Mississippi Social Studies

Law Related Education

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1. **Assess the changes in the legal system and recognize the dynamic nature of the law in the United States over time.** LRE.1
    1. Define justice and law and trace its development in the United States. LRE.1.1
    2. Discuss the functions of the law, including lawmaking, advocacy, and settling disputes. LRE.1.2
    3. Describe how court decisions have dynamically altered the American political landscape. LRE.1.3

2. **Identify the characteristics of the civil and criminal justice systems; analyze their operations and assess their effectiveness.** LRE.2
    1. Compare and contrast criminal law and civil law. LRE.2.1
    2. Describe the various types of criminal law, including crimes against the person, crimes against property, and defenses. LRE.2.2
    3. Illustrate the Criminal Justice Process: the investigation, proceedings before trial, the trial and sentencing and corrections. LRE.2.3
    4. Identify juvenile justice concerns and differences in the due process procedures. LRE.2.4
    5. Summarize issues and problems confronting the criminal justice systems and assess the effectiveness of each system in resolving these problems. LRE.2.5
    6. Define civil law and the procedure for a civil case. LRE.2.6
    7. Identify the differences of various types of civil cases (e.g., civil wrongs, intentional torts, negligence, strict liability, torts, public policy, etc.). LRE.2.7
    8. Summarize issues and problems confronting the civil justice systems and assess the effectiveness of each system in resolving these problems. LRE.2.8

3. **Compare and contrast the state and federal judicial levels and analyze the relationships between them.** LRE.3
    1. Illustrate the court system on the federal level. LRE.3.1
    2. Describe the Mississippi judicial system. LRE.3.2
    3. Contrast the various functions of lawyers in both federal and state levels. LRE.3.3
    4. Compare and contrast the federal and state levels and the role of the citizen and lawyer in each. LRE.3.4

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5. Analyze the state's rights position versus the federal position (e.g., General Welfare Clause, 9th Amendment, 10th Amendment, 16th Amendment, Elastic Clause, etc.) . LRE.3.5

4. **Describe the roles and responsibilities of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.** LRE.4
    1. Understand the traditional American assumptions as they apply to law and law enforcement. LRE.4.1
    2. Compare and contrast the functions, responsibilities, and jurisdictions of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. LRE.4.2
    3. Analyze contemporary issues of law enforcement and their role in society. LRE.4.3
    4. Discuss the role of health and mental professionals in assisting law enforcement with lowering crime. LRE.4.4

5. **Assess the effectiveness of correctional systems in deterring criminal behavior.** LRE.5
    1. Demonstrate an understanding of sentencing and corrections on the state and federal level. LRE.5.1
    2. Describe the sentencing options available to the courts. LRE.5.2
    3. Compare and contrast punishment and rehabilitation as functions of the correctional system. LRE.5.3
    4. Evaluate the function of parole. LRE.5.4
    5. Discuss the arguments for and against capital punishment. LRE.5.5
    6. Evaluate data on recidivism to determine the effectiveness of the correctional system on deterring criminal behaviors. LRE.5.6

6. **Explain the various ways that the legal system insures civil rights and liberties.** LRE.6
    1. Distinguish between statutory and Constitutional law. LRE.6.1
    2. Explain the ways that the state and federal courts have interpreted the Constitution (e.g., freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, due process, the right to privacy, civil rights, etc.). LRE.6.2

7. **Summarize and evaluate the conflicts resulting from competing interests, conflicting laws, and conflicting interpretations of the Constitution.** LRE.7
    1. Investigate conflicts that arose because of differing opinions on the following:
civil rights
property rights
family values
housing rights
business rights
consumer rights LRE.7.1
    2. Debate conflicts that arose because of differing opinions on issues of liberty versus order (e.g., Red Scare, Patriot Act, rights of labor unions to strike, etc.). LRE.7.2