

**West Linn–Wilsonville School District**  
**Social Studies Department – Course Statement**

<b><u>Course Title: Street Law</u></b>	
<b>Length of Course:</b>	Semester
<b>Number of Credits:</b>	1
<b>Grade Level:</b>	10, 11, 12
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None
<b>CIM Work Samples</b>	
<b>Offered in Course:</b>	writing/speaking work samples
<b>Date of Description/Revision:</b> March 2007	
<b>Course Overview</b>	
<p>Street Law offers the student a practical understanding of the United States legal system. Through readings, simulations, role plays, lectures, and discussions, students are introduced to the key aspects of our legal system in relation to their own citizenship. The course will encompass a spectrum of topics, from an introduction to basic law to a detailed understanding of tort law.</p>	
<b>Essential Questions</b>	<b>Concepts providing focus for student learning</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is justice?</li> <li>• How and why are legal systems structured?</li> <li>• Why does society need criminal punishment?</li> <li>• How do individual rights interact with larger legal systems?</li> </ul>	
<b>Proficiency Statements</b>	
<p>Upon completion of course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain a deeper understanding of the law and legal systems.</li> <li>• Acquire information from a variety of sources and will use information for problem solving, decision-making, and planning.</li> <li>• Develop skills in constructive social participation and will participate effectively in civic affairs.</li> <li>• Learn proper trial procedure in a mock trial setting.</li> <li>• Develop literacy skills in reading, listening, writing, and speaking.</li> </ul>	

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<b>General Course Topics/Units &amp; Timeframes</b>	
A. Introduction to the Law and Legal Systems B. Individual Right and Liberties C. Trial Procedures D. Criminal Law and Juvenile Justice E. Tort Law F. Consumer Law G. Family Law H. Housing Law	
<b>Resources</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Text: <i>Street Law, A Course in Practical Law, 7th Edition</i>, Glencoe McGraw-Hill, 2005</li></ul>	