

MOCK TRIAL**001220 ½ unit****Enrollment Based****9,10,11,12****Prerequisite - None**

Students prepare to represent clients in both civil and criminal trials. Students prepare for trial by learning to write opening statements, closing arguments, and direct and cross-examinations. As student-attorneys, students learn the rules of evidence, courtroom procedures, and decorum. As part of a litigation mock trial team, student attorneys try their cases against other mock trial teams in real courtrooms with practicing attorneys serving as judges. Students study areas of the law such as negligence, tort liability, wrongful death, murder, assault and battery, and libel. This course may be repeated for credit. **Mock Trial is a co-curricular class in which students research, prepare and compete, using resources outside of the school day.**