

Mr. R. Kirin Bartow High School Room 506
Law Studies 2106350
2007-2008 Course Syllabus Business Department 0.5 Credit

A. Major concepts/concerns. Students learn that the American legal system is the foundation of American society. In order to function effectively, students examine those laws which have an impact on citizens' lives and are provided with an introduction to fundamental civil and criminal justice procedures.

The content will include, but is not be limited to, the following:

- need for law
- basis for our legal system
- civil and criminal law
- adult and juvenile courts
- family and consumer law
- causes and consequences of crime
- individual rights and responsibilities
- career opportunities in the legal system

Special note. Credit in this course precludes credit in Comprehensive Law Studies.

Grading Policy:

| Required Task | Approximate Percentage of Grade | BHS Grade Scale | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Worksheets | 20% | 90%-100% | A |
| Quizzes/Exams | 50% | 80%-89% | B |
| Class Participation | 10% | 70%-79% | C |
| Homework* | 10% | 60%-69% | D |
| Daily Work/Organization | 10% | 60% or less | F |

Class participation includes group work and response to oral examinations

Daily work includes seat work and correction of test/worksheets

Grades are available on line via parent viewer - options - Call, E-mail, Grade sheet or parent conference.

* Due on the date assigned at the beginning of class.

TEXTBOOK/ RESOURCES - Glencoe-McGraw-Hill Street Law - A course in Practical Law - Appropriate chapter and unit worksheets.

The appropriate school club for this class is FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America

CLASS EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- This is a business class; students are expected to practice businesslike dress and behavior.
- **Unexcused** absence will result in loss of daily participation points.
- Suspension or removal from class for inappropriate behavior will result in loss of daily participation points
- Improper use of class equipment will not be tolerated
- Presentation of work from others - represented as your own - will equal a zero for the assignment - for both parties (see code of conduct 5.02)
- NOTE: all class behavior, including the above will be processed in accordance with the current Polk County Code of Student Conduct. This includes any 9th grade center rules as applicable.
- "In class on Task" includes no heads down or eyes closed during class; be an active note taker during lectures; participate on group and seat work; no headsets or "entertainment" devices to be used during class!
- Ahead of your classmates on a test or worksheet? : READ! You are encouraged to use class appropriate material or work from other Bartow High classes per my review and approval.

Additional information

Students may use hand held calculators at any time in class. Cell phones are not to be used as calculators at any time in class. Students may submit extra credit work if all regular assignments are completed. Extra credit will not be used as a substitute for missing work! Make up work is the responsibility of the student. When you return to class, make sure you get a list of all make up work. Seat work and worksheets from the day you are absent will be handed out after the current days work is complete. Makeup is due the next class.
Exceptions: Prolonged absence or assignment to an alternative school will be dealt with as needed.

Contacts

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ATTEND - PARTICIPATE - PRODUCE

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent Guardian Signature _____

Parent phone or E-mail Contact _____