

Law and Public Service Career Cluster

The Law and Public Service Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal services, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and fire and emergency services.

Legal Studies Statewide Program of Study



The Legal Studies program of study introduces CTE learners to the occupations and educational opportunities related to representing clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, as well as assisting lawyers and preparing legal documents. This program of study explores possible specializations in a single area of law.

Sharyland ISD Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

- Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security [1 Credit]

Level 2

- Court Systems and Practices [1 Credit]
- Business Law [1 Credit]

Level 3

- Legal Research and Writing [1 Credit] **(Advanced Course)**

Level 4

- Project-Based Research [1 Credit] **(Advanced Course)**
- Career Preparation I [3 Credits] **(Advanced Course)**

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Legal Assistant/Paralegal

Bachelor's Degrees

- Legal Assistant/Paralegal

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Advanced Legal Research/Studies General
- International Law and Legal Studies

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

- Attend court hearings and other legal procedures
- Join the Texas Public Service Association

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Intern with a local attorney
- Script and conduct a mock trial

Sharyland ISD Industry-Based Certifications

None



Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Lawyers	\$126,131	2,801	19%
Paralegal and Legal Assistants	\$50,544	2,837	19%

Successful completion of the Legal Studies program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service endorsement.
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Legal Studies Course Information

Level 1

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	13029200 (1 credit)	None	None

Level 2

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Court Systems and Practices	13029600 (1 credit)	None	None
Business Law	13011700 (1 credit)	None	None

Level 3

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Legal Research and Writing	N1303014 (1 credit)	None	None

Level 4

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Project-Based Research	12701500 (1 credit)	None	None
Career Preparation I	12701305 (3 credits)	None	None

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER CLUSTER,
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Your Junior High or High School Counselor

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