**Mr. Gordon**

**Personal Law**

**Class Needs:**

1. Pen or Pencil (Every day)
2. 3 ring binder with 4 dividers and loose paper
3. Workbooks- provided in class
4. Any items assigned in class (Mock trial packets, cases, etc..)

**Resources:**

1. Southwestern Law for Business and Personal use (Packet given)
2. Law workbooks and Unit guide books
3. Case sheets and worksheets
4. Project sheets

**Grading: (Updated weekly online)**

1. 10% of each quarter is based on class work (Note sheets, puzzles)
2. 20% of each quarter is based on class quizzes (2-3 per chapter)
3. 20% of each quarter is based on case work
4. 50% of each quarter is based on tests and Class Projects

**Purpose of Personal Law**

*You will learn:*

Students will begin by learning about the formation of laws, how the constitution gives a path for the creation of laws, ethics and difference between criminal and civil laws. Each section goes in depth into legal vocabulary, case understanding and real world examples. Students are encouraged to continue the study of Business Law after completing this course.

**Class Projects Experience**

Each student will have the opportunity to research information on the formation of our legal system and look deeper into the basics of criminal and civil law. All projects will be typed and then presented to the class, with student grades being based on both parts of the final project.

**Classroom Procedures**

1. Prepared- Pen/Pencil, notebook, textbook and any assignments
2. Personal Items- Never left in classroom without permission
3. Workstation- Assigned, students responsibility
4. Books- Never left in class, student responsibility
5. Food and Drink- Never in class without permission
6. Warm-up- On overhead daily and expected to be completed
7. Electronic Devices- Either left in locker or turned in at beginning of class
8. Passes- Only with permission, sign in and out, never at begging or end
9. Come to class to have fun, learn exciting new things and ask questions at any time!

**Final Exam**

This will be given in class the final 2 days. The final exam acts as 33% of the student’s final average as well. Student exam grades are based on a portfolio assessment of both student projects and a written exam. All students need number 2 pencils on exam day. Student projects also make up 40 points of the total 100 points of the exam.

**Contact Information**

Parents will be notified if you fail to complete assigned work, are late to class, have poor attendance or lack respect towards your classmates or teacher. Any student who maliciously destroys school property will be reported to the principal and parents will be notified as well. My contact information for all students and parents is as follows:

716-926-1720 extension 2230

[Jgordon@frontier.wnyric.org](mailto:Jgordon@frontier.wnyric.org)

**Personal Law Mr. Gordon**

**Student Last Name: First Name Period**

*I have read the Personal Law course guidelines and believe that I understand them.*

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**Date Students Signature**

*I have read the Personal Law course guidelines. I understand that my signature indicates neither approval nor disapproval, but simply that I have seen them. However, comments can be attached below:*

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