

PLAINFIELD EAST HIGH SCHOOL



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Street Law Syllabus

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Plainfield East High School

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides upperclassmen the opportunity to analyze and evaluate legal issues, distinguishing approaches to dispute resolution. In addition, students will develop an understanding of the U.S. Constitution, aspects of civil and criminal law, the current legal system, careers within the legal field, current issues in practical law (e.g. gang activity, substance abuse), among other valuable law topics. Students should expect to reinforce problem-solving skills and a sense of responsible citizenship.

GRADING:

Course Grades: Course grades will not be based upon a total accumulation of points. Instead, student grades will be determined based on the following weighted categories:

Assignments: 30%

Assessments: 50%

Final Exam: 20%

Grading Scale: A= 100 – 90; B = 89-80; C = 79-70; D = 69-60; F = 59.9 and below

Homework:

Homework assignments given are critical to a student's understanding of psychological topics and aim to introduce or reinforce material. Classwork that remains unfinished will be assigned as homework due at the beginning of class the following day. It is imperative for you to complete any homework assignments in order to master the material.

Assessments:

In addition to the final exam, students will be given six outcome exams throughout the semester. Unit exams will cover material from several chapters, thus students are highly encouraged to review course material on a regular basis. Tests will consist of multiple choice, matching, essay, short answer essay, and true-false questions.

Students should also expect to be quizzed on content. Quizzes will generally cover sections of chapters or the chapter itself. Quizzes also will be conducted in various formats.

If you do not score at least a 70% on an Outcome Exam, there will be an opportunity to improve your score. This policy will be explained in further detail after the first Outcome Exam.

Reassessment and Late Work:

Students are encouraged to resubmit every assignment and reassess every exam for which they wish to increase their score. The gradebook will reflect the student's highest earned score for that assignment or assessment. For reassessment, students should consult Mr. Montanari's schedule of availability; furthermore, completion of a remediation (or, adjustment) assignment will be required prior to reassessment.

ABSENCE POLICY:

Students who have a pre-excused absence (field trips/vacations) are allowed to make up work missed during the absence. When assignments are provided by the teacher before the student leaves, the student is required to turn in the assignments upon return to each class.

For an excused illness absence, the student is entirely responsible for requesting the make-up work from the teacher(s). Tests/quizzes will be scheduled at an agreed upon time. Students will be given one school day for each day of excused absence to make up assignments and tests. Additional considerations will be given for students with extended illnesses.

In the matter of disciplinary absences, for the first offense resulting in a suspension longer than 3 days, the Attendance Office will collect and provide homework assignments to the student. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the Main Attendance Office and make arrangements to pick up the homework assignments. For subsequent, external suspensions, it is the responsibility of the student or parent to contact the teacher to obtain homework assignments. It is the suspended student's responsibility to make up missed work or tests. Work is due on the date of return to school.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

- You need to be in your seat when the bell rings.
- Respect others and your school.
- Keep hall passes to a minimum. You can't learn if you're not in the room.
- Refer to your student handbook for all other rules and regulations.
- Bring your required materials every day.

Required Materials. The following materials must be brought to class every day:

1. Folder specific to this course
2. Spiral notebook specific to this course
3. Writing utensils.

COMMUNICATION:

Teacher-Student communication is important. You need to tell me **the moment** you feel you need additional assistance. My e-mail address is JMontana@psd202.org. Please do not ever hesitate to contact with me with questions or concerns, I am usually very prompt with a response.

At the end of the day my number one concern is your education and well-being, and I will do everything in my power to provide a safe and respectful environment where we can achieve our mutual goals for learning.