Business Law
Fall 2011 Course Information

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course presents the fundamental principles of the law as it relates to personal and business issues. Students will learn about various types of laws, courts and legal systems. Real-world examples and cases help students apply their knowledge of contract and property law.

COURSE RATIONALE
Business law is one the most valuable subjects a student can study as it impacts not only businesses but the lives of everyone. Learning more about our legal and court systems will help prepare young adults to make better choices before entering into a contract or sale.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
- Identify types of laws and legal systems
- Differentiate between civil and criminal laws and procedures
- State the legal requirements of contract and employment law
- Identify and define various types of property laws
- State the legal requirements of business organizations
- Recognize the impact of legal requirements in the area of personal and business finance
- Analyze and evaluate court cases and rulings

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS
1. Come to class prepared to learn
2. Respect yourself and others
3. Listen carefully and speak appropriately
4. Leave Macbooks closed until asked to open them
5. Use time wisely

CONSEQUENCES OF MISBEHAVIOR
You are expected to follow classroom and PCHS handbook rules. If you choose to violate rules or policies then measures will be taken to help you correct your behavior. Should these measures fail, you will be referred to the principal’s office for further action. Serious problems will be referred immediately to the principal.

Please note that the use of Skype, iChat, Facebook, or any other means of electronic communication is not allowed in my classroom. It is my belief that students do not need additional distractions during class time. Emergency communication from home should be routed through the main office.

DEFINITION AND CONSEQUENCES OF CHEATING
I will not tolerate cheating! Here are examples of what I consider cheating:
- Giving another student answers
- Copying someone else’s work or allowing someone to copy your work
- Plagiarizing
- Giving or receiving test answers or a copy of a test
Assisting another student with finding an answer is considered helping.

If you make the choice to engage in cheating the following consequences will occur: (1) all parties involved will receive a zero for the assignment, (2) two detentions will be issued, and (3) parents will be notified.

Subsequent incidents will be referred to the principal for further disciplinary action.

ABSENCES AND MAKE UP WORK

Business Law is a cumulative class and we cover a great deal of material each period. Therefore, it is very important to avoid being absent.

If you are absent you must obtain assignments and other information missed before you return to class. It is your responsibility to make up work. You will have one extra class period for each day missed to complete assignments. You will be allowed one week to schedule make up tests before or after school.

SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS

Place all collected work in the colored box reserved for your class. All work must have your name and an appropriate assignment label. Points will be deducted from work that is not properly labeled. If a grading sheet or rubric is provided it must be submitted with the assignment in order to be graded.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- 3-ring binder, paper, pen or pencil, highlighter
August 23, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians

Please read the course information discussed with your student in class today. This outlines my expectations for the course and provides a reference for students. In order to limit any misunderstandings, please take a moment to discuss the classroom expectations, rules, procedures and the consequences for inappropriate behavior with your student.

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Please return the signed and dated form below by Friday, August 19, 2011. Returning this form on time is worth 25 points.

If you have any questions any time throughout the course please contact me at 357-5013 x 151 or email at hgenesio@pchspanthers.com

Thank you for your cooperation and support in making this course a great experience for your student. I am looking forward to a successful semester.

Heather Genesio
Business Instructor

COURSE INFORMATION VERIFICATION

BUSINESS LAW

Printed Student Name ____________________________________________

☐ I have received a copy of the course information. I have read and discussed it in class and had an opportunity to ask questions. I understand and agree to follow all classroom expectations, rules and procedures or face the consequences resulting from my choices.

Student Signature ____________________________________________ Date ______

☐ I have read the course information sheet and discussed it with my student. I will encourage my student to follow the classroom expectations, rules and procedures or face the consequences resulting from his/her choices.

Parent/Guardian Signature ______________________________________ Date ______