Law and Citizen

Curriculum Guide

Scranton School District

Scranton, PA

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Prerequisite:

- None

Law is a planned course covering criminal and civil law. The course will discuss the role of government (federal, state and local) as to how the laws are made. The course will then teach the students their amendment rights through actual Supreme Court decisions. The students will learn police, attorney and court procedures through the Bill of Rights and the text. The course will conclude with information covering civil litigation and practical information for life preparation, such as credit cards and housing rights.

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Year-at-a-glance

Subject: Law and Citizen	**Grade Level: 11 and 12**	**Date Completed: 2/18/2025**

1st Quarter

Topic	**Resources**	**Standards**
What is Law? **The basis of criminal and civil law**	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapter 1** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.6.11-12.B**
September 17: Constitution Day	**Constitution; textbook, newspaper, handout, worksheets.**	

Lawmaking: Federal, state, and local **How laws are made at each level of government**	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapter 2** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment** **PA State Constitution,** **Scranton Home Rule Charter.**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**
Bill of Rights: **1st Amendment: Freedom of speech, press, assembly, religion, and petition**	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapters 36, 37, 38, 39 & 40.** **Ch 3. (Freedom of Petition)** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.A.** **CC.8.5.11-12.B.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**
Introduction to Criminal Law	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law workbook,*** **Chapter 8** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**

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2nd Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Crimes Against a Person	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapter 9** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**
Crimes Against Property	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapter 10** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**
Criminal Justice Process: The investigation. **4th Amendment: Search and Seizure**	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapter 12** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.A.** **CC.8.5.11-12.B.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**

Lawyers **6th Amendment** **7th Amendment**	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook*, Chapter 6** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.A.** **CC.8.5.11-12.B.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**

3rd Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Defenses	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapter 11** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**
Criminal Justice Process - Proceedings before a Trial **5th amendment**	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapter 13** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.A.** **CC.8.5.11-12.B.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**
The Court System **Criminal Justice Process: The Trial**	**Approved textbook:** **Chapter 5 and 14** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapter 5, 14** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**

4th Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Sentencing: **8th amendment** **9th Amendment** **10th Amendment**	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapter 15** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.A.** **CC.8.5.11-12.B.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**
Civil Law: **Intentional torts** **Negligence** **Strict Liability**	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapters 18, 19, 20, and 21.** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**
Credit and other Financial Services **Cars and the Consumer**	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law workbook,*** **Chapter 25 and 28.** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**

Housing and the Consumer	**Approved textbook:** ***Street Law, Street Law Workbook,*** **Chapter 29** **Instructional Content** **Educational resources** **Assessment**	**CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.** **CC.8.5.11-12.J.** **By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 11–CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently.**

General Topic	Academic Standard(s)	Essential Knowledge, Skills & Vocabulary	Resources & Activities	Assessments	Suggested Time
What is Law? ● **Criminal Law** ● **Civil Law** **September 17:** **Constitution Day**	**CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.6.11-12.B**	**Recognize, define, and discuss definitions.** **Interpret situations** **Formulate opinions** **Discuss applications of the law.** **Reading informational text** Definitions - 1. Criminal laws 2. Felony 3. Misdemeanor 4. Civil laws 5. Civil action 6. Defendant 7. Plaintiff 8. Prosecutor 9. Beyond a reasonable doubt 10. Preponderance of the evidence	**Approved Textbook** **Worksheets** **Activity assessments:** **(1.2) Shipwrecked sailors** **(1.6) Apathetic Bystanders** **Multimedia presentations**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**11 days**

Lawmaking	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**	**Recognize your members of Congress.** **Recite the numbers in Congress (House and Senate).** **Understand the process of lawmaking on the Federal (Article I, section 7),** **State and Local Levels.** **Interpret the powers of Congress (Article I, Section 8).** Definitions - 1. Limited government 2. Separation of powers 3. Statutes 4. Checks and balances 5. Veto 6. Judicial review 7. Unconstitutional 8. Federalism 9. Bill of Rights 10. Supremacy clause	**US Constitution** **PA Constitution** **Scranton Home Rule Charter** **2.2 The Unclear Law**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**15 days**

