

Business Law  
Course Syllabus

Location: Room A403

Times: Period 7

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Text Book: Business and Personal Law, Glencoe, 2008

**Course Description:**

This course is designed offer students insight into our legal world and the process one must undertake in order to successfully navigate within the business environment while remaining in compliance with current laws. Students will be introduced to how laws are created, ethical behaviors, torts, procedural and substantive law, criminal law, and business law. Students will also develop an understanding of contract law, employment law and the rights and responsibilities of those that engage in employment and various types of contracts.

**Requirements:**

The requirements for this class are to bring your book, notepaper, and a writing utensil and Chromebook to class every day. The expectation is that you that you show up every day willing to learn, participate in discussions about the law, take notes and actively participate in class.

**Instructional Methods:**

The materials and information in this course will be delivered by lectures, readings in the text and student participation in discussions. Students must read the chapters that assigned in the Business and Personal Law book and will be held accountable for all information within the text book regardless if it has specifically been spoken to in class.

**Significant Task:**

The significant tasks for Business and Personal Law will be a mock trial conducted at the end of the semester. Students will make application for the positions within the mock trial and then complete a comprehensive exam about the findings of the trial. Student's participation within the trial will be granted with the utilization of a rubric that will be provided to the students.

## **Grading:**

This class will utilize the Sioux Falls School District adopted grading policy. The policy is as follows:

A = 93 – 100  
B = 85 – 92  
C = 76 – 84  
D = 65 – 75  
F = 64 and below

The itemization of semester student grades will be as follows:

15 % = Semester Test  
42 ½ % = 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grade  
42 ½ % = 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Grade

The analysis of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter grades will consist of an accumulation of student activities performed in & out of the classroom to include but not limited to the following items:

Tests  
Quizzes (Announced & Unannounced)  
You Be The Judge Scenarios  
Daily Assignments  
Guest Speakers  
Mock Trial

Late assignments are accepted at a rate of a 10% reduction for the first week the assignment is late, and 10% reduction for every additional week the assignment is late. After two weeks, no late assignments will be accepted.

## **Attendance**

In order to succeed in high school and in life, regular attendance is mandatory. This class will follow the attendance guidelines set forth by the Sioux Falls School District which can be found in your student handbook on page 5. If you are required to miss a class for any reason, the instructor must be notified either prior to the absence, or the next day that the student is in school.

Participation points will be given every day that you are in class and participate. You will not be given participation points for days that your absence is listed as unexcused or unknown or if you fail to actively participate in class. It is the student's responsibility to correct any erroneous absences with the office.

In order to avoid being swept, students must be located inside the classroom in their seat before the bell rings. Upon being swept, students will be sent to the cafeteria and will receive a zero for that day's assignment. **No exceptions!**

### **Extra Credit**

Extra credit will be offered to those that are interested in working in the Lincoln High School store. Working in the LHS store will allow the students to experience business related activities in an exciting store environment. Extra credit will be given at one point for every ten minutes that are worked in the student store with a maximum of forty points of extra credit allowed for each quarter. Students are required to log in on the paper timesheet that is located in the LHS store.

### **Classroom Expectations**

It is expected that all students will come to class prepared to learn. You will be called upon in class to give relevant discussion to the topic at hand. You will be treated courteously by the instructor and the expectation is that you will treat the instructor and your fellow classmates with courtesy. You will be held accountable for your actions, both positively and negatively.

### **ADA Policy**

If you are a person with a disability and anticipate needing any type of accommodation in order to make this a successful learning experience, please come and talk to me as soon as possible and make the appropriate arrangements with the counselors office and the instructor.