

LAW & SOCIETY

Career Pathway

Course Offerings/Credits

Minimum of 3 Courses

Forensic Science	1
Criminal Justice	1
Sociology	1
Honors We the People	1
Psychology	1
Focus on Contemporary Issues	1

Career Choices

- Law Enforcement
- Counter Terrorism
- Computer Forensics
- Homeland Security
- Criminology
- Forensic Science
- Lawyer
- Social Work

Learning Opportunities

- Mock Trial
- Congressional Hearings and We the People
- NS Prevention Task Force
- State House Visit
- ACI Field Trip
- SADD



Pathway Description

Students choosing to follow this pathway will be exposed to a variety of courses related to law and justice.

Investigation of the functions of law and systems of regulations will anchor the student's academic pathway. Students will explore constitutional principles that are the foundation of the judicial branch. They will also be exposed to the institutions of government that dictate social behaviors. Students will explore the constitutional protections in place for those accused of a crime. Students will delve into topics ranging from individual behaviors, government actions to deter crime, as well as the processes used to investigate and punish crimes. In addition, examination of efforts for rehabilitation will also be conducted.

Study in this pathway will be enhanced through experiential learning and frequent access to community resources.

Pathway Recommendations

Students interested in pursuing a pathway in this area should meet with their guidance counselor to select the best sequence of courses that will satisfy the North Smithfield High School graduation requirements and at the same time, meet the criteria to receive a seal of concentration in Criminal Justice.

Students will also develop a Criminal Justice related focus which will culminate in field experience for the required senior project.

It is recommended that students choosing this concentration, actively seek postsecondary schools to further their education in this field.