



JUSTICE STUDIES ACADEMY



The Justice Studies Academy will provide students with an interest in law enforcement, corrections and the legal system the opportunity to develop an understanding of the history and functions of the legal system, the role of law in society, the impact of societal changes on the law and their role as citizens. Courses have been selected and designed to provide students with real life experiences, opportunities to explore career options, and to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students must complete the Cumberland Regional Academy Application in order to be enrolled.

INTRODUCTION TO JUSTICE STUDIES

This course is the first in the Justice Studies Academy sequence. The course will provide students with a foundation in the history of western law, historical legal documents, and the legal system. Students will explore careers in law enforcement, corrections, and multiple careers in the legal system. An emphasis will be placed on the development of critical thinking skills, evidenced based writing and debate, as well as problem solving. Multi- media resources and guest speakers will be an integral part of the course.

ACADEMY STREET LAW

This course will provide students with a foundation in criminal law, civil law, juvenile justice, court procedures and the jury system. An emphasis will be placed on critical thinking skills, evidence based writing and debate. Activities will be designed to provide students with the ability to analyze, evaluate and resolve legal disputes. The curriculum includes case studies, mock trials, role-plays, small group exercises and visual analysis activities. Prerequisite: Introduction to Justice Studies.

ACADEMY SOCIOLOGY

This course will introduce students to the study of social groups and human interaction. Each group that we interact with influences our behavior in various ways. In this course, we will examine and practice the various skills and techniques that sociologists employ when studying a group's behavior. We will examine a wide variety of groups and social processes that enable us to function as a society. Some of these topics include in depth analysis of culture, social structure, social deviance and control, inequalities in race, ethnicity, gender and age, as well as, researching/presenting major agents of socialization (Family, Education, Politics and Religion).



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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE DC

This course is designed for the student who may pursue a career in the Justice System. Study will include all aspects of crime, and the ways that society reacts to crime, as well as the individual and social conditions that may lead to criminal behavior. Students will examine the historical, political, economic and cultural patterns that influence how crime is defined, and which shape society's policies and institutions. Analysis of the relationship between agencies of the justice system and other segments of society will explore the difficult balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community. Administration of Justice may be offered as a dual credit course with CCC.