



2021-2022 BHS Law Academy Information

Law Academy Staff

Dr. Rachel Shelley – Principal Booker High School
Ryan Kelley – Law Academy Coordinator
Gail Foreman – Criminal Justice Instructor

Community Partners

Sarasota County Bar Association Diversity Committee
Honorable Judge Charles Williams
12th Circuit State Attorney's Office
12th Circuit Public Defender's Office
Retired Attorney's Association of Sarasota

Faces of Accomplishment
Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Sarasota Police Department
Sarasota County Schools Police Dept.
Sarasota County Commissioner's Office

Vision

The *Vision* of the Booker High School Law Academy is to challenge students to reach their academic, civic, and social potential in the discipline of social studies.

Mission

The *Mission* of the Booker High School Law Academy is to establish an environment which enables students to become passionate, mature, and investigative learners and civic participants; as well as to expose students to the reality of higher education and career opportunities related to the fields of law and political science.

Motto

"Raise the Bar"

The meaning of "raise the bar" is: to set a higher standard for other people to follow.
Our goal for BHS Law Academy is to be the standard bearer amongst our peers, in academics, civics and leadership.

Diploma Progression

Students must complete a course selection, either Criminal Justice or Legal Studies, obtaining no less than 8 Law Academy credits to achieve the Diploma.

In order to count towards the Law Academy Diploma, a student must earn a grade of at least 75% in Law Academy designated courses.

Some courses (*) in the progression have prerequisites, meaning that students may only take the course if they have already taken other courses in the progression

Law Academy Courses

Criminal Justice

Legal Education

<i>Year 1</i>	
<i>Law Studies/Critical Thinking (1 credit)</i> <i>Criminal Justice 1</i>	<i>Law Studies/Critical Thinking (1 credit)</i> <i>Criminal Justice 1</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	
<i>Criminal Justice 2</i> <i>AICE Psychology</i>	<i>Court Procedures/ Research (1 credit)</i> <i>Comprehensive Law H</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	
<i>Criminal Justice 3</i> <i>AICE Sociology</i>	<i>AP Government/Comparative Gov. (1 credit)</i> <i>Constitutional Law H</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	
<i>Criminal Justice 4</i> <i>Criminal Justice Internship</i>	<i>Legal Systems and Concepts</i> <i>Executive Internship</i>

Student Expectations

Overall (cumulative) GPA of at least 2.5
Minimum of 75% average in Law Academy Diploma courses
Participation in SAT/ACT

Passing score on state reading assessments
No more than 10 unexcused absences per semester
Maintain NO Discipline issues or incidents

Student Extra-Curricular Expectation

All FRESHMAN Law Academy students MUST participate in Tornado Trials. This activity takes place Thursdays from 2:30-3:45, and runs from September – April, the 2nd-4th Thursday of each month.

All Law Academy students must belong to and regularly attend at least one of these same activities. Students must accrue at least 40 hours (annually) of service toward Law Academy extra-curricular programs.

All Law Academy students are expected to attend all Law Academy field trips and guest speakers.

All Law Academy students are expected to dress and act appropriately in school and at Law Academy functions.

Student Extra Curricular Opportunities

Mock Trial Team
Tornado Trials

Moot Court Team
Cadet Program