



Law and Public Service

Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

TSDS PEIMS Code: 13029200 (PRINLPCS)

Grade Placement: 9–12

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: None.

Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security introduces students to professions in law enforcement, protective services, corrections, firefighting, and emergency management services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and protective agencies of fire and emergency services. The course provides students with an overview of the skills necessary for careers in law enforcement, fire service, protective services, and corrections.

Correctional Services CC

TSDS PEIMS Code: 13029700 (CORRSRVS)

Grade Placement: 10–12

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: None.

Recommended Prerequisite: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security.

In Correctional Services, students prepare for certification required for employment as a municipal, county, state, or federal correctional officer. Students will learn the role and responsibilities of a county or municipal correctional officer; discuss relevant rules, regulations, and laws of municipal, county, state, or federal facilities; and discuss defensive tactics, restraint techniques, and first aid procedures as used in the municipal, county, state, or federal correctional setting. Students will analyze rehabilitation and alternatives to institutionalization for inmates.

Note: *This course is a dual credit course with STC.*

Law Enforcement I

TSDS PEIMS Code: 13029300 (LAWENF1)

Grade Placement: 10–12

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: None.

Recommended Prerequisite: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security.

Law Enforcement I is an overview of the history, organization, and functions of local, state, and federal law enforcement. Students will understand the role of constitutional law at local, state, and federal levels; the U.S. legal system; criminal law; and law enforcement terminology and the classification and elements of crime.

Law Enforcement II

TSDS PEIMS Code: 13029400 (LAWENF2)

Grade Placement: 10–12

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: None.

Recommended Prerequisite: Law Enforcement I.

Law Enforcement II provides the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for a career in law enforcement. Students will understand ethical and legal responsibilities, patrol procedures, first responder roles, telecommunications, emergency equipment operations, and courtroom testimony.

Criminal Investigation

TSDS PEIMS Code: 13029550 (CRINVEST)

Grade Placement: 10–12

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: None.

Recommended Prerequisite: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security.

Criminal Investigation is a course that introduces students to the profession of criminal investigations. Students will understand basic functions of criminal investigations and procedures and will learn how to investigate or follow up during investigations. Students will learn terminology and investigative procedures related to criminal investigation, crime scene processing, evidence collection, fingerprinting, and courtroom presentation. Through case studies and simulated crime scenes, students will collect and analyze evidence such as fingerprint analysis, bodily fluids, hairs, fibers, shoe and tire impressions, bite marks, drugs, tool marks, firearms and ammunition, blood spatter, digital evidence, and other types of evidence.

Forensic Science

TSDS PEIMS Code: 13029500 (FORENSCI)

Grade Placement: 11–12

Credit: 1

Prerequisites: Biology and Chemistry.

Recommended Prerequisite or Corequisite: Any Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Career Cluster course.

Forensic Science is a course that introduces students to the application of science to connect a violation of law to a specific criminal, criminal act, or behavior and victim. Students will learn terminology and procedures related to the search and examination of physical evidence in criminal cases as they are performed in a typical crime laboratory. Using scientific methods, students will collect and analyze evidence such as fingerprints, bodily fluids, hairs, fibers, paint, glass, and cartridge cases. Students will also learn the history and the legal aspects as they relate to each discipline of forensic science and understand that scientific methods of investigation can be experimental, descriptive, or comparative.

Note: *This course satisfies a science credit requirement for students on the Foundation High School Program.*