

Smithfield High School CTE

Law and Public Safety Pathway

The Law and Public Safety Pathway at Smithfield High School serves as an introduction to the American legal system and criminal justice process as well as a physical and mental preparation to enter the field of first responders. Courses offered will excite your natural curiosity to solve problems and disputes. Students will learn how to answer some of the most pressing questions within the criminal justice system, such as: What makes a guilty mind? How can we reform the correction system? How do we ensure that all defendants receive a fair trial? You will learn how to apply the rules of the law to many situations which are prevalent in society. You will analyze ethics, criminal and civil law, the trial process, tort law, the law of contracts, product liability, warranties, and student rights. Mock trials enhance the course concepts and allow the students to argue cases in front of a jury while analyzing real and hypothetical criminal scenarios, evaluating all elements. First Responder Fitness will prepare you for the physical demands of law enforcement and help you to better evaluate your readiness for a career in public safety. **Learn more and apply [here!](#)**

Law and Public Safety Pathway Required Courses

- 4201 American History 1.0 or 4523 AP US History 1.10 (9)
- 4529 Introduction to Criminal Justice EEP 1.10 (10-12)
- 6512 Law and Society EEP 1.10 (10-12)
- 1141 First Responder Fitness .5 (11-12)
- 3502 Forensic Science .5 (11-12) or 4509 Psychology 1.0 (10-12)
 - Forensics prerequisite: completed or be enrolled in Chemistry

Law and Public Safety Pathway Elective Courses

- 6515 Law II
- 4505 Society and Sociology
- 4512 Political Ideologies EEP
- 4522 AP US Government & Politics

Law and Public Safety Culminating Credentials

- 80 hours of Work-Based Learning (Internship or Smithfield Explorers)
- National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) 100 and 700 certification (First Responder Fitness)
- First Aid/ CPR Certification (Taken in First Responder Fitness)

Law and Public Safety Pathway Student Outcomes

- Potential 12 credits to New England Institute of Technology;
 - Students who complete both *Intro to Criminal Justice* and *Law and Society* with a final grade of B or higher will earn 12 NEIT credits
- NIMS 100 certification
- NIMS 700 certification

Potential Occupations or Trades following Post-Secondary Coursework or Certifications

- Police Officer / State Police
- Department of Children, Youth, Families / Social Services
- Defense Attorney / Prosecutor
- Correctional / Parole Officer
- Fire and Rescue

Students participating in a Smithfield High School CTE program are responsible for meeting all pathway requirements (including all required courses), maintaining academic expectations, and following timelines.

SHS Graduation Requirements (Beginning with the class of 2029) - Visit www.shsri.org for additional details

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 Credits Required for Graduation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 credits in English ○ 4 credits in Math ○ 3 credits in Science ○ 3 credits in Social Studies ○ 2 credits in Foreign Language ○ 2 credits in PE/Health ○ 0.5 credit in Fine Arts ○ 0.5 Computer Science ○ 0.5 Personal Finance ○ 2.5 Electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Project Demonstration • State Assessment • Career Exploration • Individual Learning Plan • Technology Proficiency • Steam Exploration
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Typical Course Map

	<u>Grade 9</u>	<u>Grade 10</u>	<u>Grade 11</u>	<u>Grade 12</u>
English	English 9	English 10	English 11 or AP Literature	Literature & Drama EEP or English 12
Math	Algebra I or Geometry	Algebra II or Geometry	Pre-Calculus or Algebra II	Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Probability & Stats, or math elective
Science	Biology	Chemistry	Science Elective	Science Elective
Social Studies	US History	US History II	Civics in Action	Elective
CTE Courses		Intro to Criminal Justice EEP	Law and Society EEP	Forensic Science and/or Psychology
Required Courses	PE	PE	PE or First Responder Fitness	PE or First Responder Fitness
Required Courses	World Language	World Language	Elective	Elective
Required Electives	Personal Finance/Comp Sci/Fine Arts	Personal Finance/Comp Sci/Fine Arts	Personal Finance/Comp Sci/Fine Arts	Elective