

Pelham High School

Law, Public Safety and Security Pathway



PATHWAYS

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.
- ✓ 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>
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Offices	3%	High School Diploma
Paralegal or Legal Assistant	4%	Associate Degree
EMTs and Paramedics	5%	Postsecondary Education
Private Detectives and Investigators	6%	Postsecondary Education
Firefighter	4%	Postsecondary Education
Lawyers	8%	Doctoral or Professional Degree

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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			X	X
Sociology (.5 credit)			X	X

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