



Business Law Syllabus

Business Law is a two semester course. During this course you will learn about civil and criminal law. The following is our tentative schedule depicting when and what topics will be studied:

August – Overview of our legal system and how it was formed. Ethics, how to reason between right and wrong and how we incorporate ethics in our laws.

September – Individuals constitutional laws. The differences between state and federal court systems.

October - Criminal laws and procedures, personal injury laws, and city ordinances. Movie “12 Angry Men”.

November-December – Contracts. (written contracts, offer and acceptances, terminations, writing contracts)

January – Continue with contracts. (on-line contracts, rental contracts)

February - Property – various types of property both tangible and intangible (copyright, trademark, etc.) Insurance - property, casualty, life, and social insurance.

March – Insurance. Movie “RainMaker”

April and May – Students will help decide what topics to cover. They will be allowed to choose two from the following: Wills, Estates, and Trusts; Unions; Debtors, Creditors, and Bankruptcy; and Consumer Protection. All of these are important topics, however, we just don’t have enough time to cover them all so I like the students to be able to choose those that interest them the most.

This is a junior-senior level class and therefore will be treated as such. I expect you to be mature, young adults when discussing various topics.

I will try to bring in speakers. Speakers we have had in the past have been from the Sheriffs department, a Probation officer, the county Investigator, Appellate Judge Inbody, Police Chief Jackson, and a few others. If you have anyone that you think could contribute to our class, please let me know and I will try to schedule them.

I will also bring to class current issues that pertain to topics we have studied. These may include newspaper or magazine articles, television reports, etc.

You will have one textbook. You will need a book cover for your book by the end of the first week.

The last Friday of every month, you will read a novel through the “Book Talk” program. The novels offered for your reading involve either business, leadership, or law in some way. You will read 200 points per semester. You may read additional books for extra credit, but the most you can move up is one letter grade. After completing the reading, you will do a book talk with Mrs. Shanahan. **Only the books from Mrs. Shanahan’s room qualify. These books may not be used for any other class book report.**

Homework – All homework must be put in the file folder to be considered “handed in”. For every day an assignment is late, 15% will be deducted from the grade.

If you have an excused absence, you will be allowed two days for each day you missed to make up the work. You will need to get your missed assignments before or after school from the teacher the day you return.

Grading

Quarterly Grades will be on the point system with more weight being given to quizzes and tests than daily work.

The quarterly grades equal 90% and the Book Talk equals 10% of your semester grade. The book talk is not figured into your quarterly grade. Book Talk grades will be included and shown on PowerTeacher around the last 3 weeks of the semester.

Rules of the room

Everyone will be treated with respect and kindness. If you have something bad to say about someone, don't say anything at all. The old rule applies – "Treat someone as you would want them to treat you".

You will not be permitted to leave the room without your planner.

No drink or food in the classroom!

Restroom – The only time you will be allowed to use the restroom is if we are working on problems. If we are going over the chapter, you may have to wait until the end of class before you will be allowed to leave.

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