POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR GROSS ANATOMY LAB

Mission/Purpose:

The mission of the Gadsden State Gross Anatomy lab is to provide a unique learning experience of the human body for students that are majoring in the health sciences and biology. This includes a course that is dedicated to the dissection and study of the human body in detail and observation by other science courses that are related to the study of the human body.

Maintaining integrity and respect for the cadaver will be of the utmost importance to all instructors and students associated with the gross anatomy lab. No images of the cadaver will be allowed to be made by students out of respect for the individual that donated their body to be studied. Any derogatory, disrespectful, or offensive comments made about the cadaver or the class in general on any social network (Myspace, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) will not be tolerated.

Individuals must meet the following criteria in order to enter the lab:

- Sign release form to enter lab
- Enrolled student in the cadaver dissection course
- Enrolled student in BIO 201 or 202 per instructors request
- Enrolled student in other health science courses per instructors request
- Participant in high school education program for students and teachers
- Approved educational guest

GROSS ANATOMY LAB SAFETY RULES

- **NO CELL PHONES, CAMERAS OR DIGITAL RECORDING DEVICES OF ANY KIND** allowed in the laboratory.
- **NO FOOD AND/OR DRINK** allowed in laboratory.
- **NO VISITORS OR GUESTS** are allowed in the lab without permission of instructor.
- **GLOVES:** All students are required to wear gloves while dissecting in the laboratory. Ripped gloves must be replaced immediately.
- **CLOTHING:** Shorts and short skirts are not allowed in the laboratory. Scrubs are recommended but not required. Footwear should consist of closed-toe shoes (i.e., no flip-flops and sandals). Long Hair should be pulled back for protection.
**APRONS/LAB COATS:** All students must wear an apron or a lab coat while in the lab. Aprons are provided to the students and must be disposed in the biohazard trash receptacles in the lab before you leave.

**MASKS:** Anyone entering the laboratory with a cold or respiratory infection is encouraged to wear a mask. This will reduce the irritation caused by the formaldehyde and will reduce the spread of colds. Masks should be worn when you are using the electric bone saw to reduce inhalation of fine bone particles that may be released into the air.

**SAFETY GLASSES:** Any students using either a saw or bone clips are required to wear safety glasses. Safety glasses are available in the laboratory.

**SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS:** Great care should be taken when using any of the surgical instruments (i.e., scalpels, saws, and knives). When instruments are not in use, they should be placed back in the instrument tray. At the end of class all instruments should be cleaned and placed back in their proper storage compartment.

**ACCIDENTS:** Any scratches or cuts must be treated immediately by the person sustaining them. If any accident does occur please notify the faculty immediately. All scratches, abrasions, and open skin lesions must be completely covered when in the laboratory.

**LABORATORY MUST BE KEPT CLEAN AND NEAT:** Students must pick up the lab before they leave. Make sure all instruments are returned to their proper location.

*If a student is found to be in violation of any of these safety rules or policies they will be asked to leave the lab immediately and will be banned from the lab indefinitely.*