



EPHRATA HIGH SCHOOL
Course Syllabus
Business & Personal Law



I. Course Description

Law touches every aspect of our lives--from before we are born until the very end of our lives. In this course we study many aspects and examples of legal issues. We learn that law develops as a result of the activities of people and that it has to be considered in the context of human experience. This course increases student awareness about their rights and responsibilities pertaining to the law. Students learn many new terms that are necessary for their understanding of the issues of law.

II. Materials & Equipment

TEXTBOOK: Understanding Business & Personal Law, 11th edition (Glencoe)
COMPUTER: Microsoft Office 2007, Internet

III. Course Goals & Objectives

After completing this course, students will be able to achieve the following goals:

1. Demonstrate understanding of law through written and oral communications.
2. Describe the structure and function of the American legal system.
3. Describe the rights and responsibilities of U.S. residents and citizens.
4. Analyze case law and describe its implications for Americans.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of law to the world of business.

IV. Course Topics

Understanding the Law and the Legal

System:

- ✦ Ethics and the Law
- ✦ Sources of Law
- ✦ The Court System
- ✦ Criminal Law
- ✦ The Law of Torts

The Law of Contracts

- ✦ How Contracts Arise (Offer and Acceptance)
- ✦ Genuine Agreement (Fraud, Misrepresentation, Duress, Undue Influence)

VI. Assignments & Grading

Student learning and assessment will involve textbook activities, Internet research, analysis of cases, class participation, completion of homework, and tests/quizzes, unit projects and a field trip to the Court of Common Pleas in Lancaster.