

Criminal Justice
Coon Rapids High School

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Overview

Criminal Justice is a one trimester course taken during the junior or senior year. Its intent is to provide student with the understanding and knowledge of the American justice system at various viewpoints. Students will come to understand the different career paths within the justice system.

Outline

Unit One – Introduction to the Law
Unit Two – Law Enforcement
Unit Three – Courts, Prosecution, and Defense
Unit Four – Sentencing, Prison, and Death Penalty

Class Rules

My expectations for you in this course are very simple:

- 1) Be on time
- 2) Be Prepared
- 3) Participate

Hall passes will be given out sparingly. Discipline, if necessary, will be handled in the classroom and occasionally by school administration. No food or drinks are allowed in the classroom. NO CELL PHONES IN CLASS.

Grades

Criminal Justice classes will consist of lectures, discussion, group projects, individual research, readings, videotapes, document work, quizzes, exams, and guest presentations. Points are rewarded accordingly.

A 93 – 100	A – 90 – 92	
B 87 – 89	B 83 – 86	B- 80 – 82
C+ 77 – 79	C 73 – 76	C – 70 – 72
D+ 67 – 69	D 63 – 69	D- 60 – 62

Makeup work from absences will be two day for each day missed in class. The only exception to this rule will be if the absence is within the last two days of a grading period. Test scores may be raised if students find guest speakers that are willing to present about their role in the criminal justice system. If the speaker is excellent the lowest test score may be raised to 90 percent. If the speaker is excellent the lowest test score will be raised to 80 percent and finally, if the speaker is poor their lowest test score will be raised to 70 percent.

Extra Credit

Participation and current events can be found by students and presented at the beginning of the class period for extra credit. Students must find and bring in evidence from the newspaper or Internet. All articles must pertain to U.S. law or rulings.

AH Connect

To access student grades use A – H Connect. All social studies teachers will be posting grades on A – H Connect to access grade updates for your student. I will post grades frequently. This may not always be weekly. Sign up forms are available through the CRHS guidance office.

Criminal Justice Presentation Permission Slip

Permission for students to participate in Criminal Justice Presentations
(This form must be completed by parents/guardians of students so they may participate in Criminal Justice speaker presentations.)

Dear Parent/ Guardian:

During the _____ academic year I have gathered various guest speakers from all over the state of Minnesota for our Criminal Justice presentations that will take place on Thursdays and Fridays this coming term. These speakers include correctional officers, social workers, law enforcement personal, forensics officials, case managers, attorneys and many more. Some of these speakers may speak about controversial issues or have graphic photographs or displays of their occupational procedures. My intent is not to shock students, but to realistically show students how many of the careers in the field of criminal justice work. I do wish that your students will be able to participate in our classroom presentations.

Sincerely,
Mr. Hirte
CRHS Social Studies teacher

Please sign below if your students will be able to participate in the guest presentations.

Students Name (Print please): _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

Concerns (If any may arise): _____
