

Name of School:

Name of Course: **Business Law**

Instructor Information

Name:
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Best times to be reached:

Course Description

Business Law explores Criminal and Civil Law, Legal Rights and Responsibilities, the Court System, Contracts, and Property Law. The textbook, the class discussion, the guest speakers and videos will provide every student with usable information for his/her daily life.

District Standards and Power Benchmarks

Power Standards

1. Understand substantive business and personal law.
2. Understand legal procedures and the range of legal remedies.
3. Use precise legal language.
4. Analyze and summarize complex legal situations.
5. Apply principles to legal situations.
6. Formulate an argument based on facts and principles.

Power Benchmarks

1. Analyze the relationship between ethics and the law.
2. Demonstrate common business law vocabulary.
3. Recognize an individual's legal rights and responsibilities.
4. Identify juvenile laws.
5. Compare crime classifications.
6. Compare and contrast criminal and civil trial procedures.
7. Define parties, conditions, and functions of business contracts.
8. Interpret civil (tort) law rights of individuals.
9. Identify the functions of our federal and state legal system.
10. Assess career opportunities in law related areas.
11. Differentiate between the federal and state court systems.

Course Information

This is a one-term course. Upon completion, the student will earn .5 elective credits towards the district requirement of 26 credits. There are no prerequisites for this course, but a basic understanding of the U.S. Constitution and how laws are created would be helpful. The law text is written at an advanced reading level, so a student's reading and comprehension skills should be at or above grade level. This course is recommended for students in grades 10-12.

Course Outline/Calendar

The following topics will be discussed during this course:

1. Ethics and the Basics of Law
2. Criminal Law
3. Tort and Consumer Law
4. The Court System
5. Minors and the Law
6. Contracts
7. Legal Rights and Responsibilities
8. Explore Career Opportunities in Law

Text/Other Required Materials/Resources

Understanding Business and Personal Law—Glencoe Publishing, will be our classroom text. Other materials such as pens or pencils, a notebook, or other items will be assigned by the teacher. The use of the internet, the Media Center and outside research may also be needed.

Instructional Procedures & Support

Group and Individual Projects
Teacher-Lead discussion
Lectures
Read Alouds of Current Events
Guest Speakers
Case Studies and Opportunities for Critical Thinking
Mock Trials
Field Trips

Classroom Management Procedures

Individual Teacher Rules here.

Assessment Plan

Grades will be based on the individual student's performance on:

Homework
In-Class Activities
Participation
Group Projects
Quizzes
Tests
Final Exam

Grading System

A	93 and above	Firm command of knowledge domain High level of skill development Exceptional preparation for later learning
A⁻	90 - 92	
B⁺	87 - 89	Command of knowledge beyond the basic concepts of knowledge Advanced development of most skills Has prerequisites for later learning
B	83 - 86	
B⁻	80 - 82	
C⁺	77 - 79	Command of the basic concepts of knowledge Demonstrates ability to use basic skills Lacks a few prerequisites for later learning
C	73 - 76	
C⁻	70 - 72	
I		The letter "I" indicates the student has not satisfactorily achieved the grade/course-level benchmarks and/or has missing work. "I" status is temporary and not a final grade. The letter "I" may affect athletic eligibility.
D⁺	67 - 69	Lacks knowledge of some fundamental ideas Some important skills not attained Deficient in many of the prerequisites for later learning
D	63 - 66	
D⁻	60 - 62	
F	59 and below	Most of the basic concepts and principles not learned Most essential skills have not been demonstrated Lacks most prerequisites needed for later learning