



Legal Studies Pathway

Prepare for your future in protective services through hands on coursework in emergency services, law enforcement, and forensic science.

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

1 Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security (1 credit) (9th – 10th Grade)
Examine the roles and responsibilities of professionals in law enforcement, security, corrections and fire and emergency services. Explore the interconnectivity of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

2 Court Systems 1: Legal Research and Writing (1 credit) (10th – 11th Grade)
Explore the federal and state court systems. Identify roles of judicial officers and the trial processes from pretrial through sentencing and appeals and examine the types and rules of evidence. Emphasis is placed on trial advocacy and on practical courtroom procedures.

3 Court Systems 2 (1 credit) (11th – 12th Grade)
This course is a continuation of the Courts I class with a special emphasis on Texas State Courts and Trial Advocacy. Students may participate in Mock Trial Workshop and a Mock Trial Competition. This course is designed for students interested in a career in the legal field.

4 Forensic Science* (HCTC) (1 credit) (11th – 12th Grade)
Use a structured scientific approach to investigate crimes of assault, abuse and neglect, domestic violence, accidental death, homicide, and the psychology of criminal behavior. Students will learn terminology and investigative procedures related to crime scene, questioning, interviewing, criminal behavior characteristics, truth detection, and scientific procedures used to solve crimes.

For more information about CTE Course requirements, view our EMS ISD Course Description Handbook.

**Indicates a TEA approved Advanced*

