



# Law and Public Service Career Cluster

The Law and Public Service career cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal services, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from police officer and firefighter to political scientist and lawyer.



## Endorsement: *Public Service Statewide Program of Study: Law Enforcement*

The Law Enforcement program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with the development and enforcement of laws by various branches of law enforcement. This program of study includes the history, organization, and functions of local, state, and federal law enforcement. Students will understand the role of constitutional law at local, state, and federal levels; the U.S. legal system; criminal law; and law enforcement terminology and the classification and elements of crime.

### Secondary Courses for High School Credit



- 9<sup>th</sup> grade  Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security (Level 1)

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- 10<sup>th</sup> grade  Law Enforcement I (Level 2)

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- 11<sup>th</sup> grade  Law Enforcement II (Level 3) **AND/OR**  
 Correctional Services (Level 3) **AND/OR**  
 Counseling & Mental Health (Level 3)

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- 12<sup>th</sup> grade  Forensic Science (Level 4) **AND/OR**  
 Criminal Investigation (Level 2)

A CTE Completer is a student who completes three or more CTE courses for four or more credits including one Level 3 or 4 (advanced level) CTE course within a program of study will fulfill the requirements of a Business and Industry Endorsement.

### Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Non-Commissioned Security Officer Level II License



### Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

#### Work-Based Learning Activities

- Shadow a detective to learn about investigations and the role of detectives in law enforcement
- Intern in dispatch at a local law enforcement agency to learn about first responder roles and processes

#### Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Visit a police department
- Participate in TSA or SkillsUSA

#### NAViance ACCESS

All Killeen ISD students (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders) should login to their Naviance account through Clever.

Log into Naviance by clicking the Clever logo or link and use the College SuperMatch Tool to find colleges offering degree plans in this field.

<https://clever.com/in/killeenisd>



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### Example Postsecondary Opportunities

#### Apprenticeships

- Security Specialist

#### Associate Degrees

- Criminal Justice
- Law Enforcement

#### Bachelor's Degrees

- Forensic Science
- Criminal Justice

#### Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Criminal Justice
- Criminology and Criminal Justice

#### Additional Stackable IBCs/Licensures

- Jailer – Basic County Corrections
- Basic Telecommunicator



### Example Aligned Occupations



#### Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers

Median Wage: \$64,373  
 Annual Openings: 5,424  
 10-Year Growth: 13%

#### Detectives and Criminal Investigators

Median Wage: \$82,090  
 Annual Openings: 1,536  
 10-Year Growth: 8%

#### First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives

Median Wage: \$97,571  
 Annual Openings: 5,461  
 10-Year Growth: 12%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



For more information visit:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/programs-of-study-additional-resources>



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## Endorsement: *Public Service*

### Statewide Program of Study: *Law Enforcement*

## Course Information



IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STUDENT TO TAKE ALL COURSES BELOW IN EACH GRADE

Level 1 9th Grade	Course	Prerequisites   Corequisites	Career Clusters
	<b>Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security*</b> 13029200 (1 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	
Level 2 10th Grade	Course	Prerequisites   Corequisites	Career Clusters
	<b>Law Enforcement I</b> 13029300 (1 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	
Level 3 11th Grade	Course	Prerequisites   Corequisites	Career Clusters
	<b>Law Enforcement II</b> 13029400 (1 credit) <b>Correctional Services</b> 13029700 (1 credit) or <b>Counseling &amp; Mental Health</b> 1304600 (1 credit) (all Level 3)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	
Level 4 12th Grade	Course	Prerequisites   Corequisites	Career Clusters
	<b>Forensic Science*</b> 13029500 (1 credit) or <b>Criminal Investigation</b> 13029550 (1 credit)	<b>Prerequisites:</b> One credit in Biology, one credit in Chemistry, Integrated Chemistry and Physics (IPC), or Physics <b>Corequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Prerequisites:</b> None <b>Recommended Corequisites:</b> None	

\* Indicates course is included in more than one program of study.

## Armed Forces Career Information

- Military Police – U.S. Army
- Law Enforcement & Security Careers – U.S. Navy
- Security Forces – U.S. Air Force
- This is not a comprehensive list.

### Local Armed Forces Recruiter Contact Information:

- Air Force – (254) 247-8992
- Army – (254) 690-8554
- Army National Guard – (903) 262-6355
- Marines – (254) 690-2626
- Navy – (254) 690-2096

See your school counselor to connect with a military recruiter for career counseling and to take the ASVAB in high school.