



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

PATHWAY



PATHWAY OVERVIEW

The Criminal Investigations pathway helps students build knowledge and hands-on skills in public safety, legal systems, investigations, and community service.

Through Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security, Criminal Justice Essentials, and Criminal Investigations, students prepare for postsecondary education, industry credentials, and work-based learning experiences connected to the field.



CAREER CLUSTER

Public Service & Safety

COURSE SEQUENCE + WORK-BASED LEARNING

1 Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

Introduces legal systems, public safety roles, ethics, constitutional rights, and the foundations of law enforcement and corrections.



2 Criminal Justice Essentials

Explores the criminal justice system, law-enforcement procedures, patrol operations, evidence handling, and community policing.



3 Criminal Investigations

Applies investigative techniques, crime-scene processing, interviewing, report writing, and forensic awareness.



Work-Based Learning (Capstone Experience)

Connect classroom learning to supervised experiences with public safety, legal, emergency-service, government, and community organizations.

LEADERSHIP + INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION



COMPETITION OPPORTUNITIES



- Job Interview
- Prepared Speech
- Technical Math
- Related Technical Math
- Pathway-Specific Technical Contests

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES



- SkillsUSA Week
- Industry tours
- Safety demonstrations
- Service projects
- Mock interviews
- Hands-on skills challenges

CO-CURRICULAR / INDUSTRY EXPERIENCES



- Law enforcement agency tours
- Job shadowing
- Crime scene simulations
- Investigator career panel
- Forensic lab observation

POSTSECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

LOCAL / REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS



- Georgia State University
- Georgia Piedmont Technical College
- Atlanta Technical College
- Gwinnett Technical College

DUAL ENROLLMENT



Metro-area dual enrollment options may include criminal justice, public safety, emergency services, legal services, or public administration; verify through Georgia Futures.



SCHOOLS OFFERING THIS PATHWAY

Cambridge | Milton | Westlake

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

CAREERS

Crime Scene Technician

Criminal Investigator

Detective

ATLANTA-AREA EMPLOYERS

