

Law and Public Service Career Cluster

The Law and Public Service Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal services, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and fire and emergency services.

Law Enforcement Statewide Program of Study



Career & Technical Education

The Law Enforcement program of study teaches CTE learners about the development of, adherence to, and protection of various branches of law. Students will learn how to appropriately and legally respond to breaches in the law according to statutory rules and regulations as well as investigate how and why the breaches occurred.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

9th Grade

- Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

10th Grade

- Law Enforcement I

11th Grade

- Law Enforcement II (AAC)

12th Grade

- Forensic Science (AAC)

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

- Join the Texas Public Service Association or local criminal justice clubs
- Join SkillsUSA or TSA

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Attend court hearings and other legal procedures

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Criminal Justice
- Law Enforcement Administration

Bachelor's Degrees

- Forensic Science
- Criminal Justice

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Criminology and Criminal Justice



Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$64,373	5,424	13%
Detectives and Criminal Investigators	\$82,090	1,536	8%
First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$97,571	5,461	12%
Immigration and Customs Inspectors	\$78,104	1,236	9%
First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$91,312	253	25%