

Welcome to



Personal & Business Law

With Mrs. Gould

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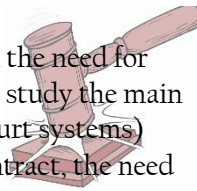
***Parents I am in several different room throughout the day, so please email me and I will get back to you within 24 hours.*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of business and personal law that may benefit them now and in the future. Topics covered include, but many not be limited to: constitutional, statutory, laws for minors, civil and criminal law, court jurisdictions and trial procedures. Contract, consumer, employment, family, property and cyber laws are also covered. Controversial issues and current legal events are highlighted within each unit. Classroom activities may include: lecture, discussion, case studies, group work/projects, field trips, guest speakers, individual projects, tests and a mock trial.

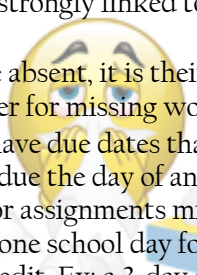
STUDENTS WILL...

- **Study the foundations of a legal system** (explain the need for laws, differentiate between criminal and civil law, study the main sources of law, compare federal, state and local court systems)
- **Examine contracts** (explain the elements of a contract, the need for a contract, compare types of contracts)
- **Explore criminal law** (differentiate between criminal and civil trial procedures, distinguish among an infraction, a misdemeanor, and a felony, explain penalties associated with crimes)
- **Explore tort law** (identify common torts such as assault, battery, defamation, negligence, product liability and their penalties)
- **Examine legal aspects of employment** (describe rights and responsibilities of employees and employers)
- **Examine cyber/computer law and more!**



ATTENDANCE/LATE WORK

- Student success is strongly linked to class attendance and absences should be limited.
- When students are absent, it is their responsibility to check the "absent work" folder for missing work the day they return.
- Assignments will have due dates that are strictly enforced. Any assignment that is due the day of an absence is due the day a student returns. For assignments missed while being absent, students will have one school day for each missed day to complete the work for full credit. Ex: a 3-day absence will result in 3 school days to make up the missed work.



MATERIALS



Please have the following items for class:

- ✓ pen/pencil
- ✓ folder
- ✓ ear buds (for online activities ONLY)

GRADING

Mrs. Gould uses a points-based grading system. Each assignment is given a point value and the final course grade is calculated as a percentage of total points earned out of total points possible. *For example, if you earned 450 points out of a total of 500, you would earn a 90%.*

Assignments will include, but are not limited to:

- Participation
- In-class assignments
- Homework
- Projects/Quizzes/Tests

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

Polite – Be nice to EVERYONE. Respect YOURSELF, your CLASSMATES, your TEACHER, and the CLASSROOM. No talking while others are and no cell phone use.

Prompt – Be on time. Enter the classroom quietly and get started on your early work.

Prepared – Bring all materials and necessary work to class every day.

Productive – Maximize learning time by staying on task, listening and following directions.

Patient – Wait for your turn to talk.

Listen to others. Be patient with Mrs. G; she is one person