

Merrimack School District
Essential Learning Competencies

School	MHS
Discipline	SS
Course Title	Criminology

Quarter 1

Essential Learning Competencies	Links to the Rubrics/Standards/Competency	Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
✓ Psychological and Social reasons for criminal activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are the psychological reasons commit criminal acts? ✓ What is the legal (as opposed to clinical) definition of “mental defect?” ✓ What is the difference between a Psychopath and a Sociopath? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Nature vs. Nurture discussion ✓ Psychopath Evaluation ✓ Merton’s Theory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Deviant Behavior Experiment ✓ Case study and clinical examples ✓ Unit Test
✓ Ethics vs. Morality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How does society define what is “ethical?” ✓ Do these standards change overtime or are they consistent? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Moral Dilemmas ✓ Professional Ethics evaluation of Doctors, Lawyers, and Teachers ✓ State of Nature: Shipwrecked activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The influence of laws upon morality and the influence of morality upon laws prompt ✓ Unit Test
✓ Tiers of laws (local, state, federal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Who has jurisdiction over a crime? ✓ How do towns, states, and the federal government adjust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Revisit modified USCIS test ✓ Make a Law Activity ✓ 10th Amendment Rescue ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lawmaking scenario: Which level is best? ✓ Unit Test
✓ Crimes and their Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What is the difference between a felony and misdemeanor? ✓ How do these differing tiers of laws interact to both protect citizens and punish offenders? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Investigative Scenarios ✓ Principal, Accessory, Conspiracy Exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inchoate Crimes in the Media ✓ You be the Prosecutor; what do you charge? ✓ Unit Test
✓ Constitutional Protections for those accused of crimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Where are your rights to remain silent, lawyer, and jury trial protected? ✓ What are the legal protections of children accused of crimes in New Hampshire? ✓ Why can we waive rights even though they are protected? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th Amendment scenarios ✓ Case Evaluation/Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SCOTUS Case Evaluation: <i>Miranda</i>, <i>Gideon</i>, <i>TLO</i>, <i>Mapp</i>, <i>Terry</i> ✓ Unit Test

Quarter 2

Essential Learning Competencies	Links to the Rubrics/Standards/Competency	Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
1. Preliminary Investigations			
2. Continuing Investigations			
3. The Role of Forensics in Investigations.			
4. Criminal Trial Courts and the Jury Process			
5. Appeals and Capital Punishment			