

Guthrie High School
Business Department, Business Law

Course Description: The business law course aims to give the student a basic understanding of both a person's legal rights and his legal responsibilities. After a basic introduction to the law and our American legal system, the course emphasizes the many aspects of contract and consumer law as applied to various business situations. Warranties, employment, consumer purchasing and credit, and criminal law are other topics covered during the semester.

Week	Course Content – No PASS Standard(s)	Course Objectives	Assessments	Resources & Inventions
<i>First 9 weeks</i>	Ethics And The Law Criminal Law Problems In Society Law Of Torts Dual Court System Trial Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate among the ways in which decisions can be made. • Define law and explain why laws are needed. • Explain how and why ethics and law do not always coincide. • Distinguish among the five major sources of today's law. • Identify the major classes of crimes. • Describe the elements of a crime. • Distinguish among a variety of particular crimes. • Explain the defenses available to criminal defendants. • Summarize the penalties provided under criminal statutes. • Identify some problems of modern society. • Define the doctrine of public policy. • Distinguish among laws that protect against drug use and domestic violence. • Describe some laws related to property violations. • Explain how due process applies to minors. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Understanding Business and Personal Law</u>, Eleventh Edition, Glencoe McGraw-Hill • End of Lesson Activities • Supplemental Cases • Enrichment Masters • Ethics and Business Law Activities • Role Play • <i>Understanding Business and Personal Law</i> Web Site

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<p><i>First 9 weeks Continued</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and define a variety of intentional torts. • Explain what constitutes negligence and contrast the various defenses to negligence. • Determine when the doctrine of strict liability applies. • Differentiate between survival and wrongful death statutes. • Outline the remedies available to the victim of a tort. • Define the concept of jurisdiction and explain how it applies to the court system. • Differentiate between the federal and state court system. • Contrast the three levels of the federal court system. • Identify the principal state courts and describe their functions. • List the steps in civil trial. • State the rights that people have when they are arrested. • Identify the steps in a criminal trial. • Contrast a grand jury with a petit jury. 		

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2 nd Nine Weeks	Marriage Formalities And Restrictions Divorce And Legal Consequences Renting A Place To Live Insurance Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the rights and duties involved in the marriage contract. • Highlight some typical issues addressed in premarital agreements. • Compare the age requirement of marriage under today's common laws. • Differentiate between a common-law marriage and a ceremonial marriage. • Outline the law as it applies to prohibited marriages. • Contrast a divorce with an annulment and list the most common frauds for which annulments are obtained. • Name and describe the most common grounds for divorce. • Distinguish between a person's residence and person's domicile. • Trace the development of child custody laws. • Define the principal kinds of tenancies available to persons who rent real property. • Recognize the liability of landlords and tenants to third parties. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Understanding Business and Personal Law</u>, Eleventh Edition, Glencoe McGraw-Hill • End of Lesson Activities • Supplemental Cases • Enrichment Masters • Ethics and Business Law Activities • Role Play • <i>Understanding Business and Personal Law</i> Web Site

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2 nd Nine Weeks Continued		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List the rights and duties of landlord and tenants. • List and explain the terms that are common to most forms of insurance. • Compare life insurance with that of fire insurance. • Describe the principal kinds of life insurance. • Explain some differences in health insurance coverage. • Identify the kinds of loss that are covered by homeowner's insurance 		