

Bethlehem Area School District

Criminal Justice 2
(Elective)

Grades 10-12
Social Studies Curriculum

Course Description: Students will learn about the various aspects of the Criminal Justice System and how the system in the United States began and developed to its present state.

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Name of Course: Criminal Justice 2	Course Number: 246
Grade Level(s): 10-12 (varies)	
Unit: Adjudication (Court System)	
Estimated Instructional Time: 3 weeks	
PA Academic Standards: 5.1.12 C 5.2.12 B 5.3.12 A 5.3.12 G	
New Standards Performance Standards: ELA 1 ELA 2 ELA 3 ELA 7	
Unit Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ explain unique characteristics of American Court History ▪ discuss differences between Federal and State Court Systems ▪ outline steps taken during pretrial activities ▪ identify professional courtroom actors ▪ discuss facts and steps of a criminal trial 	
Text/Resource Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ text Criminal Justice Today 	
Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ video activity with 12 angry men with essay on jury activities ▪ video activity with runaway jury on jury selection with questions ▪ court case with Jack and Beanstalk (roles assigned / real case) ▪ guest speakers (judge, lawyers) ▪ question sheet with book Criminal Justice Today 	
Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ chapters 8, 9, and 10 tests ▪ chapter quizzes ▪ essay on court case 	
Extensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ actual court cases where students pass sentence on individuals as a judge (from book) 	
Remediation: varies based on level of student and area of academic difficulty	

Name of Course: Criminal Justice 2	Course Number: 246
Grade Level(s): 10-12 (varies)	
Unit: Prison Systems (Probation / Parole / Prison Life)	
Estimated Instructional Time: 3 weeks	
PA Academic Standards: 5.1.12 C 5.2.12 B 5.3.12 A 5.3.12 G	
New Standards Performance Standards: ELA 1 ELA 2 ELA 3 ELA 7	
Unit Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ explain the difference between probation and parole ▪ outline Federal Probation System ▪ explain job of probation or parole officer ▪ outline characteristics of prison today ▪ discuss realities of prison life and it's subculture 	
Text/Resource Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ text Criminal Justice Today 	
Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ video activity with Shawshank Redemption and questions ▪ question sheet with book Criminal Justice Today ▪ enhancement sheets (with scenarios) from Criminal Justice Today workbook ▪ guest speakers (probation officer, prison guard) 	
Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ chapters 11, 12, and 13 tests ▪ chapter quizzes ▪ essay on death penalty 	
Extensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ write a letter home from prison using scenarios, vocabulary terms with a rubric 	
Remediation: varies based on level of student and area of academic difficulty	

Name of Course: Criminal Justice 2	Course Number: 246
Grade Level(s): 10-12 (varies)	
Unit: Juvenile Justice and Rights	
Estimated Instructional Time: 3 weeks	
PA Academic Standards: 5.1.12 C 5.2.12 B 5.3.12 A 5.3.12 G	
New Standards Performance Standards: ELA 1 ELA 2 ELA 3 ELA 7	
Unit Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ discuss evolution of Juvenile Justice System ▪ identify problems faced by juveniles today ▪ discuss Supreme Court decisions that have affected the treatment of juveniles in the US ▪ identify similarities and differences between Juvenile and Adult Justice System 	
Text/Resource Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ text Criminal Justice Today 	
Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ question sheet to go with book Criminal Justice Today ▪ scenarios that go with Criminal Justice Today workbook ▪ crossword puzzle from Criminal Justice Today workbook ▪ guest speaker 	
Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ chapters 14 and 15 tests ▪ chapter quizzes ▪ essay on death penalty and juveniles 	
Extensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ paper 3-5 pages on Gang Life and Activities for Teenagers ▪ tour of prison 	
Remediation: varies based on level of student and area of academic difficulty	