
Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security Course Standards

The Background:

Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards of the State Board of Education 0520-01-03-.05(1) calls for the State Board of Education to adopt curriculum standards for each subject area, grades K-12. The approved standards are to be the basis for planning instructional programs in each local school system. Adopted textbooks are also to be aligned with the state curriculum standards. Section 3.205 Approved High School Courses of the State Board of Education Policy identifies those courses which have been approved by the Board for instruction across the state.

The Department of Education's Division of Career and Technical Education (CTE) is proposing changes to approved course standards in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security career cluster. This item includes new and revised courses within this career cluster that are now better aligned with postsecondary pathways, incorporate instructional rigor by embedding Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in Technical Subjects, and reflect the competitive employment demands of our state.

Courses included in this item:

Court Systems and Practices	New Course
Criminal Justice I	Revised course
Criminal Justice II	Revised course
Criminal Justice III: Investigations	Revised/Renamed course
Fire Science I	New Course
Fire Science II	New Course
Principles of Fire and Emergency Services	New Course

Since first reading of the standards included in this item, the CTE Division has critically reviewed and accepted feedback from Tennessee educators, CTE Directors, and industry experts received via the CTE.Questions@tn.gov email address. The following changes have been made to the standards since first reading, based on that feedback:

- Updated formatting for consistency across documents.
- Added additional industry vocabulary and examples to the *Court Systems and Practices* and *Criminal Justice I* courses.
- Removed content which may not be relevant for secondary students from the *Criminal Justice II* course.
- Removed content which may not be relevant for secondary students and updated industry vocabulary in the *Criminal Justice II* course.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.