Introduction to Constitutional Law **Freedom of Speech** **Freedom of Expression** **Freedom of Press** **Freedom of Religion** **Freedom of Assembly** **Freedom of Petition** **2nd Amendment Right to Bear Arms** **3rd Amendment No Quartering of Soldiers**	**CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.A.** **CC.8.5.11-12.B.**	**Students will define, recognize, and discuss definitions from chapters 36 – 40.** **Definitions from Chapter 3 (Initiative, Referendum, and recall) apply to Petition.** **Intro to Constitutional Law** 1. Amendments - Definition # 2 2. Due Process 3. Equal Protection 4. Compelling interest test **Freedom of Speech (expression)** 1. Obscenity 2. Defamation 3. Slander 4. Libel 5. Commercial Speech 6. Fighting words 7. Clear and present danger	**US Constitution** **Texas v. Johnson 37.9** **Hazelwood v. Kulhmeier (case of Censorship of the school newspaper)** **Snyder v. Phelps (Westboro Baptist Church protesters)** **Tinker v. DesMoines (case of student armbands)** **Establishment Clause** **Free Exercise Clause** **Wisconsin v. Yoder (case of the Amish Children)** **D.C. v. Heller** **McDonald v. Chicago** **Engblom v. Carey**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**20 days**

		8. Incitement test 9. Hate speech 10. Public Forum 11. Symbolic speech 12. Vagueness **<u>Freedom of the Press</u>** 1. Censorship 2. Gag order 3. Prior Restraint 4. Malice **<u>Freedom of Petition:</u>** 1. Initiative 2. Referendum 3. Recall **<u>Freedom of Religion</u>** 1. Establishment clause 2. Free exercise clause 3. Parochial schools **Students will identify the 2nd and 3rd Amendments.**			

Introduction of Criminal Law	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions.** 1.State of Mind 2. Mens Rea 3. Strict Liability 4. Elements 5. Felony 6. Misdemeanor 7. Defendant 8. Principal 9. Accomplice 10: Accessory before the fact 11. Accessory after the fact 12. Mediation 13. Arbitration 14. Crime of omission 15. Inchoate crimes 16. Solicitation 17. Attempt 18. Conspiracy 19. Overt 20. Motive 21. Aiding/Abetting 22 Harboring a fugitive 23. Obstruction of Justice 24. Negotiation	**Approved Textbook** **Worksheets** **Case of the Drowning Girl** **8.1; 8.2; 8.3**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**10 days**

Crimes against the Person	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions.** 1. Homicide 2. Criminal Homicide 3. Malice 4. First Degree Murder 5. Premeditated 6. Felony murder 7. Second degree murder 8. Voluntary Manslaughter 9. Involuntary manslaughter 10. Negligent homicide 11. Negligence 12. Non Criminal Homicide 13. Suicide 14. Unlawful imprisonment 15. Assault 16. Battery 17. Stalking 18. Cyberstalking 19. Bullying 20. Sexual assault	**Approved Textbook** **Newspaper** **Homicide cases** **The dying cancer patient** **Worksheets** **9.2**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**19 days**

		21. Rape 22. Statutory rape 23. Criminal sexual assault 24. Acquaintance rape/date rape. 25. Abduction/kidnapping			
Crimes Against Property	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitin,s.** Arson Vandalism Larceny Theft Shoplifting Concealment Embezzlement Robbery Extortion Burglary Forgery Uttering Receiving stolen property Unauthorized use of a vehicle Carjacking Cybercrime	**Approved Textbook** **Newspaper** **10.5**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online.(Optional)**	**10 days**

Criminal Justice Process: The Investigation **4th Amendment Searches and Seizures** **5th Amendment: Rights of the Accused.**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.A.** **CC.8.5.11-12.B.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions.** Allegation, Arrest, Arrest warrant, Probable cause, Drug courier profile, Corroborate, Reasonable suspicion, Exclusionary rule, Search warrant, Bona fide, Affidavit, Contraband, Racial profiling, Interrogate, Self- incrimination, Custodial interrogation, Search incident to a lawful arrest, Stop and frisk, Consent, Border and airport searches, Vehicle searches Plain view, Hot pursuit Emergency situations **12.1 Sequence of events in Criminal Justice Process**	**Approved Textbook** **Constitution** **Newspaper** **Court cases:** Mapp v. Ohio Terry v. Ohio Georgia v. Randolph Florida v. Jardines Riley v. California Miranda v. Arizona - Miranda rights	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**18 days**

		12. 4 **5th Amendment terms:** **Indictment** **Grand jury** **Self-incrimination** **Double Jeopardy** **Due process of law**			
Lawyers **6th Amendment: Right to a Speedy Trial** **7th Amendment: Jury Trial in a Civil Case**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.A.** **CC.8.5.11-12.B.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions.** Booking Litigators Bar associations Retainer Contingency fee Privilege (# 3) Disbarred Legal Malpractice **Students will identify all parts of the 6th and 7th Amendments.**	**Approved Textbook** **Constitution** **Newspaper** **Phone book, TV, Radio, (look up attorneys)** **Steps to take (what to ask your lawyer)** **Movie: Gideon's Trumpet** **Court Case:** Gideon v. Wainwright	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**14 days**
Defenses	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions.** 1. Alibi 2. Self - Defense 3. Infancy 4. Intoxication 5. Insanity	**Approved Textbook** **Newspaper**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**11 days**

