Pre-Law

In this program students focus on the areas of civics, written & oral communication, problem solving & career awareness. Through mock trials, civic projects, trips to local criminal & civil courts, Marble Valley Correctional Facility-Rutland, Vermont Supreme Court-Montpelier, New York Court of Appeals-Albany, Second Circuit of Appeals-New York City & Washington, D.C. students encounter the work of law & lawyers in many different contexts. Successful students are eligible for scholarships from the local bar association & law firms. Through Work Based Learning students are placed in various local court & other law related agencies.

High School Credit (s): *3 credits earned in Pre-Law 1* ***(Elective)***
3 credits earned in Pre-Law 2 ***(1.0 Social Studies & 1.0 Elective)***
** Social Studies credit cannot be in place of US or World History credits*

Grades: *10th – 12th* ***Numerically Graded*** ***Year Long*** *(each program)*

Students should have an 11th grade reading level, above an 85% in 10th grade college preparatory English & instructor permission

Introductory Class to the Pre-Law Program

Anatomy of Crime/ Law and Youth (Course #3601): This short block course is an introduction to the process of forensic investigation, & includes processing crime scenes, collecting various types of evidence, & learning through lab experiences how various forensic examiners determine the usefulness of the evidence in proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Topics that we will study include fingerprints, blood spatter, shoe impressions, DNA & Forensic anthropology & entomology. Guest speakers & videos, in addition to labs, will be used for further coverage of topics.

High School Credit(s): *0.5 credits earned towards elective credit.*

Grades: *9th – 11th* ***Numerically Graded*** ***One Semester Long***