

**WEST BROOK HIGH SCHOOL**  
**PRINCIPLES OF LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS AND SECURITY**

**SYLLABUS**

**Mrs. Hope Harris-Harrell**

**Room: D9**

- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Police Officer with New Orleans Police Department for 10 years
- Southern University at New Orleans
- High qualified Texas certified Career & Technology Instructor

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon successful completion of this course, students to professions in law enforcement, security, corrections, and fire and emergency management services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and protective agencies of fire and emergency services. The course provides students with an overview of the skills necessary for careers in law enforcement, fire service, security, and corrections.

**COURSE OF STUDY:**

- ✓ Introduction to the United States and Texas Criminal Justice Systems
- ✓ Police
- ✓ Courts
- ✓ Corrections
- ✓ EMS/Fire/Dispatchers

**SUPPLIES:**

Each student is required to provide:

- Folder with prongs OR a section of a binder/spiral notebook OR 1 subject spiral notebook
- Loose leaf paper
- Pens (BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY)
- Pencils
- Highlighters

Textbook used:

- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice by James Fagin
- Crime in Texas by Ken Anderson
- Criminal Courts by Champion/Hartley/Rabe

Other resources used:

- Documentaries/movies/videos - These sources of media are used frequently in this course to offer demonstrations or examples of how the criminal justice system operates in the United States. Some media will contain graphic material as it relates to crime scenes, serial killers and other infamous crimes in history.
- Field trips/guest speakers/hands on learning -Guest speakers may present to class pertaining to many aspects of law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

### GRADING:

- **Designated daily/participation & Tests (Major grades):** 60%
- **Notebook (weekly), designated quizzes (Minor grades):** 40%
  
- **Daily/participation** - Students will do most of their assignments in class. These grades will count towards their daily grade as well as how much or how little they participate. **THIS CLASS WILL ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING CRIME AND CRIMINAL LAW.**
- **Tests** - Most tests/exams will be multiple choice, true/false, fill in the blank. There will be some tests that will be short answer questions.
- **Notebooks** - Students are required to keep a notebook/folder for this course. Students will receive a weekly notebook grade. The notebook grade will be based upon the information the students are required to put in their notebook for that week. The student will be told what information they are responsible for having in their notebook/folder prior to notebooks being checked. The notebook will be checked **EVERY FRIDAY** for grading unless otherwise stated.
- **QUIZZES** - This will consist of informal testing of information on any topic. Quizzes will usually be announced before hand; however, there will be times where a quiz maybe given using notes or the textbook.

### CLASS PROCEDURES:

- **ABSENCES** - If a student is absent, it will be their responsibility to make sure they get all missed assignments and make arrangements to make up any tests/quizzes. Any make up assignments, missed tests/quizzes should be completed within one of week of return, unless other arrangements are made with the teacher.
- **TESTING PROCEDURE**- During any testing (test and quizzes) and to deter the temptation of any cheating, the students will secure their belongings and all electronic devices at the front of the room until **EVERYONE** has completed testing.
- **GRADING POLICY** - If a student scores below a 70 on a test, the student will be given the option to make necessary corrections and/or given an additional assignment, which will be determined on a case by case basis, to demonstrate mastery of the subject matter. The grade earned from the corrections and/or additional assignment will replace the original grade as per BISD policy.
- **ASSIGNMENTS** - All assignments must be completed and turned in by the specified due date in order to receive full credit.
- **ACADEMIC INTERVENTION** - If a student demonstrates academic difficulty, mandatory tutorials with Mrs. Harrell will be scheduled with the student.
- **HOMEWORK** - Students will not receive regularly assigned homework for this class. However, assignments or research outside the classroom may be required based upon subject matter.
- **STUDY SKILLS REQUIREMENT** - Students will be expected to follow a certain format for notebook organization and keeping notes in their notebooks. This format will be given to the students to keep in the notebooks for this class for reference purposes. If the proper format is not followed, the student will lose points from their notebook grade.
- **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY** - Any student who engages in ANY type of academic dishonesty (cheating, copying, plagiarism or unauthorized communication with another student verbal, written or electronic) will receive a zero (no make-up, retest or ZAP accepted for this grade) for the assignment and/or disciplinary penalties. The punishments for academic dishonesty will be made by Mrs. Harrell and on a case by case basis.
- **TARDIES** - Students are expected to be in class seated by the time the bell rings. If a student arrives to class after the tardy bell and does not have a tardy pass, the student will be disciplined per West Brook tardy policy.
- **Other procedures** - *Students are expected to enter class and be seated and begin copying their notebook information for the day. Students will not be allowed to stand in the door of the classroom before the bell at the beginning and end of class. West Brook policies including but not limited to dress code, tardy, back packs, ID's, etc will be enforced.*

### CLASS RULES/DISCIPLINE PLAN:

THE FOLLOWING RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES WHEN IN CLASS:

- Always follow ALL directions.
- Keep hands and feet to yourself at ALL TIMES
- Respect yourself, others and ALL property.
- Be on time for class and have all supplies.
- NO vulgarity, improper language, racial slurs or teasing of other classmates.
- ALWAYS be honest. DO NOT CHEAT.
- All school rules and policies will be enforced (i.e. dress code, ID, electronic devices, etc)

### BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES:

- Verbal warning
- Student/teacher conference
- Parents will be notified
- Referral

This is the normal discipline plan; however, the procedure may be altered depending on the severity of the offense.

### ELECTRONIC USE IN THE CLASSROOM

Students are in the classroom to learn; however, technology use in the classroom is a good tool to help students master concepts and gain research learning objectives. Students will be allowed to use electronics in my classroom FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. Students will be instructed when they are allowed to use their electronic devices in the classroom. Students ARE NOT required to have electronic devices for this class as well as ARE NOT required to obtain data plans or use data plans beyond their service plans provides. Electronic devices ARE NOT to be used for social purposes in class and will be monitored when they are using electronic devices in the classroom. Please discuss with your student or parent the limits of data usage on your electronic devices. IF STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO USE TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM, STUDENTS MAY NOT ACCESS SOCIAL MEDIA, TEXT, TAKE OR SHOW PICTURES OR VIDEOS.

### CONFERENCES:

If at any time, you need to speak with me about any matter, please call the school at 409-617-5500 extension 4530 to make an appointment for a conference or leave a message. My conference period is 1st period (7:20am-8:13am) and 6<sup>th</sup> period (12:52pm-1:42pm). I can also be reached by email at [hharris@bmtisd.com](mailto:hharris@bmtisd.com)

I look forward to an exciting semester with you and your child!

### Remind101:

The purpose is to provide students with timely reminders of assignments or upcoming quizzes/tests, as well as send them encouraging messages that hopefully motivate and uplift them. Students are encouraged to sign up for these reminders. Please do the following:

Text the message @lawsa to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @lawsa to (409) 291-7825