



Bridges Career Academy Law Enforcement

Pequot Lakes High School

Introduction to the criminal justice system with emphasis on the diversity of people law enforcement officers encounter. Study the legal system, perform investigations, and study human behavior. Job shadow a local police officer. Prepare for continuing education.

Academic Courses

- Forensics
- Psychology
- Spanish

Career Experiences

- Listen to industry speakers
- Participate in a job shadow
- Tour a courthouse and/or jail
- Attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day or other regional career fairs

Completion Standards

COMPLETE

ALL courses

GRADES **B** ↑

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



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Job Skills

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

- Active listening and speaking skills
- Cultural understanding
- Oral and written communications skills
- Observation and objective analysis skills
- Scientific inquiry skills



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The Law Enforcement Academy provides students an introduction to the criminal justice system with emphasis on the diversity of people law enforcement officers encounter. Studying legal systems, performing investigations, and studying human behavior highlight this academy. Students will see how the skills they learn are put into practice by shadowing a local police officer. Whether you have the desire to live in a small community or an urban area, Law Enforcement careers give you that opportunity. Students participating in this Academy gain the basic skills needed to transfer knowledge and continue their education at a post-secondary institution.

ACADEMY COURSES

Forensics — .5 High School Credit

During this course students will be performing investigations using biology, chemistry, and physics. This laboratory-based class focuses on extensive research skills, analytical thinking and data collection. Some topics that will be covered will include: processing evidence and a crime scene, hair and fiber evidence, fingerprints, analysis of blood, DNA and ballistics evidence. Identifying basic concepts of questionable documents fire and arson explosives, human remains, and bone evidence. Students will research also possible careers.

Psychology — .5 High School Credit

Psychology is the study of human behavior and mental processes. Students will particularly focus on research studies, the role of the brain, consciousness and cognition, personality, and mental health.

Spanish — .5 High School Credit

This yearlong beginning Spanish course will include the study and practice of the four basic language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Pronunciation, basic grammatical forms, and language patterns will be stressed, and students will be introduced to Hispanic culture.

COMPLETION STANDARD

Students wishing to receive a certification for this academy must complete all courses and earn a “B” or better in each course. In addition, students must participate in a Job Shadow experience with a police officer.

CAREER EXPERIENCES

Students will listen to guest speakers from various branches of the criminal justice system visit a courthouse and/or jail, job shadow a police officer and attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day event and other regional career fairs.

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