Criminal Justice is a two-year program. Through classroom instruction, hands-on practical exercises, field trips, and meeting with career professionals in the field, students learn about law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Students complete a rigorous curriculum to learn the most up-to-date information and techniques to prepare for post-secondary studies and careers in law enforcement, investigations, security, corrections, courts, or other criminal justice related fields.

Characteristics for Success:
• A strong interest in the field of Criminal Justice as a career
• Strong reading and writing skills
• Open-minded, eager to learn about new things
• Excellent Attendance
• Parental support of the career and Criminal Justice program

Recommended Home School District Courses:
• Sociology / Psychology
• Forensic Science

Topics Covered:
• Law Enforcement
• Forensics
• Courts and Law
• Corrections
• Private Security
• Public Safety

Available Academic Credits:
• Math 11 (1 credit)
• Science 11 (1 credit)
• English 12 (1 credit)
• Participation in Government (1/2 credit)
• Career and Financial Management (1/2 credit)

For more information on the availability of this option, please contact your home school counselor.

College Credit Available From:
• Bryant and Stratton College
• Columbia-Greene Community College
• Schenectady Community College

Related Career Opportunities:
• Computer Crime Investigator
• Corrections Officer
• Criminal analyst
• Environmental Conservation Officer
• Evidence Technician
• Federal Agent
• Military Police
• Narcotics Investigator
• Paralegal/Attorney
• Parole Officer
• Police Officer
• Private Security
• Probation Officer
• Sheriff’s Deputy
• State Trooper

Industry-Based Certifications (attainable through program):
• NYS Eight-hour Pre-Assignment Security Guard
• Red Cross First Aid Certification
• Red Cross CPR Certification
• New York State Mandated Reporter
• Public Safety Telecommunicator I
• NIMS Incident Command for Law Enforcement

Technical Assessment:
• National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) Criminal Justice*

Pass ALL three parts of the technical assessment: written, performance and portfolio
*Successful passing of this written and performance assessment may be counted as the fifth required Regents exam for graduation.
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