



Sherman High School
Law Enforcement I Syllabus
2018-2019

Contact Information

Teacher: Mr. Christopher S. Dickson

Room #: Classroom Varies Upon Class Period Assigned

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Tutorials: 7:15-7:45 (Thursday); additional times are available to the student upon request.

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WELCOME TO LAW ENFORCEMENT !!

I am very pleased to have each of you in my class. Below is a description of the course from TEA's Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills:

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Law Enforcement I is an overview of the history, organization, and functions of local, state, and federal law enforcement. Students will understand the role of constitutional law at local, state, and federal levels; the U.S. legal system; criminal law; and law enforcement terminology and the classification and elements of crime.

CLASSROOM RULES:

(follow these rules and you're in for a great year)

1. **LISTEN ACTIVELY**, with your mind, eyes and whole body by focusing on whomever "has the floor." When the teacher is speaking LISTEN with your whole body.
2. **RESPECT ALL OTHERS** in the room by using appropriate language at ALL times and listening when others "have the floor."
3. **ARRIVE to class ON TIME**. The tardy policy outlined in your student code of conduct will be followed.
4. **NO FOOD OR DRINK IN CLASS!**
5. **BE PREPARED:** Consistent lack of preparation can and will affect your grade. Have your supplies!

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY:

Cell phones and other technological devices are **NOT** to be utilized in class for any reason unless specifically asked to utilize the device for educational purposes at the teacher's discretion. Cell phones observed or used when not authorized will be confiscated.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- a. One 1.5"-2" Three Ring Binder: For handouts and other completed work.
- b. Loose-leaf Notebook Paper: Preferably college-ruled paper.
- c. Ink Pens for work: Black or Blue. No other colors.
- d. 8-16 GB USB Flash Drive
- e. NOTE: It is imperative that you bring all of these supplies consistently. Being prepared is part of your grade.

GRADES:

(Grades in this course are weighted).

Daily Work = 20%

Quizzes = 30%

Tests (Mastery) = 50%

LATE WORK AND ABSENCES:

Assignments not turned in by the assigned due date are considered incomplete assignments. There will be a penalty of 20 points the first class day late, and then an additional 10 points penalty assigned per class day thereafter.

MAKEUP WORK:

All work that was missed due to an excused absence will be made up. It is your responsibility to contact me for your makeup assignment. At that time I will set a new due date. (At this point the late work policy shall be in effect)

KEEP EVERYTHING!

Student and Parents are requested to sign up for Law Enforcement I Class Reminders and Information by visiting www.mrdickson.net

Pacing Calendar
(Calendar subject to change)

1st 9 weeks
Law Enforcement History
Code of Ethics
United States Legal Systems
Community Oriented Policing
Interview and Interrogation
2nd 9 weeks
Arrest
Traffic Stops
Technical Report Writing
Crime Scene Search
3rd 9 weeks
Critical Issues / Patrol Techniques
Crime and Punishment
4th 9 weeks
Victim's Rights
Juvenile Law
Child / Elderly Abuse
Comprehensive Assessment

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Parent/Student Signature

Parent/guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Best way to contact you: Phone: _____ or

Email: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Comments or concerns: