



Law and Public Service Career Cluster

The Law and Public Service career cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal services, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from police officer and firefighter to political scientist and lawyer.

Statewide Program of Study: Law Enforcement

The Law Enforcement program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with the development and enforcement of laws by various branches of law enforcement. This program of study includes the history, organization, and functions of local, state, and federal law enforcement. Students will understand the role of constitutional law at local, state, and federal levels; the U.S. legal system; criminal law; and law enforcement terminology and the classification and elements of crime.



Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1 • Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

Level 2 • Law Enforcement I

Level 3 • Law Enforcement II

Level 4 • Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security



This Program of Study is Available at LA VILLA ISD

Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

Dual Credit Dual credit offerings will vary by Local Education Agency

Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP or IB courses not listed under the Secondary Courses for High School Credit section of this framework document do not count towards Concentrator/Completer status for this program of study.

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Shadow a detective to learn about investigations and the role of detectives in law enforcement
- Intern in dispatch at a local law enforcement agency to learn about first responder roles and processes

Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Visit a police department
- Participate in TSA or SkillsUSA

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Non-Commissioned Security Officer Level II License



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Security Specialist

Associate Degrees

- Criminal Justice
- Law Enforcement

Bachelor's Degrees

- Forensic Science
- Criminal Justice

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Criminal Justice
- Criminology and Criminal Justice

Additional Stackable IBCs/Licensures

- Jailer – Basic County Corrections
- Basic Telecommunicator



Example Aligned Occupations

Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers

Median Wage: \$64,373
Annual Openings: 5,424
10-Year Growth: 13%

Detectives and Criminal Investigators

Median Wage: \$82,090
Annual Openings: 1,536
10-Year Growth: 8%

First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives

Median Wage: \$97,571
Annual Openings: 5461
0-Year Growth: 12%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



For more information visit:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/programs-of-study-additional-resources>




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Course Information

Level 1

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Cluster
Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security 13029200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	


Level 2

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Cluster
Law Enforcement I 13029300 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisite: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Recommended Corequisites: None	

Level 3

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Cluster
Law Enforcement II 13029400 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: Law Enforcement I Corequisites: None	

Level 4

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Cluster
Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security 13030100 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: Law Enforcement II Corequisites: None	

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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For additional information on the **Law and Public Service** career cluster, contact cte@tea.texas.gov or visit <https://tea.texas.gov/cte>