



The Canyon High School Public Service Pathway provides an informative and relevant curriculum that educates students about a variety of public service careers, including Elected Officials, Armed Forces, Legal Clerk, Crime Scene Technician, Police Officer, Social Worker, Attorney, FBI Agent, and more.

Students will explore criminal justice history, the criminal justice system, modern-day policing issues, community policing, criminal law, investigations, crime scene investigation, the court system, and corrections. Students will get the opportunity to learn from industry professionals through guest speakers, field trips, and more!

To sign up for a Public Service Pathway course, contact your Canyon counselor today!

“I would recommend this pathway to future students to learn problem solving skills and investigative attributes that will help in any career path.”

J. M.

Class of 2020

Canyon Public Service Community Partnerships & Program Experience:

Anaheim Police Department, Orange Fire Departments, CHP, Los Angeles Sheriffs Office, Orange Country Sherriff Department, City of Orange Police Department, Army Recruiting Station, and more!



For more information, visit www.canyonhighschool.org or contact Public Service Pathway teacher Mr. Clark Smith, clark.smith@orangeusd.org.



Sample Four-Year Plan

The table below represents a sample four-year plan sequencing the requirements to be a Public Service Pathway completer. Students must complete a level 02 & 03 course to be a pathway completer and earn a tassel to wear at graduation. Students should work closely with their counselors to incorporate appropriate honors, IB and AP courses, as well as other graduation and A-G required courses.



Course Type	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Public Service	Criminal Justice	Crime Scene Investigation	Professional Internship	Professional Internship

Public Service Pathway Course Descriptions:

Criminal Justice UC-G (02): Explores criminal justice history, modern-day policing issues, community policing, criminal law, investigations, crime scene investigation, case law, and corrections. Students will also learn about the court system and trial while developing employability and soft skills.

Crime Scene Investigation (03): Students will learn methods and protocols for the collection, preservation and analysis of evidence. Students research blood, DNA, bones, time of death, ballistics, fingerprints, forgery, as well as other forms of evidence. Students analyze mock crime scenes, including searching for and collection of evidence, as well as recreating the crime scene and possible motives. Students practice communication skills, report writing, and presentation skills.

Professional Internship (03): Allows students to apply academic knowledge and practice technical and employability skills in a workplace setting. Students will prepare job readiness documents and interview at an assigned site before interning with a local Canyon Business Partner (Anaheim Police Department Explores, Orange Fire Explores, Law, etc.).

Public Service Pathway Teacher



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Mr. Smith comes to Canyon with 30 years of industry experience, including field training officer, S.W.A.T., narcotics, crimes against property, auto theft, crimes against children, special enforcement detail, robbery homicide, and corporal.