**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**Course Title:** Street Law

**Course Number:** 00167

**Course Prerequisites:** None

**Course Description:** Street Law is a semester long social studies elective that serves as an introductory course to law and legal systems in the United States. Units will include: Introduction to Law; Constitutional Law; Criminal Law; and the Criminal Justice Process Civil Law (Torts, Contracts and Family Law). Like any introductory course, Street Law is a survey. We will touch on broad and specific legal topics to give students a better understanding of law and how it affects you **in real life**. We will use case studies, individual research, group discussion/debate, guest speakers and mock trials throughout the course in order to reach our goal.

**Suggested Grade Level**: Grades 10-12

**Length of Course:** One Semester

**Units of Credit:** .5

**PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certifications:**

CSPG 59 - Social Studies 7-12, CSPG 52 - Middle Level Social Studies Grades 7-9, CSPG 10 Grades 4-8

To find the CSPG information, go to [CSPG](https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Staffing%20Guidelines/Pages/default.aspx)

**Certification verified by the WCSD Human Resources Department:** Yes No

**WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION**

**Course Level:** Academic

**Mark Types:** Check all that apply.

F – Final Average MP – Marking Period EXM – Final Exam

**GPA Type**:  GPAEL-GPA Elementary  GPAML-GPA for Middle Level  NHS-National Honor Society

UGPA-Non-Weighted Grade Point Average  GPA-Weighted Grade Point Average

**State Course Code**: 04162 Law Studies

To find the State Course Code, go to [State Course Code](https://nces.ed.gov/forum/sced.asp), download the Excel file for *SCED*, click on SCED 6.0 tab, and chose the correct code that corresponds with the course.

**TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**Board Approved Textbooks, Software, and Materials:**

**Title:**  A Course in Practical Law

**Publisher:** McGraw Hill

**ISBN #:**  978-1-26-413255-3

**Copyright Date:** January 16, 2020

**WCSD Board Approval Date:** 2/8/2021

**Supplemental Materials:** Online news resources.

**Curriculum Document**

**WCSD Board Approval:**

**Date Finalized:** 1/4/2021

**Date Approved:**  2/8/2021

**Implementation Year:** 2021-2022

**SPECIAL EDUCATION, 504, and GIFTED REQUIREMENTS**

The teacher shall make appropriate modifications to instruction and assessment based on a student’s Individual Education Plan (IEP), Chapter 15 Section 504 Plan (504), and/or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

**SCOPE AND SEQUENCE OF CONTENT, CONCEPTS, AND SKILLS**

| **Performance Indicator** | **PA Core Standard and/or Eligible Content** | **Month Taught and Assessed for Mastery** |
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| Define the term Law | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | August  January |
| Explain several reasons for having laws | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | August  January |
| Explain why rule of law is important in a democratic society | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | September  January |
| List a number of laws that affect daily life in our society | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | September  January |
| Describe the role of the legislative branch of government | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | September  January |
| Distinguish among the types of laws typically made at local, state and federal levels of Government | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | September  February |
| Define the terms lobbying and grassroots lobbyist | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | September  February |

| **Performance Indicator** | **PA Core Standard and/or Eligible Content** | **Month Taught and Assessed for Mastery** |
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| Describe the various methods that lobbyists use as they attempt to influence legislation | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | September  February |
| Evaluate the impact of lobbying and campaign contributions on lawmaking | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | September  February |
| List, describe, and distinguish among the three most common methods for settling disputes out of court | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | September  February |
| Recognize the various court systems – local, state, and federal | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | September  February |
| Describe the roles of judges, juries, defense attorneys, prosecutors, and plaintiffs in a trial | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | September  February |
| Analyze situations to determine whether or not a person involved should hire a lawyer | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | September  February |
| Analyze crime in the United States – describing the nature and causes of the crime | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | October  February |
| Recognize the categories of crimes such as state and federal crimes, crimes of omission, preliminary crimes, misdemeanors, and felonies | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | October  February |

