



## **Law Enforcement Career Academy Bertha-Hewitt High School**

The Law Enforcement Academy provides students the knowledge and skills needed to understand the many and diverse careers in the field of criminal justice. Students enrolled in this academy will learn about police officers who conduct regular patrols, investigate burglaries, or give first aid to accident victims. Other agencies have personnel that serve in investigative divisions such as the homicide division, narcotics or legal divisions; such as lawyers, correction officers or game wardens. Whether you have the desire to live in a small community or an urban area, Law Enforcement careers will give you that opportunity. Through the courses in this Academy, students will gain the basic skills needed to transfer their knowledge and continue their education at a post-secondary institution.

### **Academy Courses**

#### ***Forensics***

#### ***1 High School Credit***

This course covers several areas of forensics including fingerprinting, DNA extraction and hair identification. Students will use lab settings to evaluate crime scenes and forensic evidence. This is a hands-on course that uses case models to allow students to practice techniques and equipment. Court case reports provide students samples of the kind of information that is expected by those who review a criminal case.

#### ***Criminal Justice***

#### ***1 High School Credit***

This course is a study of the history and philosophy of the criminal justice field and its ethical considerations. Covering the theories of criminology and victimology, we will start with the criminal justice systems roots and expands towards the correctional system. The nature and impact of crime is explored and instruction includes an overview and study of the criminal justice system, law enforcement, the court system, prosecution and defense, trial processes and corrections and penal systems.

#### ***Fitness***

#### ***1 High School Credit***

Fitness is a course that incorporates cardio and resistance training components, Students will maintain an exercise journal that demonstrates their increased body fitness. Students will learn skills that will allow them to maintain a lifetime of physical health.

**Academic Completion Standard:**

Students wishing to receive a certification must complete the academy courses while maintaining at least a B or better in each course. In addition, students must complete the courses without receiving any behavioral referrals or detentions.

**Business and Industry Experiences:**

Students will explore and research careers through tours of a county police station, see fingerprinting demonstrations and fingerprinting crime scene materials. Highlights of the workplace experience will be watching an actual trial, listening to speakers from the Todd County Sheriff's Department and having a presentation from a liaison officer.

**Job Skills:**

In addition to having technical skills, employers expect their workers to have other skills such as:

- Be an Active Member of a Team
- Use Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills
- Effective Oral and Written Communication
- Work Precisely with Data and Reports
- Skills with Law Enforcement Materials and Equipment

**Careers Options:**

Detective, Police Officer, Sheriff, Dispatch Technician, Transportation Enforcement Officers, Forensic Science Technicians, Bailiff, Criminal Investigators, Transit and Railroad Police, transportation Security Screeners, Lawyer, Corrections Officer, Court or Municipal Clerks, Fraud Examiners, Judges, Court Reporters, Arbitrators, Mediators, Clerical Library Assistance, Paralegals, Legal Assistants, Librarians, Legal Secretaries, License Clerks

**Job Outlook:**

Business Careers 9% growth for Central Minnesota

**Postsecondary Programs:**

Please check at [www.mnscu.edu](http://www.mnscu.edu) for colleges that offer educational programs for this Career Academy such as;

Central Lakes College, Hibbing Community & Technical College, Century Community College, Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical, Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Vermillion Community College, Inver Hills Community College, Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Riverland Community & Technical College, Northwest Technical College, Alexandria Technical College, Bemidji State University, St. Cloud State University, Minnesota State University Winona