



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.

Program of Study: Legal Studies

The Legal Studies program of study focuses on topics such as legal research, legal writing, rules of procedure, case management, law office technology, and legal ethics. Areas of the legal system studied include aspects of family law, criminal law, and contract law.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

9th Grade	Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
10th Grade	Court Systems and Practices
11th Grade	- Advanced Legal Skills and Professions - Business Management
12th Grade	Practicum in Legal Studies
Optional Electives	- Forensic Science - Career Prep 1

Internship and Practicum Opportunities

Students have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a variety of different businesses. There are numerous internships opportunities including the following: **Rideau Law Firm, Tefera Law Firm, Denton County District Attorney, Trimble Law Office and more.**

Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO)

SkillsUSA

Workforce Development
Organization

Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are student-led organizations that build leadership, career skills, and real-world experience through competitions, networking, and hands-on learning.

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- NOCTI General Management



Successful completion of the Legal Studies program of study will fulfill requirements of the **Public Services endorsement**.



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Law Apprenticeship

Associate Degrees

- Paralegal Studies
- Court Reporting and Captioning

Bachelor's Degrees

- Legal Research
- Legal Studies

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Juris Doctorate
- International and Comparative Law

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- Paralegal



Example Aligned Occupations

Court Reporters

Median Wage: \$51,177
Annual Openings: 174
10-Year Growth: 11%

Paralegals and Legal Assistants

Median Wage: \$56,310
Annual Openings: 4,046
10-Year Growth: 23%

Lawyers

Median Wage: \$134,158
Annual Openings: 3,915
10-Year Growth: 19%

For more information, visit
the KISD Course Guide
<https://tinyurl.com/464uxm25>

