

Independent School District of Boise City

1371 Practical Law

Course Description

This course examines law-related subjects relevant to the student's life. Topics include criminal law and procedure, the law of torts and civil procedure, and family law. The course emphasizes individual accountability and the role of law in American society.

A Note on Standards

The Practical Law curriculum is built around Boise School District standards and reflects the best professional judgment of our teaching staff. The district standards include content knowledge and skills in the following areas: the role of law in American society; the basic concepts of criminal law, torts, civil procedure, and family law; and the basic procedures of civil actions and criminal prosecutions. While each standard is expressed through specific, associated instructional objectives, instructors should seek opportunities to apply the standards throughout the course.

Adopted Materials

Street Law: A Course in Practical Law. Washington, D.C.: Street Law, Inc., 2005

Semester Timeline

Unit 1	Introduction To Law	3 weeks
Unit 2	Family Law	2 weeks
Unit 3	Criminal Law	4 weeks
Unit 4	Criminal Justice System	4 weeks
Unit 5	Juvenile Justice	2 weeks
Unit 6	Torts	3 weeks

District Standards for Practical Law

- 01 Understand the necessity for having a legal system in the United States.
- 02 Understand basic concepts of family law.
- 03 Understand basic concepts of criminal law.
- 04 Understand basic procedures of civil actions and criminal prosecutions.
- 05 Understand the basic concepts and procedures of the juvenile justice system.

Practical Law		District Reference 1371
Unit 1	Introduction to Law	3 Weeks

Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
1371.01 Understand the importance of the relationship of law to the individual and society.		137101	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Define and identify the purposes of law.	<i>Street Law</i> , 6 th ed., Ch. 1	TMA EOC
02	Identify the governmental structures involved in the lawmaking process and their roles.	Ch. 2	TMA EOC
03	Describe and distinguish the methods for solving disputes out of court.	Ch. 4	TMA EOC
04	Describe the court systems in the United States.	Ch. 5	TMA EOC
05	Identify the circumstances when an individual should seek the help of an attorney.	Ch. 6	TMA

Unit 2	Family Law	2 Weeks
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Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
1371.02 Understand the impact of governmental actions and laws on families.		137102	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	List and explain the qualifications and duties of marriage.	Ch. 29, 30	TMA
02	Describe the law as it relates to children in a family.	Ch. 32-33	TMA
03	Describe the laws that relate to divorce and family support after divorce.	Ch. 34	TMA
04	Describe the basic laws that relate to wills, intestacy and probate.	<i>Street Law</i> , 5 th ed., pp. 380-382	TMA EOC

Unit 3	Criminal Law	4 Weeks
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Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
1371.03 Understand the nature of crime and its impact on victims.		137103	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Examine crime rates, causes and trends and their impact on victims.	Ch. 7	TMA

02	Identify the common attributes of criminals and criminal behavior.	Ch. 8	TMA
03	Given data, measure the cost of crime.	Ch. 9	TMA
Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
1371.04 Understand the types of crimes against the person.		137104	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Identify classes of crimes against the person and the parties to crimes.	Ch. 8	TMA EOC
02	Describe the components of all crimes against the person.	Ch. 9	TMA EOC
Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
1371.05 Understand the types of crimes against property.		137105	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	List the components of crimes that involve the taking of property.	Ch. 10	TMA EOC
02	List the components of crimes that involve the damaging or destruction of property.	Ch. 10	TMA EOC

Unit 4	Criminal Justice System	4 Weeks
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Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
1371.06 Know the investigative phase of the criminal justice process.		137106	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	List and explain the defenses available in criminal cases.	Ch. 11	TMA EOC
02	Examine the criminal justice procedure and the role of the police from the commission of an act through arraignment.	Ch. 12	EOC TMA
03	Describe the criminal justice process from arraignment to pre-trial motions.	Ch. 12, 13	TMA EOC
Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
1371.07 Understand the elements of a criminal trial.		137107	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Examine the role of the Sixth Amendment in a criminal trial.	Ch. 14	TMA EOC
02	Identify and apply the steps of a criminal trial.	Ch. 5	TMA EOC
Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
1371.08 Understand sentencing options and methods of punishment.		137108	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	List and describe the range of sentencing options	Ch. 15	TMA

	in criminal cases.		EOC
02	Define the Eighth Amendment and describe its applications to punishment.	Ch. 15	TMA EOC
03	Explain the process and purpose of an appeal.	Ch. 5	TMA EOC

Unit 5	Juvenile Justice	2 Weeks
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Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
1371.9 Understand the difference between juvenile and adult law.		137109	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Examine the evolution of the treatment of juveniles from the mid-19 th century to the present.	Ch. 16	TMA
02	Compare a juvenile and an adult in the eyes of the law.	Ch. 16	TMA EOC
03	Describe the juvenile justice process.	Ch. 16	TMA EOC

Unit 6	Torts	3 Weeks
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Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
1371.10 Understand the nature of and remedies for torts.		137110	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Differentiate between criminal and civil actions.	Ch. 17	TMA EOC
02	Apply the standards and remedies for intentional torts.	Ch. 18	TMA EOC
03	Apply the standards and remedies for negligence torts.	Ch. 19	TMA EOC
04	Apply the standards and remedies for strict liability torts.	Ch. 20	TMA EOC