

Wallenpaupack Area School District

Wallenpaupack Area High School

Course title: Business Law

Length of Course: Full Semester – 0.5 credit

District Policies:

Academic Integrity:

Academic integrity is essential to the success of an educational community. Students are responsible for learning and upholding professional standards of research, writing, assessment, and ethics in their areas of study. Written or other work which students submit must be the product of their own efforts and must be consistent with appropriate standards of professional ethics. Academic dishonesty, which includes cheating, plagiarism, multiple submissions and other forms of dishonest or unethical behavior, is prohibited.

Assessment:

The goal of grading is to report student progress and achievement to the parents to strengthen the home-school connection. The grade should accurately reflect the student's performance in mastering the PA Standards and the WASD curriculum.

Attendance:

Regular school attendance is vitally important to academic success. Not only does attendance reinforce and enrich the learning process; it also establishes patterns and attitudes that will carry forward into adult work habits. Regular, consistent attendance is a prerequisite to successful school life. Children should be absent only in cases of illness or emergency.

Course Description:

Business laws deals with the following issues: sales, agency and employment, credit, negotiable instruments and business associations. Personal law deals with the following issues: juvenile justice, consumer law, family law, housing law, and individual rights and liberty.

Pennsylvania State Standards:

Civics and Government Education:

5.1.12.A: Analyze the sources, purposes, functions of law, and how the rule of law protects individual rights and promotes the common good.

5.3.12.C: Evaluate how government agencies create, amend, and enforce regulations.

Business, Computer, and Information Technology Education:

15.5.12.E: Evaluate legal forms of business entities when considering entrepreneurship (e.g., existing business, franchise, new business, corporation, LLC, partnership, sole proprietorship).

15.5.12.K: Analyze issues and cases associated with government regulation.

15.8.12.N: Analyze existing federal, state and local legislation (such as harassment, employee rights, privacy, discrimination, substance abuse) as related to recruitment, selection, retention of employees within a business or organization.

Course Objectives:

Students will demonstrate the ability to:

- Differentiate among the ways in which ethical decisions can be made
- Define law and explain why laws are needed
- Describe the elements of a crime
- Distinguish among a variety of particular crimes
- Identify and define a variety of intentional torts
- Differentiate between the federal and state court system
- List the six elements of a contract

Students will master the skills of:

- Creating a code of ethics for a business
- Drafting a valid and legal contract for various real-life situations
- Analyze current court cases

Major Activities to Support Course Objectives

Coursework: Case studies, ethics in the news worksheets, business code of ethics, dinner menu activities, current case law studies, contracts

Student Responsibilities:

Attendance expectations:

Attendance is central to your success in this class. Due to the nature of this class, the coursework is completed during the class period; therefore, any absence will result in the student missing work which must be completed.

Homework expectations:

Homework is not assigned in this class. All work will be completed in class. However, if more time is needed to complete assignments, students will be required to complete the work at home or during after-school computer lab.

Make-Up Work: Students will be given one day for each day you are **excused** from class to turn in make-up work. All assignments and information can be found online or by asking the instructor. They will also receive a missing assignments form with all of the missing assignments, the due date, and your current grade. If you have any trouble completing the assignments please contact me BEFORE class begins for help.

Late Work: Any work that is turned in late will lose five (5) points for each day late. If the work is late more than five (5) days, the student will receive a grade of 0%.

Assessment:

Grading Components:

- Study Guides— Study Guides are used to organize lecture notes and text book material to increase your comprehension and memory of large amounts of information. Students will be required to complete a study guide for each chapter. Students will follow along with the lectures and complete the notes.
- Class work— Students are required to complete all activities inside of the classroom during the allotted time. Class work consists of worksheets, group projects, individual projects, and computer research. If students do not finish the assigned work during the given class time, they must make it up on their own time.
- Exams—Students should expect an exam at the end of every chapter. Exams will consist of objective, true/false, and matching questions as well as problem-based questions and critical thinking questions.
- Projects—Students will be assigned random projects based on the content learned. These projects will allow students to exhibit proficiency in skills obtained and learned information within the content area.

Quarter Grades:

Classwork (study guides, exercises, projects) = 50-60%

Tests and Quizzes = 50-40%

Final Exam:

Final exam is valued at 14% of the student's final average

Content Pacing Guide:

Topic	Major Assignments	Estimated Time
Chapter 1: Ethics and Law	Study Guide, Code of ethics, Current event	7 blocks
Chapter 2: Criminal Law	Study Guide, Dinner menu of various assignments, Law Worksheet	6 blocks
Chapter 3: Torts	Study Guide, Case summary, Lawsuit study and presentation	8 blocks
Chapter 4: Contracts	Study Guide, Valid or not contracts worksheet, Drafting a contract	8 blocks
Chapter 5: Marriage and Divorce	Study Guide, Dinner menu of various assignments, Marriage worksheet	7 blocks
Chapter 6: Court Systems	Study Guide, Case law study, Case law presentation	8 blocks