



Sault Area Public Schools  
*A Great Place to Learn*



LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS, AND  
SECURITY

# PATHWAY

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING

# Pathway to Success

## **Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security**

A career in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security offers the opportunity to protect communities, uphold justice, and ensure safety. With diverse career paths ranging from law enforcement to emergency management and corrections, this field combines a commitment to public service, critical thinking, and a passion for making a positive impact on society.



### **Career Options**

Explore and discover potential career options in the fields related to Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security.

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### **Degree, Certification, and Training Options**

Explore the degrees, certifications and training options that are available to help you be successful in the fields related to Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security.

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### **Course/CTE Options**

Explore the course and program options that are available to students while still in high school to help them prepare for a career in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security.

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### **Resume Builders**

Explore the possible experiences that will help build a strong resume.

# Career Options

Law, Public Safety,  
Corrections, and Security

There are several ways to start a career in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security. The quickest option is on-the-job training, where you can learn valuable skills while gaining real-world experience. Another route is earning a certification, which typically takes a few months to a year. For those seeking a more in-depth education, a college degree usually takes 2 to 6 years. Below are a few examples of options for each pathway, though this list is not exhaustive.

## 01 Jobs That Require On-The-Job Training

- Security Guard
- Correctional Officer
- Firefighter
- Police Officer
- Parking Enforcement Technician
- Emergency Dispatcher
- Surveillance Operator
- Bailiff

## 02 Jobs that Require a Certification

- Private Investigator
- Loss Prevention Specialist
- Bail Enforcement Agent
- EMT
- Alarm Systems Technician

## 03 Jobs That Require A Degree

- Detective
- Federal Enforcement Officer
- State Trooper\*
- Probation Officer
- Fire Chief\*
- Attorney
- Juvenile Counselor
- Homeland Security Officer\*
- Forensic Psychologist

\*Jobs may not require this degree, but they are highly recommended



# Finding On-The-Job Training

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On-the-job training is a great way to start a career in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security. It provides hands-on experience tailored to the job, allowing you to develop essential skills while working. Many employers, including law enforcement agencies, correctional facilities, and security firms, offer this type of training. To find opportunities, check job listings, visit company websites, or connect with industry associations.

## Resources

### **Michigan Works**

Michigan Works has resources that can help locate available jobs and aide in your necessary training.

1118 East Easterday Avenue

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Phone: (906) 635-1752

Fax: (906) 635-0115

Michigan Relay Center 711

Monday through Friday: 8-5 EST

### **Indeed**

Indeed is a great tool to search for available jobs in your area.

# Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

## Obtaining a Certificate

### Certificate Programs

#### **Bay Mills Community College**

[EMT and Basic Paramedic - Certificate](#)

#### **Lake Superior State University**

[Paramedic Training](#)

#### **Mid Michigan College**

[State Corrections - Certificate](#)

[Criminal Justice - Certificate](#)

#### **North Central Michigan College**

[Law Enforcement Aide - Certificate](#)

[Corrections - Certificate](#)

[EMT Basic - Certificate](#)

[EMS Paramedic - Certificate](#)

#### **Michigan State Police**

[Become a State Trooper](#)

Certificate programs in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security offer specialized training that can be completed in a few months to a year. These programs provide essential skills and credentials that can help advance your career in these fields. You can find certificate programs at community colleges, technical schools, and through online platforms. Many industry organizations also offer certifications in areas such as law enforcement, criminal justice, emergency management, and security services. To explore your options, check local educational institutions, online course providers, or professional associations related to your area of interest.

# Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

## Obtaining a Degree

### Bachelor/Associate Degrees

#### Lake Superior State University

[Corrections - Associate](#)

[Homeland Security - Associate](#)

[Law Enforcement - Associate](#)

[Fire Science - Associate/Bachelor](#)

[Paramedic Technology - Associate](#)

[Criminal Justice - Bachelor](#)

#### Bay Mills Community College

[Paramedic - Associate](#)

#### Mid Michigan College

[Criminal and Social Justice - Associate](#)

[Criminal Justice - Associate](#)

[State Corrections - Associate](#)

#### Northern Central Michigan College

[Criminal Justice - Associate](#)

[EMS Paramedic - Associate](#)

#### Baker College

[Criminal Justice - Associate/Bachelor](#)

[Law Enforcement - Associate/Bachelor](#)

Degree programs in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security provide in-depth knowledge and training, typically taking four to six years to complete. These programs cover a broad range of topics, including criminal law, emergency response, law enforcement practices, and corrections management, opening doors to advanced career opportunities. Degree programs are available at universities, colleges, and specialized institutions, with options for both on-campus and online learning. Many schools offer bachelor's and master's degrees in fields such as criminal justice, public safety administration, and security management. To explore your options, visit university websites, consult with academic advisors, or research programs through professional organizations in the field.

# Courses/CTE Options

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Plan your schedule with your future goals in mind by exploring common courses, AP courses, CTE programs, and opportunities to earn college credit while still in high school.

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## Sault High Courses

- Physical Chemistry
  - Anatomy/Physiology
  - Career Readiness
  - World Language
  - US History
  - Honors English
  - Honors Math
  - Algebra
  - Geometry
  - Algebra 2
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## AP Courses

- AP Language
  - AP Psychology
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## CTE Programs

- Law and Public Safety
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## Dual/Concurrent Enrollment

- Related options can be talked about with your Counselor or visits the information page [\*\*HERE\*\*](#).
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See Sault High School Full [\*\*Course Offerings\*\*](#).

# Resume Builders

## **Job Shadow Experiences**

Students who engage in job shadow experiences show proven interest in their future and dedication to their success. If you have questions about job shadowing or want help finding an opportunity contact the MTSS Coordinator.

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## **Intern/Externships**

Internships and externships provide valuable opportunities for high school students to gain real-world experience, develop new skills, and explore potential career paths. These experiences can significantly benefit students, both professionally and personally.

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## **Leadership Positions**

Holding Leadership Positions shows dedication and passion by the student. It also can be a look into the students hobbies.

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## **Student Organizations**

Joining Student Organizations shows a balance in priorities. Please see the Sault Ste Marie **Student Organizations** to find an organization to join!

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## **Volunteer Experiences**

Volunteering is a great way to get experience and explore post-secondary options.

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