



Career Technical Education
Academies & Pathways Flow Chart
PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY (PSA)



Summary

PSA is a **four-year full-time commitment** for students interested in police, fire, and emergency medical services. Learning occurs through academics, hands-on training, field trips, competitions, and guest instructors. Students attend classes as a grade level and are taught teamwork, leadership, physical training, and industry and social skills. Students have the opportunity to earn uniform ribbons and a graduation sash. All classes meet the A-G requirements for high school graduation and universities. In addition, the Career Technical Education class for grades 11th & 12th are dual enrollment college classes.

9th
PSA Pre-Service
Public Safety

As a freshman in PSA you will...

- ✓ Learn what public safety is.
- ✓ Discover career opportunities in public safety.
- ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity.
- ✓ Receive hands-on training and certifications.
- ✓ Participate in community service and other events.

To enter the PSA freshman class, you should...

- ✓ Want to learn about police, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS).
- ✓ Have your parent's/guardian's permission.
- ✓ Complete the PSA application process.
- ✓ Visit and review the PSA website (www.psadhshs.org)

10th
PSA Year 1
Police

As a sophomore in PSA you will...

- ✓ Learn about the Criminal Justice System.
- ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity.
- ✓ Receive hands-on training and certifications.
- ✓ Participate in community service and other events.
- ✓ Field trips are related to Criminal Justice.

To enter the PSA sophomore class, you should...

- ✓ Have successfully completed PSA Pre-Service.
or
- ✓ Want to learn about police, fire, and EMS.
- ✓ Have your parent's/guardian's permission.
- ✓ Complete the PSA application process.
- ✓ Visit and review the PSA website (www.psadhshs.org)

11th
PSA Year 2
Fire

As a junior in PSA you will...

- ✓ Be enrolled in the *Principles of Emergency Services* college course (earn high school & college credit).
- ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity.
- ✓ Receive hands-on training and certifications.
- ✓ Participate in mentorship/job shadowing, community service, and other events.
- ✓ Field trips are related to the fire service.

To enter the PSA junior class, you should...

- ✓ Have successfully completed PSA Year 1 / Introduction to Criminal Justice.
or
- ✓ *Complete the PSA application process (students are accepted 1st semester only).*
- ✓ Want to learn about police, fire, and EMS.
- ✓ Have your parent's/guardian's permission.
- ✓ Visit and review the PSA website (www.psadhshs.org)

12th
PSA Year 3
EMS

As a senior in PSA you will...

- ✓ Be enrolled in the *Emergency Medical Responder* college course (earn high school & college credit).
- ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity.
- ✓ Receive hands-on training and certifications.
- ✓ Participate in an internship, community service, and other events.
- ✓ Complete a capstone project using knowledge and training learned through the four-year program.

To enter the PSA senior class, you should...

- ✓ Have successfully completed PSA Year 2 / Principles of Emergency Services.
- ✓ *Students will not be allowed to enter PSA as a senior.*

Students in ALL grade levels have opportunities to participate in:

- Activities with police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services.
- Law Enforcement Exploring (hands-on experience with the Desert Hot Springs Police Department)
- SkillsUSA (leadership and competition experience in Crime Scene Investigation, Criminal Justice, and First Aid/CPR)
- CyberPatriot (competition experience in cybersecurity)

PSA is great for students who...

- Are interested in police, firefighting, and emergency medical services (prehospital care) careers.
- Are problem solvers and enjoy physical challenges.
- Understand the importance of making a difference in their community.

Students with the following may not be accepted into the program...

- History of violence.
- History of theft or damage of property.
- History of drug use.
- Failure to follow rules and work as a team.



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PSA & A-G Plan for Graduation

PSA is a “school within a school” model grant funded through the California Partnership Academies ([CA Education Code 54690-54697](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ta/CA_Education_Code_54690-54697)).

Shaded boxes are required PSA course taken together for each grade level.

9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
PSA Pre-Service (G) CTE 5489L	PSA 1 (G) CTE 5491L	Principles of Emergency Services Dual Enrollment – COD FIRE001A-1 & FIRE001B-1	Emergency Medical Responder Dual Enrollment – COD EMT080A-01 & EMT080B-01
English 1 (B)	English 2 (B) Honors 1012L	English 3 (B) CP 1017L	English 4 (B)
Math 1 (C)	Math 2 (C)	Math 3 (C)	<i>Art, Elective, PE 2, or World Language</i>
Science - Living Earth (D Lab) CP 3056L	Science - Chemistry (D Lab) CP 3076L	Science - Anatomy & Phys. (D) CP 3059L	<i>Art, Elective, PE 2, or World Language</i>
<i>Art, Elective, or World Language</i>	World History (A) CP 1511L	US History (A) CP 1526L	Civics / Economics (A)
PE 1 Required 2726L	<i>Art, Elective, PE 2, or World Language</i>	<i>Art, Elective, PE 2, or World Language</i>	Psychology (G) 1557L

PSUSD Course Information

Level	Abbreviation & No.		Description	Certificates
9 th Beginning / Introductory	PSA Pre-Service	5489L	Introduction to Public Safety - An overview of the career opportunities, duties, mission, and ethics in police, fire, and emergency medical services, as well as Cyber Security and Crime Scene Investigation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) • CyberPatriot Competition • EMR Certification • First Aid / CPR / AED • Incident Command Systems • PSUSD Ambassador • PSUSD CTE Showcase • “Safe City” – Pedestrian, Bicycle, & Driver Awareness • SkillsUSA Competition • Stop the Bleed
10 th Intermediate / Concentration	PSA 1	5491L	Introduction to Criminal Justice - Introduces students to the structure and function of United States police, courts, and corrections. Focus is placed on the history, principles, and challenges to crime, criminal law, legal process, and sentencing and incarceration.	
11 th Intermediate / Concentration	FIRE001A-1 (Fall) FIRE001B-1 (Spring)		Principles of Emergency Services - Provides an overview of career opportunities, history, public and private fire protection services, laws, fire protection functions and systems, fire chemistry and physics, and fire strategy and tactics.	
12 th Advanced / Capstone	EMT080A-01 (Fall) EMT080B-01 (Spring)		Emergency Medical Responder - Prepares the student to provide prehospital care for patients. Areas of study include an introduction to emergency medical services, roles and responsibilities, anatomy and physiology, medical emergencies, and trauma.	

11th and 12th grades are **dual enrollment** course with College of the Desert. This means that students enrolled will earn high school and college credit simultaneously during the school day.

Students who successfully complete the PSA program and graduate from high school have priority registration for College of the Desert’s **Basic Peace Officer Training, Basic Fire Fighter Academy, and Emergency Medical Technology programs.**

For additional information, please visit us at www.psdhshs.org or use the QR code to the right.

