



Law 12

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Course Outline

Overview:

The goal of Social Studies is to develop thoughtful, responsible, active citizens, which can acquire information, consider multiple perspectives and make reasoned judgment. Law 12 will provide the student with the opportunity to study and learn the Canadian legal system. Understanding and asserting one's rights and living up to responsibilities is a crucial part of being an active citizen in our society.

Law 12 teaches students to:

- understand fundamental legal principles including equality, justice and liberty
- recognize and act upon their rights and responsibilities.
- identify legal elements in problems.
- prevent or address legal problems in everyday life.
- apply their learning about the law to their studies careers, and daily lives.



Course Content

Foundations of Law

This will be an investigation into the sources, roles, and purposes of law in our society. Basic structures and processes that are used to administer and enforce the law will be discussed.

Criminal Law

Students will be challenged to answer key questions such as: why society criminalizes certain behaviours, what constitutes a crime, and how society deals with criminal behaviour.

Civil Law

Civil Law is broken further into two segments: Tort Law and Contract Law. Tort Law deals with disputes between parties and wrongs done to one another, while Contract Law looks at the various agreements, both formal and informal made between groups.

Law and the family

Students will explore the various laws and principles that govern family life, specifically as they relate to marriage, divorce, and responsibilities to children.

Big Ideas for Law 12:

Understanding legal rights and responsibilities allows citizens to participate more fully in society.	Laws can maintain the status quo and can also be a force for change.	A society's laws and legal framework affect many aspects of people's daily lives.	Laws are interpreted, and these interpretations may evolve over time as a society's values and worldviews change.
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Plagiarism: (intellectual theft)

Plagiarism is using another person's ideas without providing them credit. When submitting any work to be evaluated it should be your own if you take another person ideas you should be putting it into your own words and cite your sources.

How to be successful in this class!!!



1. **Law is a course that depends on participation.** Unexcused absences are not acceptable; a signed note with parent's phone number would be appreciated. Speak up in class, get involved. Please let me know in advance if you are going to miss a test or class.
2. **Don't be afraid to ask questions.**
3. **Be organized.** (Use your agenda to keep track of assignments and due dates. Keep your notebook neat and organized. Write the date on handouts and notes so you can keep them in order.)
4. **Complete all assignments and homework on time!** (Please don't procrastinate, stress and anxiety will only make the assignment harder to complete.)
5. **Review your notes regularly.**
6. **Pay attention to the news.** (Preferably in English). If you don't already read a newspaper or online news page you should probably start to do so.
7. **Do your own work.** Copying from friends or having tutors writing your assignments does not help you learn the material and will create downward pressure on your grade.
8. **Read!** Reading is an essential skill for Social Studies and most of your other classes.
Recognize that learning is your responsibility. For the time being it is your job. No one can make you learn if you don't want to.

Expectations:

- Respect others' contributions and learning environment. (books, room and other feelings)
- Offer opinions and ask questions. (of the material, others and yourself)
- Keep your binder organized and up to date. (Record date, assignments, marks)
- Do quality work, something you are proud of
- Be on time to class ready to learn and contribute. (In your chair before the bell with your binder open & pen ready)

Critical Thinking:

Written case studies, films, and other electronic sources will be used in each unit to illustrate various legal challenges that arise in each field. Students will be asked to think critically about each case and legal issue, all the while knowing that there are few absolutely right and wrong answers.

Other points to take note of:

- Quizzes, projects, and written assignments are to be complete in black ink, blue ink or computer printout.
- Work is due at the **start** of class on the due date.
- **All** assignments must be complete to receive a passing grade.
- If you are away during a test you will be expected to write it the day you get back to school.

Breakdown of your grade:

Assignments.....	25%
Projects.....	20%
Tests and quizzes.....	30%
Trails & Cases.....	15%
Final	10%



*****In order to meet the needs of struggling students and those that wish to improve their standing, I am available at lunch or after school in Room C206 or the Gym office until 4:00pm on most days. Please drop in if you have any concerns or simply would like a quiet place to work!***