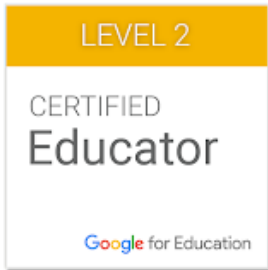


# Criminal Law & Justice

## Semester I 2020



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### Units

1. Crime & Police
2. Courts & Corrections
3. Relevant Connections-  
*Juvenile Justice & Kentucky  
Justice System & Mock Trial*



### Course Overview

This social studies elective course has been designed to introduce students to the basics of the criminal justice system in America. Students will study criminal law and criminal justice proceedings through traditional and interactive lessons.

### Class Materials

**Binder/Folder**  
- To keep & organize  
Notes/Handouts

**Chromebook**

Bring it everyday- fully charged!

**Pencil/Pen**



### Grading Info

Tests, Quizzes, & Projects- 50%

Daily Work- 30%

Participation- Weekly Assignments,  
Bell Ringers (daily grade), etc - 20%

*Any unexcused absence is a zero*

Participation- Bell Ringers (daily grade-unexcused absence = 0); Weekly Reflection Assignments- Monday & Friday; Bell Ringers will be turned in once a week; Weekly Assignments will be turned in once every 4 weeks.

Daily Work- In class assignments that can be made up and turned in within 3 days of an absence (Per ACHS Policy)

Assessments- Each unit will conclude with an open note test that will be completed individually by students on assigned test day. The test will be comprised of content mastery and concept application. If students have notes and handouts, they will be successful.

Students can also expect a topic & vocabulary quiz within each unit (*not open note*).

Projects will account for part of the assessment grade.

The Final Exam will be cumulative and account for 20% of student's grade

Make-Up Work and Late Work Policy:

To find out what was missed after an absence, look on the calendar and look in the absent folders found in the front of the classroom. You will find a copy of any handouts you missed that day with your name on it. Complete and turn into Ms. Vasser personally (do not just lay on my desk!) w/in 3 days

Missed tests and quizzes may only be made up before or after school unless circumstances require otherwise.

## Daily Expectations

- Be to class on time.
- I dismiss class- do not line up at door. Help clean!
- When you enter class, head straight to the desk and login in to your chromebook & Google Classroom.
- Most classes will begin with a Bell Ringer- start on it as soon as the bell rings. Most classes end with an exit slip- take these seriously.
- Take notes when directed. You do not have a textbook so these are your only resource. Do not lose these. Remember, all unit tests are open note!

### NTI Expectations:

- Be active everyday and stay caught up
- Assignments are DUE the day assigned
- Any work turned in after 2 weeks of due date- will result in ZERO points
- ASK for help through Remind of email

## Behavior Expectations

I expect students to enter class on time and come prepared to learn. While I want you to enjoy yourself during class, that will occur through learning, not through chatting with friends, playing with a cell phone, sleeping, etc. I also expect you to give your classmates the opportunity to learn while in the room. Do not distract your classmates from learning.

If expectations are not met, the following will occur:  
First Offense: I will give you a verbal warning. Behavior is to be corrected immediately.; Second Offense: I will call home and you will lose participation points; Third Offense: No behavior should reach this point. If it does, a referral may be sent to the office.

- Restroom- not during notes; at teacher discretion; we follow 10/10 rule
- Devices- ChromeBooks are for educational purposes, not games; Phones only out with teacher permission
- Food/Drink- acceptable until it becomes an issue
- Respect my property & classroom- do not write on desks or walls, do not take items from my desk, etc.
- Be kind and respectful to all substitutes.

Class Rules (aka Vasser's Values):

- 1) Come to class prepared and ready to learn.
- 2) Bring class materials everyday!
- 3) Be respectful of all peers and Ms. Vasser.
- 4) Do not disrupt the learning of your classmates.
- 5) Follow electronic device rules.
- 6) Listen and follow directions.
- 7) Ask Questions!



Let's have  
a great  
semester!

# Syllabus Signature Sheet

Criminal Law & Justice

Ms. Vasser

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This class focuses on important, but sometimes controversial subjects. It is imperative that students be open minded and considerate of others' views. In this class we will also be following the cases of several "true crime" incidents. These may include, but are not limited to, the following videos that are rated PG-13 or lower: Making a Murderer, The Staircase, The People v. OJ Simpson, I love you: Now Die (The Commonwealth v. Michelle Carter), The Case Against Adnan Syed, When They See Us, 13th, Criminal Minds, Law & Order, Autopsy, Forensic Files, 20/20, 60 Minutes and Dateline.

Parents, by signing below you give your student permission to watch these shows and discuss their content. You also acknowledge that you have read through the syllabus and class expectations.



Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Students, by signing below you agree to try your best, behave your best, and maintain a positive attitude in class. You also agree to follow class expectations and understand the grading scale.



Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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