

Merrillville High School (Trimester schedule)
Business & Personal Law

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	Weeks 1 & 2	Weeks 3 & 4	Weeks 5 & 6	Weeks 7 & 8	Weeks 9 & 10	Weeks 11 & 12)
Essential Questions	How does the U.S. constitution govern and protect us? What are ethics and how do they relate to law? How are our federal, state and local court systems set up? What are trial procedures?	What is the difference between criminal and civil law? What are torts? What are the laws on owning personal property? What are bailments?	What do I need to know to lease/buy and insure a motor vehicle? What are agents/agencies? What laws influence employment relationships? What are the elements of a contract ? What laws govern contracts?	What do I need to know about borrowing money and buying on credit? What laws protect me as either a creditor or debtor? How do I need to research and know to buy a home? What are the elements of leasing/renting a home?	Why do I need to know about marriage? What are premarital agreements? What are the legal consequences for divorce? What is insurance?	How will I live in retirement? What are wills? What laws govern creating and administration of wills? Have I learned the objectives of this course and are able to relate these to state standards?
Content	U.S. Constitution & Amendments, Ethics, morality and law, sources of U.S. Law, common law, code law, court jurisdictions, criminal and civil law procedures, ADR, litigation	Felonies and misdemeanors, elements of crime, Miranda, defenses, crimes against people, crimes against property, computer crime, intentional and unintentional torts, strict liability, types of property, gifts, intellectual property and protection, plagiarism, types of bailments, special bailments	UCC, buying/leasing vehicles, consumer protection, financial responsibility law, insurance, agency relationships, types of agents, employment-at-Will, unions, labor laws for minors, Contracts (offer and acceptance, capacity, consideration and legality) fraud/misrepresentation, breach/termination, damages and remedies	Types of credit, TIL, credit protection laws, managing your debt, bankruptcy, home ownership, mortgages, property use, tenancy, lease agreements, Landlord and tenant duties, eviction	Marriage contract, prenups, prohibited marriages, marriage requirements, legal separation/divorce, grounds for divorce, settlements, custody and child support, Insurance elements, types of insurance	Public pension and retirement plans, estate planning, requirements of a will, intestate, probate
Standards/ Skills	BL 1.2.1, BL 1.2.2, BL 1.2.3, BL 1.1.1, BL 1.1.2, BL 1.1.3, BL 1.1.4, BL 1.1.5, BL 1.2.5, BL 1.3.1, BL 1.3.2, BL 1.3.3, BL 1.4.1, BL 1.4.3, BL 1.5.6, BL 1.6.3	BL 1.2.4, BL 1.2.5, BL 1.2.6, BL 1.3.4, BL 1.4.2, BL 1.4.4, BL 1.5.1, BL 1.5.2, BL 1.5.3, BL 1.5.4, BL 1.5.5, BL 1.5.7, BL 5.1.1, BL 5.1.2, BL 5.1.3, BL 5.1.4, BL 5.1.5, BL 5.1.7, B 5.1.8	BL 1.2.5, BL 4.2.3, BL 4.2.5, BL 4.2.5, BL 4.3.3, BL 3.2.1, BL 3.2.3, BL 3.2.4, BL 3.2.5, BL 3.2.6, BL 3.1.1, BL 3.1.2, BL 3.1.3, BL 3.1.5, BL 3.1.6, BL 3.1.7, BL 3.1.8, BL 2.1.1, BL 2.1.3, BL 2.1.4, BL 2.1.5, BL 2.1.7, BL 2.1.8, BL 2.1.9, BL 2.1.10, BL 2.2.1, BL 2.2.2	BL 1.2.5, BL 4.2.2, BL 4.2.4, BL 4.2.5, BL 4.2.6, BL 4.4.1, BL 4.4.2, BL 4.4.3, BL 4.4.4, BL 4.4.5, BL 4.4.6, BL 5.1.1, BL 5.2.1, BL 5.2.2, BL 5.2.3, BL 5.2.4, BL 5.2.5, BL 5.2.6, BL 5.2.7, BL 5.2.8, BL 5.2.9, BL 5.2.10	BL 1.2.5, BL 4.7.1, BL 4.7.2, BL 4.7.3, BL 4.7.4, BL 4.7.5, BL 4.7.6, BL 4.7.7, BL 4.7.8, BL 4.3.1, BL 4.3.2, BL 4.3.3	BL 1.2.5, BL 4.6.1, BL 4.6.2, BL 4.6.3, BL 4.5.1, BL 4.5.2, BL 4.5.3, BL 4.5.4, BL 4.5.6, BL 4.5.7, BL 4.5.8, BL 4.5.9, BL 4.5.10
Products/ Assessments	Choose concentration area or law journal, CPS, appellate process diagram, jurisdiction, analysis of Marbury v. Madison	CPS, Distinguish between criminal and civil action, debates, analyze local news articles and case issues, discuss teen issues (drugs, internet crime, gangs, etc.), discern fair use; analysis of Cipollone v. Liggett, Harley Davidson v. Grottenelli, Universal v. Sony	CPS, debates, analyze case issues, shop on-line for auto financing and insurance, distinguish types of bailments, demonstrate understanding of organized labor and child labor laws, create a contract; analysis of Denny v. Ford, Auto Workers v. Johnson Controls; Midterm exam	CPS, debates, analyze case issues, complete credit application, analyzing a lease, qualify for a mortgage, analyze Beach v. Ocwen, Jones v. Mayer	CPS, debates, analyze case issues, Create a prenuptial agreement, design settlements, identify types of life, health and property insurance	CPS, debates, analyze case issues, create a will, Law Journal, student analysis of class objectives, final exam