



# Business Law Course Syllabus

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## National Business Honor Society

- **Have a 3.5 in three of the following business courses: Accounting, Business Management, Finance, Business Law and INCubatoredu.**
- **Have a 3.0 overall average.**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION** Business Law is designed to acquaint students with the basic legal principles common to business and personal activities. This course is an overview of criminal, civil, contract, and consumer law. Emphasis is placed on business law as it affects young adults with focus on the legal rights and responsibilities of students as citizens, consumers, employees and employers. This course offers exploration of law as a career, as well as a mock trial simulation.

**COURSE GOALS** The prime objective of this course is to include personal concepts to assist students when evaluating contracts, maximizing purchasing power through credit, purchasing appropriate insurance, and renting or owning real estate. Business concepts such as contracting, starting a business, hiring employees, managing employees and representing other businesses as employee or contractor are included. It requires the student to read the text, listen to lecture, and learn new terminology. Most students will have little homework if class time is spent productively.

**REQUIREMENTS** Students enrolled in business law are required to:

- Bring a 3-ring binder, paper, pencils, assignments, workbook and text to class **daily.**
- Maintain a 3-ring binder, divided by sections and chapters, to include all handouts, notes, study questions, terms and worksheet pages.
- Complete homework, daily tasks and assignments.
- Take quizzes, tests and exams.
- Work effectively in group situations.
- Maintain classroom behavior that provides themselves and other students with an environment in which optimum learning can take place. Class will start when the tardy bell rings.

## **ASSESSMENT**

- Daily and homework assignments will be collected, points assigned and given based upon the accuracy, completeness and neatness of the work done.
- Exams and quizzes will be given with points assigned depending on the length and importance of each task.
- Mini practice sets and simulation exercises will be graded heavily since they are representative of the entire section.
- Group work is an important part of this class and will be graded by participation of each member.
- Grades are cumulative throughout the semester.
- This is a Category Point evaluation system and will measure qualitative as well as quantitative aspects of student performance.
  - Assessments (Tests and Projects): 80%
  - Course Activities: 20%

**Three business credits are required to be a business completer.**

\*Cheating will not be tolerated. School rules and guidelines will be followed.

## **Student Organizations:**

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) is a co-curricular component of the business program. This student organization enhances classroom instruction, develops leadership skills, and provides opportunities for professional growth and service. Business Law students are strongly encouraged to be active FBLA members in order to participate in district, state, and national competitions and conferences. A membership fee of \$15.00 is required.

**\*Additional Assistance** I am always available to any student or parent requesting additional assistance. I may be contacted in Room 413, at 414-3800 x 7635 or at hawkinsb@mtnbrook.k12.al.us.