

What is the need?

The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that the paralegal field has a bright outlook for employment over the next 10 years (15% increase in available employment). As a paralegal, individuals are expected to earn a salary averaging around \$49,500 (\pm \$23.80/hr) – based on national statistics

(www.onnetonline.org).

For more information regarding the Pike County Schools Legal Assistant/Paralegal Studies Academy or any other academy, contact your high school guidance counselor.

Before anything else, preparation is the key to success. Alexander Graham Bell



Thanks to our education partner



The Pike County School System does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. It provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

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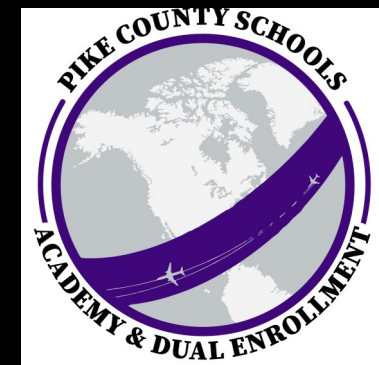
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Legal Assistant/ Paralegal Studies Academy



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General Requirements:

- Be a PCS student and apply in the 9th
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Have ACT or COMPASS Scores of:
 - ACT Score of 20 or higher in English/Writing
 - ACUPLACER Scores qualifying for English 101 and MTH 116
- Have good Attendance
- Have good Discipline/Conduct
- Be in overall "Good Standing" with their school
- Submit completed Academy Application
- Review of transcript
- Obtain completed recommendation form from administrator (school or district)
- Obtain completed recommendation forms from 3 teachers
- Write an essay explaining why you would be an excellent candidate for one of our academies



Paralegal Studies Academy

| Year 1 (Sophomore) | |
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| Term | Course Number/Name |
| Fall | PRL 101/Introduction to Paralegal Study (3) ART 100/Art Appreciation or MUS 101/Music Appreciation (3) |
| Spring | OAD 101/Beginning Keyboarding (3) CIS 146/Microcomputer Applications (3) |
| Year 2 (Juniors) | |
| Term | Course Number/Name |
| Fall | MTH 116/Mathematical Applications (3) ENG 101/English Composition I (3) BUS 263/Legal and Social Environment of Business (3) BUS 241/Principles of Accounting (3) PRL 102/Basic Legal Research and Writing (3) |
| Spring | PSY 200/General Psychology (3) PRL 103/Advanced Legal Research and Writing (3) PRL 230/Domestic Relations (3) PRL 240/Wills, Estates, and Trusts (3) PHS 111/Physical Science I or PHS112/Physical Science II (4) |
| Year 3 (Seniors) | |
| Term | Course Number/Name |
| Fall | ENG 102/English Composition (3) PRL 160/Criminal Law and Procedures (3) PRL 262/Civil Law & Procedures (3) PRL 250/Bankruptcy or PRL 210/Real Property Law (3) |
| Spring | PRL 192/Alabama Legal Systems (TORTS) (3) or PRL 265/Constitutional Law (3) PRL 291/Internship in Paralegal (3) SPH 106/Fundamental of Speech (3) WKO 101/Workplace Skills Development (1) |

Please note that programs of study, including course sequencing is subject to change based on course availability and program needs.

Become a Legal Assistant/Paralegal

In partnership with Enterprise State Community College, the Pike County School System is offering this exciting new academy to students who are interested in a future working in the legal profession. The successful completion of this program will lead to an Associate's Degree and prepare students for a rewarding career.

Paralegals perform a vital role within the legal system. You could have a future as a paralegal through this wonderful program with the Pike County School System and in cooperation with Enterprise State Community College (ESCC). About 30% of current paralegals hold an Associate's Degree.