**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; and Civil Law (Torts, Contracts, Family Law, and Individual Rights). Students will touch on broad and specific legal topics to give them a better understanding of law and how it affects real life. Students will use case studies, individual research, group discussion/debate, guest speakers, and mock trials throughout the course.

**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

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 choose the correct code that corresponds with the course.

**TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

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

**Title:** *Street Law: A Course in Practical Law, Ninth Edition*

**Publisher:** McGraw Hill Education

**ISBN #:**  9780021429257/Digital: 9780076752461

**Copyright Date:** 2016

**WCSD Board Approval Date:** 4/12/2021

**Supplemental Materials:** Online News Resources; Supreme Court Cases; The US Constitution; Content specific videos/video clips from the McGraw Hill textbook, Swank, YouTube, PBS or other WCSD approved source

**Curriculum Document**

**WCSD Board Approval:**

**Date Finalized:** 5/23/2022

**Date Approved:**  6/13/2022

**Date Revised:** 6/10/2024

**Implementation Year:** 2022-2023

**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, AND CONCEPTS**

**Marking Period 1**

* Introduction to Law and the Legal System
* Criminal Law and Juvenile Justice

**Marking Period 2**

* Torts
* Consumer Law
* Family Law
* Individual Rights and Liberties

**Marking Period 3**

* Introduction to Law and the Legal System
* Criminal Law and Juvenile Justice

**Marking Period 4**

* Torts
* Consumer Law
* Family Law
* Individual Rights and Liberties

**Standards/Eligible Content and Skills**

| **Performance Indicator** | **PA Core Standard and/or Eligible Content** | **Marking Period Taught** |
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| Define the term law. | 5.1.12.A; C | MP1  MP3 |
| Explain several reasons for having laws. | 5.1.12.B; E  5.2.12.B | MP1  MP3 |
| Explain why rule of law is important in a democratic society. | 5.1.12.B-C  5.2.12.A-D | MP1  MP3 |
| List several laws that affect daily life in our society. | 5.1.12.B; D-E  5.2.12.A-C | MP1  MP3 |
| Describe the role of the legislative branch of government. | 5.1.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.3.12.A-C | MP1  MP3 |
| Distinguish among the types of laws typically made at local, state, and federal levels of Government. | 5.1.12.B  5.2.12.C  5.3.12.A-C | MP1  MP3 |
| Define the terms lobbying and grassroots lobbyists. | 5.3.12.D; H | MP1  MP3 |
| Describe the various methods that lobbyists use as they attempt to influence legislation. | 5.2.12.B-C  5.3.12.D; G-H | MP1  MP3 |
| Evaluate the impact of lobbying and campaign contributions on lawmaking. | 5.2.12.B-C  5.3.12.D; G-H | MP1  MP3 |
| List, describe, and distinguish among the three most common methods for settling disputes out of court. | 5.2.12.A-D | MP1  MP3 |
| Recognize the various court systems – local, state, and federal. | 5.1.12.D  5.3.12.A | MP1  MP3 |
| Describe the roles of judges, juries, defense attorneys, prosecutors, and plaintiffs in a trial. | 5.2.12.C-D  5.3.12.C | MP1  MP3 |
| Analyze situations to determine whether a person involved should hire a lawyer or not. | 5.1.12.C; E  5.2.12.A-B | MP1  MP3 |
| Analyze crime in the United States – describing the nature and causes of the crime. | 5.1.12.A-B  5.2.12.B  5.3.12.J | MP1  MP3 |
| Recognize the categories of crimes such as state and federal crimes, crimes of omission, preliminary crimes, misdemeanors, and felonies. | 5.1.12.A  5.3.12.B-C | MP1  MP3 |
| Differentiate between crimes against the person and crimes against property. | 5.1.12.C  5.2.12.B | MP1  MP3 |
| Recognize and describe the defenses available to people accused of a crime. | 5.1.12.C; E  5.2.12.A | MP1  MP3 |
| 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.C; E  5.2.12.A; C-D | MP1  MP3 |
| Analyze the juvenile justice system and the challenges that occur with the juvenile justice system. | 5.1.12.C; E  5.2.12.A; C-D | MP1  MP3 |
| Describe each step in the process as offenders move through the juvenile courts. | 5.1.12.C; E  5.2.12.A; C-D | MP1  MP3 |
| Define tort law. | 5.1.12.C  5.2.12.A-B  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Identify the parties in a civil lawsuit. | 5.1.12.C  5.2.12.A-B; D | MP2  MP4 |
| Apply basic concepts such as liability, settlement, and damages. | 5.1.12.C  5.2.12.A-B; D  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Recognize the two general types of intentional torts – actions taken to deliberately harm another person and actions taken to harm property. | 5.1.12.A; C; E  5.2.12.A-B  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Describe how the judicial system treats intentional torts. | 5.1.12.A; C; E  5.2.12.A-B  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Describe defenses to intentional torts. | 5.1.12.A; C; E  5.2.12.A-B  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Explain the concept of negligence. | 5.1.12.A; C; E  5.2.12.A-B | MP2  MP4 |