		6. Entrapment 7. Duress 8. Necessity 9. DNA Evidence			
Criminal Justice Process: Proceedings before a Trial	**CC.8.6.11-12.B CC.8.6.11-12.E. CC.8.6.11-12.H. CC.8.5.11-12.A. CC.8.5.11-12.B. CC.8.5.11-12.D. CC.8.5.11-12.G.**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions.** Arraignment Bail Personal recognizance Information Preliminary hearing Grand jury Indictment Nolo contendre Pretrial motion Motion for a discovery of evidence Motion for a continuance Motion for a change of venue Motion to suppress evidence Exclusionary rule Judicial integrity Deterrence Plea bargaining Acceptance	**Approved Textbook** **Newspaper**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**7 days**

The Court **Criminal Justice Process: The Trial**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions.** Trial courts Parties Plaintiff Prosecutor Defendant Adversarial system Inquisitional system Plea bargain Voir dire Removal for cause Peremptory challenge Appeals court Error of law Precedent Dissenting opinion Concurring opinion Probate Petitions for certiorari Subpoena Due process Waive Contempt of court Immunity Indigent Double jeopardy Mistrial Petitioner Appellant Writ of habeas corpus	**Approved Textbook** **Newspaper**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**15 days**

Criminal Justice Process: Sentencing and Corrections **8th Amendment: Bails, Fines and Punishments**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.A.** **CC.8.5.11-12.B.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G.**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions.** Suspended sentence Probation Home confinement Fine Restitution Work release Imprisonment Death penalty Presentence report Retribution Deterrence Rehabilitation Incapacitation Parole Capital punishment Aggravating circumstances Mitigating circumstances Reentry	**Approved Textbook** **Newspaper** **8th Amendment cases:** **F**urman v. Georgia; Atkins v. Virginia Roper v. Simmons Coker v. Georgia Kennedy v. Louisiana Graham v. Florida	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**8 days**

9th Amendment: Rights reserved to the people **10th Amendment: Rights reserved to the states** **Review the Bill of Rights** **Go back through all 10.**	**CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.A.** **CC.8.5.11-12.B.**	**Reserved powers**	**Approved Textbook** **Constitution:** **9th Amendment cases:** Griswold v. Connecticut Roe v. Wade Right to Die case - Jack Kevorkian **10th Amendment:** **Reserved powers:** Elections, marriage laws, Speed limits, education	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**6 days**
Torts: a Civil Wrong	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G**	**Focus on type of insurance: car, home, life** **Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions** Damages Liable Liability Remedy Settlement Common law Intentional wrong Negligence Strict liability Deep pockets Class action Liability insurance Contract Premiums	**Approved Textbook** **Newspaper** **Car insurance worksheets: Use an example of a car insurance proposal and fees**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**5 days**

		Malpractice Medical coverage Collision coverage Deductible Comprehensive coverage Uninsured motorist coverage No-fault insurance			
Intentional Torts **Negligence** **Strict Liability**	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions** **<u>INTENTIONAL</u>** Intentional torts Compensatory damages Nominal damages Punitive damages Real property Personal property Intellectual property patent Copyright Infringement Novel First sale Fair use Consent **Negligence:** Contributory negligence Comparative negligence Counterclaim	**Approved Textbook** **Newspaper**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**5 day**

		Strict Liability Toxic torts Product liability			
Credit and Other Financial Services	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions:** credit creditors debtors finance charge interest unsecured credit secured credit collateral default annual percentage rate usury variable interest rates loan sharking bill consolidation bankruptcy repossess default judgment garnishment	**Approved Textbook** **Newspaper**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**2 day**
Major purchases: Housing, rentals and cars	**CC.8.6.11-12.B** **CC.8.6.11-12.E.** **CC.8.6.11-12.H.** **CC.8.5.11-12.D.** **CC.8.5.11-12.G**	**Students will define, recognize, and identify definitions** mortgage term fixed rate mortgages adjustable rate mortgages	**Approved Textbook** **Newspaper**	**Teacher prepared tests, quizzes, etc.** **Series available assessments online. (Optional)**	**3 days**

		foreclosure tenant landlord lease clauses lease application rent control eviction			
Final Exam					**1 day**

Standards:

CC.8.5.11-12.A.
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.B.
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 ideas.

CC.8.5.11-12.D.
Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of the text.

CC.8.5.11-12.G.
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.8.6.11-12.B
Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures / experiments, or technical processes.

- Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
- Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
- Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
- Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided

CC.8.6.11-12.E.
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.H.
Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.