



# Bridges Career Academy Law Enforcement

*Bertha-Hewitt High School*

Understand skills needed for careers in criminal justice. Learn about police officers who conduct regular patrols, investigate burglaries, or give first aid to accident victims. Gain insight into other agencies that have personnel serving in investigative divisions such as the homicide division, narcotics or legal divisions as lawyers, correction officers or game wardens. Gain entry-level employment or continue education.

## Academic Courses

- Forensics
- Criminal Justice
- Fitness

## Career Experiences

- Listen to industry speakers
- Tour police station
- Attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day or other regional career fairs

## Completion Standards

COMPLETE

**All courses**

GRADES **B** ↑

Earn a **certificate** and **green cord** at graduation



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## Job Skills

In addition to having technical skills, employers expect workers in this industry to have these skills:

- Be an active member of a team
- Use critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Effective oral and written communication
- Work precisely with data and reports
- Skills with law enforcement materials and equipment



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# Law Enforcement Career Academy

## Bertha-Hewitt High School

The Law Enforcement Academy provides students the knowledge and skills needed to understand the many and diverse careers in the field of criminal justice. Students enrolled in this academy learn about police officers who conduct regular patrols, investigate burglaries, or give first aid to accident victims. Other agencies that have personnel serving in investigative divisions such as the homicide division, narcotics or legal divisions as lawyers, correction officers or game wardens will be highlighted. Students will gain the basic skills needed to transfer their knowledge and continue their education at a post-secondary institution.

### ACADEMY COURSES

#### **Forensics** — 1 High School Credit

This course covers several areas of forensics including fingerprinting, DNA extraction and hair identification. Students use lab settings to evaluate crime scenes and forensic evidence. This is a hands-on course that uses case models to allow students to practice techniques and equipment. Court case reports provide students samples of the kind of information that is expected by those who review a criminal case.

#### **Criminal Justice** — 1 High School Credit

This course is a study of the history and philosophy of the criminal justice field and its ethical considerations. Covering the theories of criminology and victimology, students will start with the criminal justice systems roots and expand toward the correctional systems. The nature and impact of crime is explored and instruction includes an overview and study of the criminal justice system, law enforcement, the court system, prosecution and defense, trial processes and corrections and penal systems.

#### **Fitness** — 1 High School Credit

Fitness is a course that incorporates cardio and resistance training components, Students will maintain an exercise journal that demonstrates their increased body fitness. Students will learn skills that will allow them to maintain a lifetime of physical health essential in law enforcement careers.

### COMPLETION STANDARD

Students wishing to receive a certification must complete all the academy courses while maintaining an average of 'B' or better in each course. In addition, students must complete the courses without receiving any behavioral referrals or detentions.

### CAREER EXPERIENCES

Students will explore and research careers through tours of a county police station, see fingerprinting demonstrations and fingerprinting crime scene materials. Highlights of the workplace experience will include watching an actual trial, listening to speakers from the Todd County Sheriff's Department and having a presentation from a liaison officer. Attending the Bridges' Career Exploration Day event and other regional career fairs is included.

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