**Business Law**

**2016-2017**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**: *Prerequisite: none Credit: 1-Practical Arts Grade Level: 10-12*

This course is designed to acquaint students with the basic legal principles relevant to their roles as citizens, consumers, and employees through a mixture of personal, business, and consumer law. The content includes the basic characteristics of the American system of free enterprise, rights of private property, basic elements of contracts, employer-employee relations, landlords and tenants, individual rights, wills and estates, family and juvenile justice law, and community property.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will analyze the relationship between ethics and the law.

Students will explain the origin of today’s law.

Students will explain the role and function of the court system on the local, state, and national levels.

Students will discuss the process of procedural law.

Students will demonstrate an understanding of criminal law.

Students will demonstrate an understanding of contract law.

Students will compare and contrast sales and consumer laws.

Students will analyze the role and importance of agency law and employment law as they relate to the conduct of business.

Students will describe the major types of business organizations.

**COURSE OUTLINE**: *Major Units of Study*

* Laws and their Ethical Foundation
* Constitutional Rights
* Court Systems
* Criminal Law and Procedure
* Civil Law and Procedure
* Offer and Acceptance
* Genuineness of Assent
* Consideration
* Legal Capacity to Contract
* Legal Purpose and Proper Form
* Contractual Obligations and Their Enforcement
* Contractual Aspects of Marriage and Divorce

**TEXT:**

Adamson, John E; Morrison, Amanda;. (2012) Law for Business and Personal Use 19e. South-Western Educational Publishing.

**SUPPLIES:**

* 1.5” binder

**METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:**

Chapter reading assignments, lecture, class discussion, case studies, and projects will be utilized to provide a fuller understanding of the subject content.

**GRADES WILL BE WEIGHTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**30%** Chapter Assessments (Unit Tests)

**30%** Projects

**15%** Assignments/Homework

**15%** Classroom Folder (Notes)

**10%** Semester Final