

***Law Related Education***  
**Syllabus**  
**Mr. Allen – Room 110**  
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**Course Description:**

*Law Related Education* is a semester-long social studies elective that serves as an introductory course to law and legal systems in the United States. Units include:

- Introduction to Law
- Constitutional Law & Civil Liberties
- Criminal Law (Criminal & Juvenile Justice)
- Civil Law (Torts, Consumer, family)
- Contemporary Issues in Law

*Law Related Education* is a survey course that will touch on broad and specific law related topics to give students a better understanding of how the legal system relates to real life. In this class students will analyze case studies, complete research, debate, contribute to group discussions, participate in both a mock trial & jury, and write a position paper. Guest speakers may also be scheduled throughout the course visiting either in person or via Google Meet on our class Smart Board.

**Text & Required Materials:**

Students will be provided with laptop computers (Google Chromebooks), headphones, and will be using the Google Classroom platform. Students should also have a black or blue ball point ink pen. Each student will be provided with the textbook Street Law (9<sup>th</sup> edition).

**Grades:**

Students will have assignments using their textbook and Google Classroom, in addition to activities/projects, quizzes, tests and exams. Grades will fall under two categories including measure of progress (40%) and master of content (60%). A grade of 60 or higher is passing.

**Grade Scale (range + / -):**

<b>A</b> 90-100	<b>B</b> 80-89	<b>C</b> 70-79	<b>D</b> 60-69	<b>F</b> below 60
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**Expectations:**

Students are expected to arrive to class on time and participate in every aspect of the class. If you are absent, you are still responsible for completing the work (if not possible, make an arrangement with the teacher for extra time). Class time will be given to complete most assignments, however homework will sometimes be required. **All work is due on the due date.** All students are expected to follow School District policies. No cell phones, Smart Watches, ear buds, or personal computer devices are permitted in this classroom. All students are expected to do their best, have a positive “can do” attitude, while following all class/school policies. **Go Team Lancers!**