# **Law Enforcement**

# Law and Public Service

Creekview High School

Public Service Endorsement

This four year plan can be used as an example to help plan your high school career.

Subject	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Language Arts	English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
CTE Courses	Criminal Investigations (1 Credit)	Forensic Psychology (1 Credit)	Forensic Science  AND/OR  DUAL CREDIT  OPTIONS BELOW  Introduction to  Criminology (DC)  OR  Court Systems and  Practices (DC)  OR  Ethics in Criminal  Justice (DC)  (1 Credit)	Counseling and Mental Health OR Career Preparation AND/OR DUAL CREDIT OPTIONS BELOW Cyber Crimes OR Special Topics in Criminal Justice OR Contemporary Issues
Additional Elective				in Criminal Justice (1 Credit)
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Additional Graduation Requirements

- Foreign Language (2 Credits)
- Physical Education (1 Credit)
- Fine Arts (1 Credit)

Possible Industry Based Certifications

- Non-Commissioned Security Officer Levels II
- Emergency Telecommunicator

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$60,112	5,241	13%
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Officers	\$44,054	793	9%
Correctional Officers and Jailers	\$40,186	4,683	9%
Immigration and Customs Inspections	\$78,104	1,236	9%
First-Line Supervisor or Police Detectives	\$91,312	253	25%

The Law Enforcement program of study teaches CTE learners about the development of, adherence to, and protection of various branches of law. Students will learn how to appropriately and legally respond to breaches in the law according to statutory rules and regulations as well as investigate how and why the breaches occurred.

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## Recommended Course Sequence

## Principles of Public Safety, Corrections and Security

This course 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.

# Forensic Psychology

Forensic psychology is found at the intersection between psychology and the criminal justice system. It involves understanding criminal law in the relevant jurisdictions in order to be able to interact within the criminal justice system. It utilizes and applies basic skills developed in psychology and criminal scenarios resulting in a structured and scientific approach to investigative analysis; thereby, enabling police and law enforcement officials to predict criminal activity via scientific analysis rather than intuition. Students will learn basic structured psychological investigative techniques in question building, interviewing, criminal behavior characteristics, truth detection methodology, research methods, statistical analysis and probability forecasting.

#### Forensic Science

This course, 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/OR

#### Introduction Criminal Justice (Dual Credit)

This course provides a historical and philosophical overview of the American criminal justice system, including the nature, extent, and impact of crime; criminal law; and justice agencies and processes.

## Court System and Practices (Dual Credit)

This course is a study of the court system as it applies to the structures, procedures, practices and sources of law in American courts, using federal and Texas statutes and case law.

#### Ethics in Criminal Justice (Dual Credit)

Ethical philosophies and issues pertaining to the various professions in the criminal justice system. Includes ethical issues emanating from constitutional conflict with public protection and individual rights, civil liberties, and correctional policies.\_

## Counseling and Mental Health

In this course, students model the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a counseling and mental health career through simulated environments. Students are expected to apply knowledge of ethical and legal responsibilities, limitations on their actions and responsibilities, and the implications of their actions. Students understand how professional integrity in counseling and mental health care is dependent on acceptance of ethical and legal responsibilities.

## AND/OR

## Cybercrimes (Dual Credit)

An introduction to cybercrime. Topics include specific laws, investigative techniques, and criminological theories applicable to computer crime.

#### Special Topics in Criminal Justice (Dual Credit)

Topics address recently identified current events, skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of the student. This course may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary.

#### Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (Dual Credit)

A series of lectures and class participation exercises presenting selected topics currently confronting criminal justice personnel and the public they serve.