Smithfield High School CTE Law and Public Safety Program

The Law and Public Safety Program 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 Program Required Courses

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

Law and Public Safety Program Elective Courses

- 6515 Law II
- 4505 Society and Sociology
- 4522 AP US Government & Politics

Law and Public Safety Culminating Credentials

- 80 hours of Work-Based Learning (Internship or Smithfield Explorers)
- YouScience Precision exam- Criminal Justice

Law and Public Safety Potential Program Student Outcomes

- Students who complete the Law and Public Safety Program and earn final grades of a B or higher in Intro to Criminal Justice EEP, Law and Society EEP, and Forensic Science, can earn 12 NEIT credits in CJ 110 Criminal Justice, CJ 112 Corrections, and CJ 114 The Court System towards the Criminal Justice Associates Degree program at NEIT.
- YouScience Precision exam- Criminal Justice
- National Incident Management Systems (ICS 100) Certification (completed in First Responder Fitness .5)
- First Aid/ CPR Certification (completed in First Responder Fitness .5)

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 2028) - Visit www.shsri.org for additional details

- 22 Credits Required for Graduation
 - 4 credits in English
 - 4 credits in Math
 - o 3 credits in Science
 - o 3 credits in Social Studies
 - o 2 credits in Foreign Language
 - o 2 credits in PE/Health
 - o 0.5 credit in Fine Arts
 - o 0.5 Computer Science
 - o 0.5 Personal Finance
 - o 2.5 Electives

- Senior Demonstration
- State Assessment
- Career Exploration
- Individual Learning Plan

Typical Course Map

| | <u>Grade 9</u> | Grade 10 | Grade 11 | Grade 12 |
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| 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 | First Responder Fitness | Intro to Criminal Justice EEP | Law and Society EEP and Forensics | Psychology or AP Psychology |
| Required Courses | PE | PE | PE | PE |
| 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 |