| **Performance Indicator** | **PA Core Standard and/or Eligible Content** | **Month Taught and Assessed for Mastery** |
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| Differentiate between crimes against the person and crimes against property | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | October  February |
| Recognize and describe the defenses available to people accused of a crime | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | October  February |
| Analyze and assess the criminal justice process from the rules that police must follow when conducting arrests, through the proceedings that occur before trial and the constitutional protections that shape the trial itself, to issues dealing with sentencing and corrections | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | October  February |
| Analyze the juvenile justice system and the challenges that occur with the juvenile justice system | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | October  February |
| Describe each step in the process as offenders move through the juvenile courts | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | October  February |
| Define tort law | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | November  March |
| Identify the parties in a civil lawsuit | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | November  March |
| Apply basic concepts such as liability, settlement, and damages | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | November  March |

| **Performance Indicator** | **PA Core Standard and/or Eligible Content** | **Month Taught and Assessed for Mastery** |
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| Recognize the two general types of intentional torts – actions taken to deliberately harm another person and actions taken to harm property | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | November  March |
| Describe how the judicial system trests intentional torts | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | November  March |
| Describe defenses to intentional torts | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | November  March |
| Explain the concept of negligence | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | November  March |
| Analyze the legal elements of negligence | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | November  March |
| * Describe torts in which defendants are held to strict liability standards due to being engages in highly hazardous activities | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | November  March |
| * Recognize the function of the tort law system as it relates to public policy | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | November  March |
| Evaluate the importance and fairness of the tort system | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | November  March |

| **Performance Indicator** | **PA Core Standard and/or Eligible Content** | **Month Taught and Assessed for Mastery** |
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| Examine contracts and their elements | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | December  April |
| Describe express and implies warranties and disclaimers | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | December  April |
| Recognize the costs and risks of credit and the importance of managing money wisely and building good credit | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | December  April |
| Analyze common deceptive sales practices – telemarketing scams and bait-and-switch techniques | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | December  April |
| Describe federal, state, and local laws and agencies that regulate sellers and protect customers | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | December  April |
| Analyze issues of consumer awareness when making major purchases | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | December  April |
| Recognize ways in which laws and government affect individuals and families | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | December  May |
| Describe the legal issues of marriage and divorce | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | December  May |

| **Performance Indicator** | **PA Core Standard and/or Eligible Content** | **Month Taught and Assessed for Mastery** |
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| Explain the financial responsibilities of couples issues in marriage and divorce | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | December  May |
| Recognize local, state, and federal rules regarding adoption and assisted fertility | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | December  May |
| Discuss legal issues and resourced devoted to abuse issues – partner and child | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | December  May |
| Describe how the Constitution establishes the basic framework of government and how the Bill of Rights protects the basic individual rights | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | January  May |
| Recognize the scope of the government’s ability to regulate expression of speech and press and in some instances prevent and punish it | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | January  May |
| Explain how the establishment clause and the free exercise clause work together to ensure that the government protects religious freedoms | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | January  May |
| Describe and discuss due process, the right to privacy and discriminations and how the court system attempts to provide a balance between the rights of individuals and the needs of the community | 5.1.12.B  5.1.12.J  5.2.12.A  5.2.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.2.12.F  5.3.12.G | January  June |

**ASSESSMENTS**

**PSSA Academic Standards, Assessment Anchors, and Eligible Content:** The teacher must be knowledgeable of the PDE Academic Standards, Assessment Anchors, and Eligible Content and incorporate them regularly into planned instruction.

**Formative Assessments:** The teacher will utilize a variety of assessment methods to conduct in-process evaluations of student learning.

**Effective formative assessments for this course include:** worksheets, projects, charts, summaries, bell ringers, essays

**Summative Assessments:** The teacher will utilize a variety of assessment methods to evaluate student learning at the end of an instructional task, lesson, and/or unit.

**Effective summative assessments for this course include:** tests, quizzes, essays