



Nicole Hughes

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT  ALUMNI

CLASSES TAUGHT:

AP Chemistry, AP Physics, Chemistry, Forensic Science and Technology, Biochemistry

ABOUT ME:

My name is Nicole Hughes and I am a BFC alumna. This will be my 16th year at Bishop Foley Catholic. I have a BS in chemistry with an emphasis in biochemistry and a MA in chemistry from Wayne State University. While in graduate school I was working in a fellowship where I worked with the Detroit Public School system and I fell in love with teaching. I left the PhD program to get my teaching certificate from Oakland University. While I have been at Foley I have earned a Masters of Arts in Teaching and an Educational Specialist degree.

GRADING POLICY

I grade on a total points scale, which means that a student's grade is based on the points they earn compared to the points possible. My grades are based on daily homework assignments, quizzes, tests and laboratory work.

HOMEWORK/LATE WORK POLICY

I believe that homework is an opportunity to learn and practice and such my homework is based on participation. Homework can be practice problems, or video lectures. All of the homework assignments are posted on the courses Google Classroom page. Homework is due at 7:30 AM usually. If a student needs more time on an assignment, I encourage them to reach out by email for an extension. No late work is accepted, but points may be earned back if the student reaches out about an assignment they may have missed.

OTHER COURSE INFORMATION

All the courses I teach utilize online books and online homework if the book has a platform to assign it. The one exception is Forensic Science which is mainly a hands on class and has books only used in class. Many times Edpuzzle is used to provide video lectures as homework as well. In Advanced Placement classes we utilize the Mastering program for online homework as well as AP Classroom for practice AP style questions.

HOW CAN A STUDENT SUCCEED IN YOUR CLASS?

I firmly believe in teaching critical thinking and concepts over memorization. I also believe in a growth concept. In keeping with this belief, I believe that homework is practice and grade it accordingly based on effort/completeness in most classes. I encourage students to reach out whenever they are struggling and have an online appointment calendar so they can sign up for extra help. I also emphasize communication and if a student reaches out to me with problems we can usually find a solution that will help them - extension, corrections, etc. I also offer corrections on any failed assessment as a way to grow and gain points back.

BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU/COMMUNICATE

Email is the best way to reach me; phone messages will usually not be returned until the next day. My email is hughes@bishopfoley.org.

Assignments, both homework and in-class, are posted on the class Google Classroom site and parents can accept an invitation to get summaries for my classes.

