

# Pelham High School

## Law, Public Safety and Security Pathway



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### Why choose the Law, Public Safety and Security Pathway?

The Law, Public Safety and Security Pathway is for students interested in the broad career areas of law, public safety, and security. This pathway is opened to students who are interested in police work, firefighting, law, EMT, paralegal, officers of the court, FBI, criminal psychologist, judges, correction officers, criminal justice and homeland security.

*“The safety of the people shall be the highest law.”  
Marcus Tullius Cicero*

### Is this the career path for you?

- Do you like the idea of protecting people?
- Can you work in the face of danger?
- Do you want to help people figure out the legal system?

*“They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”  
— Benjamin Franklin, Memoirs of the Life & Writings of Benjamin Franklin*

### Why should I sign-up for the Law, Public Safety and Security Pathway?

The Law, Public Safety and Security Pathway will provide you with the following benefits:

- ✓ Opportunity to take courses and earn early college credits.
- ✓ Exposure to field trips and guest speakers.
- ✓ Assistance in defining educational and career goals prior to high school graduation.

*...It is never too early to think about your future!*

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, long-term projections for Law, Public Safety and Security careers to 2026 are as follows:

<u>Career Path</u>	<u>Rate of Growth</u>	<u>Educational Experience</u>
Security Guards	6%	High School Diploma
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Offices	7%	High School Diploma
Paralegal or Legal Assistant	15%	Associate Degree
EMTs and Paramedics	15%	Postsecondary Education
Private Detectives and Investigators	11%	Postsecondary Education
Firefighter	7%	Postsecondary Education
Lawyers	9%	Doctoral or Professional Degree

**Pelham Police Explorers**  
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**What are the Pelham Police Explorers?**

The Pelham Police Explorer Program is open to all youth from the community ranging from 14 to 21 years in age. The Police Exploring Program is sanctioned by the Boy Scouts of America, and is maintained and staffed by members of the Pelham Police Department. The Exploring Program is a structured program that gives young men and women the academic and technical training needed to become future Law Enforcement Officers. The program also gives Explorers the leadership skills and self-discipline needed to become successful community leaders.

**How do I join the Pelham Police Explorers?**

To become a Police Explorer, applicants must attend an Explorer Academy, which teaches the basic skills utilized by Explorers throughout their Explorer experience. The Explorer Program focuses on team building skills and unity, while teaching these young men and women to work together for one common goal.

To become a Police Explorer, one must complete an Explorer Application and return the application to the Police Department. Police Explorer Cadets will be introduced into the Explorer Program and attend monthly meetings.

If you are interested in becoming a Pelham Police Explorer, please contact Lt. Anne Perriello at the Pelham Police Department at 635-2411 or send email [aperriello@pelhampolice.com](mailto:aperriello@pelhampolice.com)

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**What courses am I required to take?**

Students in the pathway will follow a sequence of required courses, some are college-level and will provide the opportunity to earn college credits through the Community College System of New Hampshire or through Southern New Hampshire University:

**Six (6) Required Courses**

Law, Public Safety and Security Pathway Requirements	Recommended Year			
	9	10	11	12
Computer Applications I (.5 credit)	X	X		
Oral Communication (.5 credit)	X	X	X	X
Essay Writing (.5 credit)		X		
College Composition <i>(College Credits Available)</i>			X	X
Forensic Science (.5 credit)		X	X	X
Criminology (.5 credit)			X	X

**Choose One (1) Elective Courses**

Select One (1) Below	Recommended Year			
	9	10	11	12
Psychology* <i>(College Credits Available)</i>			X	X
Sociology (.5 credit)			X	X

*\* Indicates that students have the option to sign up for either the college course or the non-leveled course.*

**What are the honor cord requirements for the Law, Public Safety and Security Pathway?**

An honor cord signifying your academic achievement in the Law, Public Safety and Security Pathway will be awarded to students who complete the following requirements:

- Completion of required and elective courses in the Law, Public Safety and Security Pathway with an overall 3.0 GPA
- Minimum overall 2.5 GPA in all high school courses
- Participation in the Police Explorer Program with the Pelham Police Department or other approved extended learning opportunity



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