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Topics and Content Statements are aligned with Ohio's learning standards for Social Studies (2018-2019) and the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework.

Semester-at-a-Glance:

Strand: Criminal Justice Today

Learning Standard:	How Taught?
Explain what is a crime and who defines it.	Direct Instruction
Identify and explain the purpose of the Criminal Justice System as well as the Discretion and Ethics that are involved in the system.	Small Group Project Based Learning Textbook Reading
Explain how society changes its view on what it considers to be a crime.	
Materials:	How Assessed?
Textbook: Criminal Justice in Action Chromebook Credentialed Newsources Student Selected Current Events	Daily activities both group as well as individual. Chapter Assessment Test
	How Re-Taught? Teacher directed instruction

Strand: Causes of Crime

Learning Standard:	How Taught?
Identify and explain the role of theory, correlation, and causes as well as biological and psychological theories of crime. Understand and explain the correlation between drugs and crime.	Direct Instruction Small Group Project Based Learning Textbook Reading
Materials: Textbook: Criminal Justice in Action Chromebook	How Assessed? Daily activities, both group as well as individual. Chapter Assessment Test
Credentialed Newsources Student Selected Current Events	How Re-Taught? Teacher directed instruction

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Strand: The Crime Picture: Offenders and Victims

Learning Standard:	How Taught?
Determine the differences between Civil Law and Criminal Law as well as Felonies v. Misdemeanors. Explaining the difference between Mala in Se and Mala Prohibita.	Direct Instruction Small Group Project Based Learning Textbook Reading
Materials:	How Assessed?
Textbook: Criminal Justice in Action Chromebook Credentialed Newsources Student Selected Current Events	Daily activities, both group as well as individual. Chapter Assessment Test
	How Re-Taught? Teacher directed instruction

Strand: Inside Criminal Law

Learning Standard:	How Taught?
Defining the conception of Law. Understanding written sources of American Criminal Law and its role on Protecting vs. Punishing.	Direct Instruction Small Group Project Based Learning Textbook Reading
Materials:	How Assessed?
Textbook: Criminal Justice in Action Chromebook Credentialed Newsources Student Selected Current Events	Daily activities, both group as well as individual. Chapter Assessment Test
	How Re-Taught? Teacher directed instruction

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Learning Standard:	How Taught?
Understanding the evolution of American Law Enforcement. Being able to identify defenses under criminal law. And how The Bill of Rights and Due Process are designed to protect citizens.	Direct Instruction Small Group Project Based Learning Textbook Reading
Materials:	How Assessed?
Textbook: Criminal Justice in Action Chromebook Credentialed Newsources Student Selected Current Events	Daily activities, both group as well as individual. Chapter Assessment Test
	How Re-Taught? Teacher directed instruction

Strand: Police and The Constitution: The Rule of Law

Learning Standard:	How Taught?
Why the Fourth Amendment: Reasonableness and Probable Cause help keep Americans protected from unlawful searches and seizures.	Direct Instruction Small Group Project Based Learning Textbook Reading
Materials:	How Assessed?
Textbook: Criminal Justice in Action Chromebook Credentialed Newsources	Daily activities, both groups as well as individuals. Chapter Assessment Test
	How Re-Taught? Teacher directed instruction

Strand: Courts and the Quest for Justice

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Learning Standard:	How Taught?
Articulating the basic principles of the American Judicial System and understanding the correlation between Local, State, and Federal Courts.	Direct Instruction Small Group Project Based Learning Textbook Reading
Materials:	How Assessed?
Textbook: Criminal Justice in Action Chromebook Credentialed Newsources	Daily activities, both group as well as individual. Chapter Assessment Test
	How Re-Taught? Teacher directed instruction

Strand: Punishment and Sentencing

Learning Standard:	How Taught?
Understanding the Purpose of Sentencing as well as the Structure of Sentencing. Identifying Inconsistencies in Sentencing and why they occur.	Direct Instruction Small Group Project Based Learning Textbook Reading
Materials:	How Assessed?
Textbook: Criminal Justice in Action Chromebook Credentialed Newsources	Daily activities, both group as well as individual. Chapter Assessment Test
	How Re-Taught? Teacher directed instruction

Strand: Prison, Jails, and the Experience

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Learning Standard:	How Taught?
Establishing a basic knowledge of the History of American prisons. Prison organization and management. Inmate population and trends.	Direct Instruction Small Group Project Based Learning Textbook Reading
Materials:	How Assessed?
Textbook: Criminal Justice in Action Chromebook Credentialed Newsources	Daily Activities, both group as well as individual. Chapter Assessment Test
	How Re-Taught? Teacher directed instruction