



Business Law
John Jay High School
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Welcome! A student in Business Law course will learn about how the law impacts our everyday lives... both today and every day. The ethical decisions we make, criminal and civil law, contracts, consumer law, insurance, car buying, warranties, marriage, divorce, renting an apartment, and buying a home all just some of the things we face in our everyday lives. (Tentative: A field trip to the courthouse is a highlight of the course - offering real insight into the legal world.)

Business Law is a great compliment to the other courses we offer in the department, as it related closely with our Business Ownership, Marketing, Financial courses. Business Law offers a safe environment to gain and apply knowledge in all of those areas, giving students the head start on life that they deserve.

Classroom expectations (the 3P's):

1. Be Prepared... Read and prepare before arriving at class.
2. Be Productive... Be on time to class and focused on class activities.
3. Be Polite... Do not interrupt/talk while others (students/teachers/guests) are speaking. Raise your hand...you will get the floor to talk and share!

Materials Needed:

Access to John Jay computer network AND the Internet.

Book(s): Understanding Business and Personal Law, (Glencoe)

Assessment / Grading:

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| Classwork / Pre-post classwork | 60% |
| Exams / Projects | 20% |
| Participation/Sharing | 20% |

Exams and Projects: If *legally* absent on the day of an exam, a make-up exam will be given to the student upon their return. It may not be the same as the test given on the regular test day. An unexcused absence on the day of an exam will result in a zero on that exam.

Classwork / pre-post classwork: Is to be complete, correct, legible, and on time. It is expected that students will use the correct application of our legal terminology when completing work. Proofreading our work is important - All written work must be grammar and spell checked. *Note: If a student is late to class without a legal excuse, their work is considered late. An unexcused absence on the day of an assignment will result in a zero on that assignment.*

Classwork, Participation & Sharing: This is an interactive class **requiring participation/sharing** in class. To get the most out of this class and earn points in this area, students need to (1) do the READINGS and prepare before class, (2) complete in-class assignments, and (3) actively participate/share constructive thoughts, questions, and answers with the class.

Extra Help: I am available to assist students during my free periods and after school.

Parent/Guardian comments or concerns are important, welcome, and appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at: Robert.Wehmann@wcsdny.org We are looking forward to a great year!!!

Please acknowledge that you have read the information provided above by signing and returning this to class. Please complete the following, sign, and return to Mr. Wehmann in the first week of class.

Student name: _____ Parent/Guardian name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Areas of Study Include:

- Ethics and the Law
 - Defining Ethics
 - Sources of Law
- The Court System
 - A Dual Court System
 - Trial Procedures
- Criminal Law
 - What Is a Crime?
 - Particular Crimes
- The Law of Torts
 - Intentional Torts
 - Negligence and Strict Liability
- How Contracts Arise
 - Contracts
 - Offer and Acceptance
- Genuine Agreement
 - Fraud and Misrepresentation
 - Mistake, Duress, and Undue Influence
- Contractual Capacity
- Consideration
 - Consideration
 - Agreements without Consideration
- Legality
 - Agreements that Violate Statutes
 - Agreements Contrary to Public Policy
- Form of a Contract
 - The Statue of Frauds
 - Special rules and Formalities
- Contracts for the Sale of Goods
 - The Sale and Lease of Goods
 - Ownership and Risk of Loss in Sales of Goods
 - E-Commerce and the Law
- Consumer Protection and Product Liability
 - Consumer Protection
 - Product Liability
- Owning a Vehicle
 - Acquiring a Vehicle
 - Motor Vehicle Insurance
- Personal Property and Bailments
 - Personal Property
 - Bailments
- Borrowing Money and Buying on Credit
 - What Is Credit?
 - Credit Protection Laws
 - Managing Your Debts
- Negotiable Instruments
 - Purpose and Types of Negotiable Instruments
 - Requirements of Negotiability
- Transferring Negotiable Instruments
 - Transferring Instruments
 - Endorsements
- Sole Proprietorship and Partnership
 - Sole Proprietorship
 - The Partnership
- Forming and Financing a Corporation
 - Corporations
- Marriage
 - Marriage Formalities and Restrictions
 - Marriage Laws
- Divorce and Its Legal Consequences
 - Ending a Marriage
 - Divorce Settlement
- Renting a Place To Live
 - The Rental Agreement
 - Responsibilities of Landlord and Tenant
- Buying a Home
 - Evaluating Housing Alternatives
 - The Home Buying Process
- Insurance Protection
 - The Insurance Contract
 - Life and Health Insurance
 - Property Insurance
- Retirement and Wills
 - Retirement Income
 - Estate Planning