

Course Title:	Business and Personal Law
Grade(s):	9-12th

Course Description
This one-semester course introduces students to the American legal system, civil law, and the rights and responsibilities governing people and their personal and business activities. Students have the opportunity to identify legal issues, weigh facts, and formulate decisions through problem-solving activities.
Approved Curricular Materials/Textbook(s)

Unit Title	Unit Description (Include Unit Objectives)	Unit Pacing
Unit 1: Foundations of Law	Students will explain the purpose, sources, and historical foundations of the U.S. legal system. Students will analyze how the Constitution and Bill of Rights protect individual freedoms. Students will differentiate major types of law and apply them to real examples.	3 weeks
Unit 2: Personal Law	Students will evaluate their rights and responsibilities as consumers and individuals. Students will explain key legal processes in family, property, and housing situations. Students will analyze how personal legal decisions (leases, contracts, wills) impact their lives.	4 weeks

Unit 3: Business Law	Students will explain how contracts are formed, enforced, and potentially breached. Students will analyze workplace laws that protect employees and regulate employers. Students will compare business structures and evaluate their legal advantages and disadvantages.	5 weeks
Unit 4: Dispute Resolution	Students will describe the structure of the court system and the steps in legal proceedings. Students will compare litigation with alternative dispute resolution methods. Students will apply legal reasoning through participation in mock trials/simulations.	3 weeks
Unit 5: Cyber Law and Emerging Issues	Students will analyze how data privacy and cybersecurity laws protect individuals and organizations. Students will explain intellectual property rights and how they apply in a digital world. Students will evaluate legal and ethical issues created by social media and emerging technologies.	4 weeks
Unit 6: Civic and Practical Skills	Students will demonstrate how citizens participate in and influence the legal system. Students will interpret and analyze common legal documents used in real life. Students will apply legal knowledge in simulations and explore career pathways in law and public service.	3 weeks