

Social Studies: Law and Public Safety I/Community Policing

UNIT/ Weeks	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
8	<p><u>Crime in America</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Justice System • The UCR and NCVS Programs • Criminological Theories • The Nature and Purpose of Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is criminal justice? • What is the nature and purpose of law?
7	<p><u>Policing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History and Structure of Policing • Purpose and Organization of Policing • Legal Aspects of Policing • Issues and Challenges of Policing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the meaning of "to protect and serve"? • What are the issues and challenges police face?
7	<p><u>Adjudication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure and Participants of the Court System • Pretrial Activities and the Criminal Trial • Sentencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the roles of the state and federal courts? • What role does the judge play in the United States legal system? • How did the jury system develop? • What are the strengths and weaknesses of the jury system?
7	<p><u>Corrections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probation, Parole and Community Corrections • Prisons and Jails • Prison Life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the issues and challenges offenders face while serving probation or parole? • What are some of the major issues that prisoners face today?
7	<p><u>Special Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juvenile Justice • Drugs and Crime • Terrorism and Multinational Criminal Justice • Future of Criminal Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are juvenile proceedings different than criminal proceedings? • How do you think the proposed changes in the juvenile justice system will effect youthful offenders?