| Analyze the legal elements of negligence. | 5.1.12.A; C; E  5.2.12.A-B | MP2  MP4 |
| Describe torts in which defendants are held to strict liability standards due to being engaged in highly hazardous activities. | 5.1.12.A; C; E  5.2.12.A-B  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Recognize the function of the tort law system as it relates to public policy. | 5.1.12.A; C; E  5.2.12.A-B  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Evaluate the importance and fairness of the tort system. | 5.1.12.A; C; E  5.2.12.A-B  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Examine contracts and their elements. | 5.1.12.E  5.2.12.A | MP2  MP4 |
| Describe expressed and implied warranties and disclaimers. | 5.2.12.A-B | MP2  MP4 |
| Recognize the costs and risks of credit and the importance of managing money wisely and building good credit. | 5.2.12.A | MP2  MP4 |
| Analyze common deceptive sales practices – telemarketing scams and bait-and-switch techniques. | 5.2.12.A-B  5.3.12.D | MP2  MP4 |
| Describe federal, state, and local laws and agencies that regulate sellers and protect customers. | 5.1.12.B; E  5.3.12.C-D | MP2  MP4 |
| Analyze issues of consumer awareness when making major purchases. | 5.2.12.A; D | MP2  MP4 |
| Describe the legal issues of marriage and divorce. | 5.1.12.E  5.2.12.A-B; D  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Explain the financial responsibilities of couples dealing with issues of marriage and divorce. | 5.1.12.A; E  5.2.12.B; D | MP2  MP4 |
| Recognize local, state, and federal rules regarding adoption and assisted fertility. | 5.1.12.B  5.2.12.A-D  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Discuss legal issues and resources devoted to abuse issues – partner and child. | 5.1.12.A  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Describe how the Constitution establishes the basic framework of government and how the Bill of Rights protects the basic individual rights. | 5.1.12.A-B  5.2.12.A-C  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| 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.A-B  5.2.12.A-C  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| Explain how the establishment clause and the free exercise clause work together to ensure that the government protects religious freedoms. | 5.1.12.A-B  5.2.12.A-C  5.3.12.C | MP2  MP4 |
| 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.A-B  5.2.12.A-C  5.3.12.C-D; F | MP2  MP4 |
| Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole. | CC.8.5.11-12.A | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and idea. | CC.8.5.11-12.B | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain. | CC.8.5.11-12.C | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). | CC.8.5.11-12.D | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Analyze in detail how a complex primary source is structured, including how key sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text contribute to the whole. | CC.8.5.11-12.E | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Evaluate authors’ differing points of view on the same historical event or issue by assessing the authors’ claims, reasoning, and evidence. | CC.8.5.11-12.F | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem. | CC.8.5.11-12.G | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |

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| Evaluate an author’s premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information . | CC.8.5.11-12.H | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources. | CC.8.5.11-12.I | MP2  MP4 |
| By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 11-CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently. | CC.8.5.11-12.J | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content. | CC.8.6.11-12.A | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes. | CC.8.6.11-12.B | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. | CC.8.6.11-12.C | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. | CC.8.6.11-12.D | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information. | CC.8.6.11-12.E | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. | CC.8.6.11-12.F | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. | CC.8.6.11-12.G | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and research. | CC.8.6.11-12.H | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |
| Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. | CC.8.6.11-12.I | MP1  MP2  MP3  MP4 |

**ASSESSMENTS**

**PDE 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 but are not limited to:**

* Journal Entry
* Entry/Exit Ticket
* Thinking Map
* Verbal Explanation
* Observation
* Artifacts
* Reflection/Summary
* Quiz

**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 but are not limited to:**

* Marking Period Assessment/Final Exam
* Writing a Paper/Essay
* Performance Tasks
* Project
* Tests
* Portfolio