

# Law and Order – High School

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Every purchase, lease, contract, marriage, divorce, arrest, crime or traffic violation places the citizen face-to-face with the law. Law & Order is designed to provide students with an understanding of their legal rights and responsibilities.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- Understand how to make a well rounded decision.
- Understand ethics and their applications.
- Understand the importance of laws.
- Understand the history of the US Legal System.
- Understand how our laws and ethics are related.
- Understand how a law moves through Congress.
- Understand the key players in law formation.
- Understand the President's power of veto.
- Understand what roles a citizen has.
- Understand the ways a court can affect a law.
- Understand how laws are changed.
- Examine the parts and purposes of the state court system.
- Examine the parts and purposes of the federal court system.
- Understand the steps of a civil case.
- Understand the process and people involved in a criminal and civil case.
- Identify the factors that may lead to crime.
- Understand the individuals involved in crime.
- Understand the purpose of the US criminal justice system.
- Understand the differences between crimes.
- Understand the different levels of liability.
- Know and understand what torts are.
- Understand the concept of damages.
- Understand the different types of torts.
- Understand the concept of standard of care.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**COURSE LENGTH:** One Semester

**REQUIRED TEXT:** No required textbook for this course.

**MATERIALS LIST:** No required materials for this course.

## **COURSE OUTLINE:**

**Unit One: The World of Law & Ethics**

**Unit Two: The Lawmaking Process**

**Unit Three: A Look Inside Our Courts**

**Unit Four: Criminal Law**

**Midterm**

**Unit Five: Tort Law**

**Unit Six: Consumer Law**

**Unit Seven: Family Law**

**Unit Eight: Community Rights**

**Final Exam**