



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*

Endorsement: *Public Services*

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.



Law Enforcement Course Sequence

Level 1	Course	Prerequisites Corequisites
	Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security 1 credit, 1 class period	Prerequisites: None

Level 2	Course	Prerequisites Corequisites
	Law Enforcement I 1 credit, 1 class period	Prerequisites: Prin. of LPCS

Level 3	Course	Prerequisites Corequisites
	Law Enforcement II 1 credit, 1 class period	Prerequisites: Law Enforcement I
	Industry Based Certifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAED Emergency Telecommunicator
Counseling and Mental Health 1 credit, 1 class period	Prerequisites: Law Enforcement I	

Level 4	Course	Prerequisites Corequisites
	Forensic Science 1 credit, 1 class period	Prerequisites: Chemistry

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

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: 5,461

10-Year Growth: 12%

To earn the Law Enforcement Pathway and Public Services Endorsement, students must complete at least 3 classes for 4 or more credits.

Law Enforcement

PUBLIC SERVICES ENDORSEMENT



An example of a four-year plan for a student entering 9th grade to complete the Law Enforcement Program of Study.

Subject	9th	10th	11th	12th
Language Arts	English 1	English 2	English 3	Advanced English
Mathematics	Algebra 1	Geometry	3 rd Math	4 th Math
Science	Biology or IPC	Biology or Chemistry	3 rd Science	Forensic Science
Social Studies	World Geography	World History	US History	Govt./Econ.
Required CTE courses	Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	Law Enforcement I	Law Enforcement II	Counseling and Mental Health
Elective	Physical Education	Fine Arts	Elective	Elective
Elective	Foreign Language	Foreign Language	Elective	Elective

Industry Based Certifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAED Emergency Telecommunicator

Related CTE Elective Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROTC I - IV • Human Growth and Development

Program of Study Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To complete any Program of Study, a student must complete 3 or more courses for a total of 4 or more credits. • A student may change their Program of Study at the end of their 9th grade year but must remain in their newly chosen pathway for the remainder of high school if they wish to complete it. • Students are encouraged to pursue other passions in their academics with the understanding that courses and/or commitments in other programs may conflict with completing their Program of Study.