

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. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and fire and emergency services.

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 understanding the appropriate and legal response to breaches in the law according to statutory rules and regulations as well as the investigation of how and why the breaches occurred.



Secondary Courses for High School Credit

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| Level 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security |
| Level 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Enforcement I Criminal Investigation Federal Law Enforcement and Protective Services |
| Level 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Enforcement II Correctional Services |
| Level 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forensic Science |

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

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| Work-Based Learning Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
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| Expanded Learning Opportunities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit a police department Participate in TSA or SkillsUSA
SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. We help each student excel. A nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA serves in preparing students for careers in trade, technical and skilled service. Students compete at the regional, state, and national levels in Skills Assessment Program events, engage in community and leadership service activities, and meet students across the state and country through participation in our programs. |
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Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- IAED Emergency Telecommunicator
- Non-Commissioned Security Officer Level II License



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Security Specialist

Associate Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Police Science
- Criminalistics and Criminal Science

Bachelor's Degrees

- Forensic Science and Technology
- Criminalistics and Criminal Science

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Criminal Justice
- Law Enforcement Administration
- Securities Services Administration/Management

Additional Stackable IBCs/Licensures

- County Jailer
- Telecommunicator



Example Aligned Occupations

Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers

Median Wage: \$63,785
Annual Openings: 6,198
10-Year Growth: 10%

Detectives and Criminal Investigators

Median Wage: \$81,162
Annual Openings: 1,503
10-Year Growth: 5%

First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives

Median Wage: \$98,862
Annual Openings: 685
10-Year Growth: 12%

Data Source: Lightcast™. (2022). Occupation Table. Retrieved 9/27/2022.



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

	Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Level 1	Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security* 13029200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None	
Level 2	Law Enforcement I 13029300 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None	
	Criminal Investigation 13029550 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None	
	Federal Law Enforcement and Protective Services* 13029800 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None	
Level 3	Law Enforcement II 13029400 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None	
	Correctional Services 13029700 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None	
Level 4	Forensic Science* 13029500 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: one credit in Biology, one credit in Chemistry, Integrated Chemistry and Physics (IPC), or Physics Corequisites: None	

* Indicates course is included in more than one program of study.

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

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