

This course provides the basic fundamentals of law and how it pertains to the everyday lives of students and those around them. Throughout this course we will study various disciplines of law including: constitutional, criminal, civil, juvenile, family, property, consumer, civil rights, lawmaking, environmental, student, state and local. Students will examine present day court cases, watch films about law, participate in case studies, and discuss various current topics they can examine. Besides covering the various disciplines, students will also learn the following: history of law, balancing individual rights with social responsibility, read primary sources, famous Supreme Court cases, how one becomes a lawyer, the impact of the internet on individual rights and the steps a student can take towards law school. Students will also participate in at least one mock trial where every learner will understand the steps of a trial and the roles of the following: judge, lawyer, jury, witness, and bailiff. Students will also be given opportunities to discover various vocational possibilities that exist within the legal system in law related jobs. The course includes extensive in-class student involvement such as: analysis and interpretation of primary source documents and court cases and rulings, problem solving, mock trials and hearings, role-play, legal projects, many written assignments, note taking, computer assignments, and tests.