



# Southmoreland School District Introduction to Law & Justice Curriculum Overview

## **CP Intro to Law & Justice Overview:**

This course will include an introduction into the role of law in American society. A brief historical development of our legal system and its shaping of America will be included. Discussion of basic concepts and the due process philosophy will be discussed.

**Module 1:** Intro to Law and the Legal System

**Module 2:** Criminal Law

**Module 3:** Civil Law

**Module 4:** Individual Rights and Liberties

## **Module Overviews:**

### **Module 1: Introduction to Law and the Legal System**

In this introductory module, students will develop an understanding of the law, the law making process, and the American system of courts.

### **Module 2: Criminal Law**

In this module students examine crime in the United States by centering upon criminal laws, crimes against persons and property, defenses, and the criminal justice process.

### **Module 3: Civil Law**

Students develop an understanding of major concepts in civil law including the law of torts, consumer protection, housing, and family law.

### **Module 4: Individual Rights and Liberties**

In the conclusion module students are introduced to the concepts of individual rights and liberties. Students develop an understanding of Constitutional Law, the practice of due process, discrimination, and personal rights and responsibilities.