



# EPHRATA HIGH SCHOOL

## Course Syllabus

### Law Seminar



#### *I. Course Description*

This course is an extension of the current law curriculum, but involves more research, independent study, and project-based learning. Continuing from the first course's introduction of the Constitution, students will further explore unique issues relating to student rights. Whereas contract law is introduced in the first course, students delve deeper into their understanding of contract law, becoming more aware of the business and personal applications of contract law, employment law, agency relationships, bailments, leases, and wills are new topics for this course.

#### *II. Materials & Equipment*

TEXTBOOK: Understanding Business & Personal Law, 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Display a deeper understanding of contract law and be able to describe the basic elements of offer, acceptance, genuine agreement, capacity, consideration and legality.
2. Display proper trial procedures and strategies through the performance of a mock trial.
3. Describe the rights and duties of bailors and bailees.
4. Students will complete an independent study research project about an area of law that interests them i.e. employment law, immigration law, family law, estates & trusts, insurance law, credit & bankruptcy.
5. Describe the three types of retirement plans.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of how property is transferred when someone dies without a will.
7. Students will develop a deeper understanding of Constitutional Law through research of case law related to a specific Constitutional issue.

#### *IV. Course Topics*

- ✦ The Law of Contracts: Capacity to Contract, Consideration, Legality, Form of a Contract
- ✦ Trial Procedures and Mock Trial
- ✦ Personal Property and Bailments

- ✦ Independent Research Project (topic of student's choice)
- ✦ Retirement and Wills
- ✦ Constitutional Law Independent Project

#### *VI. Assignments & Grading*

Student learning and assessment will involve textbook activities, Internet research, analysis of cases, class participation, completion of homework, and tests/quizzes, and unit projects.