

Law and Justice Academy: Model Curriculum Framework

Subject Area	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
Mathematics	Geometry (recommended) or Algebra 1	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry	Calculus (recommended) or Probability & Statistics
Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Physics, or AP Biology/ Human Anatomy & Physiology
History/ Social Studies		World History, Culture, and Geography	U.S. History and Geography	U.S. Government and Economics
Electives ¹	Physical Education, Foreign Language, or Health Education	Physical Education, Foreign Language, or Fine and Performing Arts for Trial Lawyers	Physical Education, Foreign Language, or Fine and Performing Arts	Physical Education, Foreign Language, Advanced Fine and Performing Arts, Pathway Elective, ² or WBL
Law and Justice Academy Core Career-Technical Courses	Foundations of Law (World History)/Careers in Law and Criminal Justice	Criminal Law or Pathway Elective ²	Constitutional Law (complements U.S. History)	Practicum/Internship in Law and Criminal Justice
Work-based Learning/ Extracurricular Activities Integrated into Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law enforcement explorers ride-along • Field trips: correctional facility, police academy, crime lab, courts, etc. (grades 9–12) • Guest speakers (grades 9–12) • Mentorship (grades 9–12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock trial • Mentorships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth court • Mock trial and moot court • Marshall Brennan • Field trips: universities and law schools • Community service or service learning project (e.g., PROJECT citizen or legislative competition) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth court • Internship (paid/unpaid)

¹ Choice of two electives, or other required courses (appropriate electives may depend on student choice of pathway).

² Potential Law and Criminal Justice electives: Business Law, Civil Law, Communication, community college course (in Administration of Justice, Legal Assisting, Legal Studies, or course related to law field of interest), Consumer Law, Criminology, DNA, Environmental Law, Ethics and Law, Family Law, Federal Court System, Forensics, Forensic Psychology, International Law (human rights, environmental), Internet and Identity Theft Law, Law Enforcement Careers, Law and Accounting, Law and Economics, and Psychology.

This draft framework was developed by ConnectEd in collaboration with the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. All academic courses will meet California “a–g” requirements and reflect California content standards. Connections to legal and law enforcement themes will be made through integrated, thematic problems and projects.