



Bridges Career Academy

Pre-Criminology

Pillager High School

Introduction to the criminal justice system through the social and hard sciences. Study the legal system, and the history and development of laws. Learn how laws are applied to acts of crime in a democratic society, as well as the consequences for those who break the laws. Learn how to make the world safer for its citizens.

Academic Courses

- Forensics I
- Forensics II
- Criminal Justice
- Biotechnology

Career Experiences

- Listen to industry speakers
- Visit a courthouse & jail
- Attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day or other regional career fairs

Completion Standards

COMPLETE

3 of 4 courses

GRADES **B** ↑

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



Job Skills

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

- Active listening and speaking skill
- Complex problem solving
- Oral and written communications skills
- Observation and objective analysis skills
- Scientific inquiry skills



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The Pre-Criminology Academy provides students an introduction to the criminal justice system through the social and hard sciences. Studying the legal system, and the history and development of laws highlight this academy. Students learn how laws are applied to acts of crime in a democratic society as well as the consequences for those who break the laws. Whether you have the desire to live in a small community or an urban area and are interested in making the world safer for its citizens, enforcement careers are for you. In this Academy, students gain the basic skills needed to transfer their knowledge and skills as they continue their education at a post-secondary institution.

ACADEMY COURSES

Forensics I— 1 High School Credit

These courses are designed to introduce students to the basics of Forensic Science. Forensic Science is the study and application of science to the legal system. This involves many things including evidence collection, crime scene management, and evaluation of evidence. Students will be involved in simulated crime scenes where they will practice these skills. By doing this, students will become aware of the capabilities and limitations of the field of Forensic Science.

Forensics II— 1 High School Credit

This course is designed to advance students with the basics of Forensic Science. Forensic Science is the study and application of science to the legal system. This involves many things including evidence collection, crime scene management, and evaluation of evidence. Students will be involved in simulated crime scenes where they will practice these skills. The course will review basic principles covered in biology and physics while looking at them as they apply to Forensics. By doing this, students will become aware of the capabilities and limitations of the field of Forensic Science

Criminal Justice — 1 High School Credit

This course will explore the development of the U.S. criminal justice system, focusing both on the social values which form the basis for this institution and on the particular institutional arrangements through which society aspires to foster responsible behavior among its citizens. It will examine the broad ideals of justice and the underlying assumptions about the personal rights and obligations that come with membership in a society. And it will analyze the workings of the criminal justice system within the context of a free society characterized by broad human diversity.

Biotechnology — 1 High School Credit

Emphasis is placed on the fundamental cell biology, microbiology and genetic principles. Students will have extensive lab work that utilizes the science and application behind the biotechnology revolution such as protein isolation, DNA fingerprinting, genetic engineering and gene transfer.

COMPLETION STANDARD

Students wishing to receive a certification for this academy must complete 3 of the 4 courses and earn a “B” or better in each course.

CAREER EXPERIENCES

Students will listen to guest speakers from various branches of the criminal justice system along with visiting a courthouse and jail. Students will explore careers by attending the Bridges Career Exploration Day event and other regional career fairs.

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