

Justice and You

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Justice and You is a one-semester elective course and is intended to provide Riverside students with an opportunity to study the legal, judicial, law enforcement, and corrections systems of the United States. The class will focus on constitutional law, general legal principles, and the laws and procedures derived from them. We will study constitutional law, civil and criminal laws, court procedures, and civil rights.

Course Structure:

This Justice and you course is intended to provide students with the ability to understand government, individual rights, laws and legal disputes. We will accomplish this through case studies, legal research, and other methods. We will also look at the roles played by lawyers, judges, and law enforcement professionals. It is hoped that students will gain a practical understanding of law and the legal system and how it relates to their everyday lives.

You Must have a notebook and a folder for this class.

Topics

Some of the topics that we may cover this semester include:

Course of Study

Unit 1: Introduction to Law and the Bill of Rights

Unit 2: Criminal Justice System

Unit 3: Family Law

Unit 4: Civil Law

Introduction to United States History

Course Goals and Objectives:

By the conclusion of this course:

- Students will understand how the law and the legal system can affect them in their everyday lives
- Students will understand the fundamental principles and values underlying our Constitution, laws, legal procedures, and legal system organization
- Students will understand the structure of our national and state governments, including the limitations (checks and balances) our Constitution places on government
- Students will understand the rights guaranteed to individuals by the U.S. and Wisconsin Constitutions
- Students will understand basic court procedures in criminal, civil, and juvenile cases
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of basic trial procedures and strategies
- Students will develop an awareness of current issues and controversies relating to the Constitution, laws, and the legal system
- Students will understand of the importance of citizen participation in our legal system
- Students will improve their understanding of the roles that law, lawyers, and law enforcement officials play in our society.
- Analyze current events as they pertain to our legal and justice system
- Students will also acquire a basic understanding of some important historical events, people, and places.

Graded Activities:

All assignments and work will be given through Google Classroom. Your grades will include, but not be limited to, readings, video analysis, DBQs, assessments, and discussions.

Grading system.

We will be using standards- based grading. You will be given at least three opportunities to show proficiency in each standard for this course.

Final exam

At the end of the semester, you will be given one last opportunity to show proficiency in one or more of the standards

General Rules:

All school and MPS rules apply. I expect that we will respect each other and the learning environment. We will respect the **Tiger Way**. Everyone in class has a right to learn without being harassed, bullied, etc. Also, practice the skill of whispering when working in groups We do not allow eating food or drinking beverages in my class except for water. (Every year four four-legged creatures try to visit my class looking for food.)

Tardy Policy.

If you are not in your seat once I close the door and you do not have a pass, please go directly to room 215.

Progressive discipline plan for minor offenses.

1. Verbal redirect
2. One-on-one counseling
3. Parent Notification
4. Detention
5. Behavioral referral.

Note: Serious offenses, including verbal abuse towards staff or students, bullying, fighting, harassment, theft, etc. will lead to an immediate Behavioral referral

