

Law Studies

Creekview High School
Public Service Endorsement

This four year plan can be used as an example to help plan your high school career.

Law and Public Service

**This strand is offered as part of the
Law and Criminal Justice Academy**



Subject	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Language Arts	English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
CTE Courses	Principles of Government and Public Administration (1 Credit)	Court Systems and Practices (1 Credit)	Business Law AND/OR Legal Research & Writing AND/OR Political Science II AND/OR DUAL CREDIT OPTIONS BELOW Introduction to Criminology (DC) OR Court Systems and Practices (DC) OR Ethics in Criminal Justice (DC) (1 Credit)	Career Preparation AND/OR DUAL CREDIT OPTIONS BELOW Cyber Crimes OR Special Topics in Criminal Justice OR Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (1 Credit)
Additional Elective				
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Additional Graduation Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Language (2 Credits) Physical Education (1 Credit) Fine Arts (1 Credit) 	Possible Industry Based Certifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None offered at this time for this strand
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Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Lawyers	\$126,131	2,801	19%
Paralegal and Legal Assistants	\$50,544	9,837	19%

The Legal Studies program of study introduces CTE learners to the occupations and educational opportunities related to representing clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, as well as assisting lawyers and preparing legal documents. This program of study explores possible specializations in a single area of law.

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Recommended Course Sequence

Principles of Public Safety, Corrections and Security

This course introduces students to professions in law enforcement, protective services, corrections, firefighting, and emergency management services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and protective agencies of fire and emergency services.



Court Systems and Practices

Court Systems and Practices is an overview of the federal and state court systems. The course identifies the roles of judicial officers and the trial processes from pretrial to sentencing and examines the types and rules of evidence. Emphasis is placed on constitutional laws for criminal procedures such as search and seizure, stop and frisk, and interrogation.



Business Law

Business Law is designed for students to analyze various aspects of the legal environment, including ethics, the judicial system, contracts, personal property, sales, negotiable instruments, agency and employment, business organization, risk management, and real property.

AND/OR

Legal Research and Writing

Legal Research and Writing provides an introduction into the study and practice of legal writing and research. This course is designed to introduce students to the methods and tools used to conduct legal research, develop and frame legal arguments, produce legal writings such as briefs, memorandums, and other legal documents, study U.S. Constitutional law, and prepare for appellate argument(s).

AND/OR

Political Science II

Political Science II uses a variety of learning methods and approaches to examine the processes, systems, and political dynamics of the United States and other nations. The dynamic component of this course includes current U.S. and world events.

AND/OR

Introduction Criminal Justice (Dual Credit)

This course provides a historical and philosophical overview of the American criminal justice system, including the nature, extent, and impact of crime; criminal law; and justice agencies and processes.

OR

Court System and Practices (Dual Credit)

This course is a study of the court system as it applies to the structures, procedures, practices and sources of law in American courts, using federal and Texas statutes and case law.

OR

Ethics in Criminal Justice (Dual Credit)

Ethical philosophies and issues pertaining to the various professions in the criminal justice system. Includes ethical issues emanating from constitutional conflict with public protection and individual rights, civil liberties, and correctional policies.



Career Preparation

This course provides opportunities for students to participate in a work-based learning experience that combines classroom instruction with business and industry employment experiences.

AND/OR

Cybercrimes (Dual Credit)

An introduction to cybercrime. Topics include specific laws, investigative techniques, and criminological theories applicable to computer crime.

OR

Special Topics in Criminal Justice (Dual Credit)

Topics address recently identified current events, skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of the student. This course may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary.

OR

Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (Dual Credit)

A series of lectures and class participation exercises presenting selected topics currently confronting criminal justice personnel and the public they serve.