources.

8.2 Technology Education, Engineering, Design, and Computational Thinking - Programming: All students will develop an understanding of the nature and impact of technology, engineering, technological design, computational thinking and the designed world as they relate to the individual, global society, and the environment

C. Design: The design process is a systematic approach to solving problems.

8.2.12.C.4 Explain and identify interdependent systems and their functions.

E. Computational Thinking: Programming: Computational thinking builds and enhances problem solving, allowing students to move beyond using knowledge to creating knowledge.

8.2.12.E.1 Demonstrate an understanding of the problem-solving capacity of computers in our world.

MODIFICATIONS / ACCOMMODATIONS

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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS

English Language Learners	Students Receiving Special Education Services	Advanced Learners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal glossary - Text-to-speech - Extended time - Simplified / verbal instructions - Frequent breaks <p>WIDA Can Do Descriptors for Grade 9-12 WIDA Essential Actions Handbook FABRIC Paradigm Wall Township ESL Grading Protocol</p> <p>*Use WIDA Can Do Descriptors in coordination with Student Language Portraits (SLPs).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small group/One to one - Additional time - Review of directions - Student restates information - Space for movement or breaks - Extra visual and verbal cues and prompts - Preferential seating - Follow a routine/schedule - Rest breaks - Verbal and visual cues regarding directions and staying on task - Checklists - Immediate feedback <p>Students receiving Special Education programming have specific goals and objectives, as well as accommodations and modifications outlined within their Individualized Education Plans (IEP) due to an identified disability and/or diagnosis. In addition to exposure to the general education curriculum, the instruction is differentiated based upon the student's needs. The IEP acts as a supplemental curriculum guide inclusive of instructional strategies that support each learner.</p> <p>CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. Considerations for Special Education Students 6-12 National Center on Universal Design for Learning - About UDL UDL Checklist UDL Key Terms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of high level academic vocabulary/texts - Problem-based learning - Preassess to condense curriculum - Interest-based research - Authentic problem-solving - Homogeneous grouping opportunities <p>Knowledge and Skill Standards in Gifted Education for All Teachers Pre-K-Grade 12 Gifted Programming Standards Gifted Programming Glossary of Terms</p>
At Risk Learners / Differentiation Strategies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative Assessments Choice Boards Games and Tournaments Group Investigations Learning Contracts Leveled Rubrics Literature Circles Multiple Texts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Research & Projects Multiple Intelligence Options Project-Based Learning Varied Supplemental Activities Varied Journal Prompts Tiered Activities/Assignments Tiered Products Graphic Organizers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jigsaw Think-Tac-Toe Cubing Activities Exploration by Interest Flexible Grouping Goal-Setting with Students Homework Options Open-Ended Activities

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Personal Agendas
Homogeneous Grouping

Choice of Activities
Mini-Workshops to Reteach or Extend
Think-Pair-Share by readiness or interest
Use of Collaboration of Various Activities

Varied Product Choices
Stations/Centers
Work Alone/Together

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