Arkansas CTE

Introduction to Criminal Justice: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Adopted 2014

Assess opportunities in the criminal justice field

1.1 Investigate the different components of the criminal justice system

1. Compare the roles and responsibilities of local, state, county, and federal law enforcement agencies. 1.1.1
2. Compare the roles and responsibilities of private security agencies and contrast how they differ from public law enforcement agencies. 1.1.2
3. Relate law enforcement, courts, and corrections to the three branches of the federal government. 1.1.3

1.2 Research careers in criminal justice

1. Investigate the different responsibilities and roles of criminal justice agencies. 1.2.1
2. Compare educational requirements of various law & justice fields. 1.2.2
3. Assess personal fitness requirements related to law enforcement careers. 1.2.3

1.3 Evaluate personal assessments to determine suitability for a career in criminal justice.

1. Investigate personal career interests using a variety of assessments. 1.3.1
2. Demonstrate knowledge and skills required to seek, apply for, and accept employment 1.3.2

Investigate the structure and operation of police agencies

2.1 Assess the mission and operational procedures of police departments.

1. Examine the mission of police organizations. 2.1.1
2. Investigate the five core operational strategies of police departments. 2.1.2

2.2 Examine department structure

1. Compare the structure of various police agencies to determine rank, responsibility, and chain of command. 2.2.1
2. Describe different police management and styles. 2.2.2

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Investigate ethical and unethical behaviors and practices surrounding law enforcement.

1. Discuss the law enforcement officer's code of ethics. 3.1.1
2. Distinguish between illegal actions and unethical behaviors. 3.1.2
3. Investigate the common types of police misconduct. 3.1.3
4. Explore the reasons behind police corruption. 3.1.4

3.2 Investigate the repercussions of misconduct, corruption and illegal activities within law enforcement.

1. Evaluate the effects of police corruption and brutality on the community. 3.2.1
2. Examine the potential consequences of unethical and illegal actions. 3.2.2

Assess the fundamentals of the criminal justice system

4.1 Investigate the structure and functions of the American court system.

1. Analyze the structure of the Arkansas court system, investigating the primary responsibility of each. 4.1.1
2. Investigate the structure of the Federal court systems, assessing their role and function in law enforcement. 4.1.2

4.2 Differentiate between pre-trial and trial procedures, assessing the roles of each participant.

1. Identify each participant of the court, assessing the primary function of each. 4.2.1
2. Distinguish between each stage of the pretrial process, identifying the processes involved in each. 4.2.2
3. Investigate the implications of the plea bargaining process. 4.2.3

4.3 Assess strategies used in the jury selection process.

1. Examine voir dire and its relevance in the judicial system 4.3.1
2. Assess a case for jury selection strategies. 4.3.2

Assess the application of criminal and constitutional law in Arkansas

5.1 Analyze Fundamentals of Law

1. Differentiate between civil law and criminal law. 5.1.1
2. Assess the role of the Supreme Court, analyzing its impact on law enforcement. 5.1.2
3. Interpret and discuss the importance of the US Constitution and the protections guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the 14th amendment. 5.1.3
4. Examine constitutional issues arising from the use of technology 5.1.4

5.2 Examine Criminal Law

1. Describe how criminal laws are classified and categorized. 5.2.1
2. Demonstrate a basic understanding of Arkansas Crime Classifications 5.2.2

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Search and Seizure

1. Cite evidence of probable cause and how it can be established. 5.3.1
2. Explain the reasons for the exclusionary rule. 5.3.2
3. Relate probable cause to searching with/without a search warrant. 5.3.3
4. Hypothesize the potential consequences of an illegal search. 5.4.4