

Whitehall-Coplay School District Syllabus

Department: Social Studies
Course Title: Basic Legal Concepts 2

Course #: 20218E
Grade: 11-12

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: Students will study selected topics relating to the rules of criminal procedure and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania along with selected laws and criminal procedure of the federal crimes code. General topics to be covered will include rules of evidence, the causes of crime, the future of criminal justice, policing structure and issues, probation and parole, and corrections. After studying the federal system, students will be able to draw comparisons with the legal system of Pennsylvania. Through active listening skills, cooperative learning activities, hands-on activities, discussions and speakers from the criminal justice field, students will acquire knowledge of current legal practices. Assessments will include but not be limited to case analyses, writing activities, written assessments, and analyses of articles from professional journals.

REQUIRED TOPICS OF STUDY	SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME	STANDARDS/ ASSESSMENT ANCHORS
Crime and Justice in the United States	1 week	5.1.12.A / CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C
Crime and Its Consequences	2 weeks	8.1.12.C / 5.3.9.C / 8.3.9.C / CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C
Explaining Crime	4 weeks	5.1.12.B / CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C
The Rule of Law	3 weeks	5.1.12.A / CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C
History and Structure of American Law Enforcement	3 weeks	8.1.12.C / 5.3.9.C / 8.3.9.C / CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C
Policing: Roles, Styles and Functions	4 weeks	CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C-G
Policing America: Issues and Ethics	3 weeks	CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C-G
The Administration of Justice	3 weeks	CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C-G
Sentencing, Appeals, and the Death Penalty	2 weeks	5.3.9.C / CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C-G
Institutional Corrections	3 weeks	8.1.12.C / 5.3.9.C / 8.3.9.C / CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C-G
Prison Life, Inmate Rights, Release and Recidivism	2 weeks	CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C-G
Community Corrections	2 weeks	5.3.9.C / CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G /

		CC.8.6.11-12A-C-G
Juvenile Justice	2 weeks	CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C-G
The Future of Criminal Justice in the United States	1 week	8.1.12.C / 5.3.9.C / 8.3.9.C / CC.8.5.11-12.A-C-D-G / CC.8.6.11-12A-C-G

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