

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

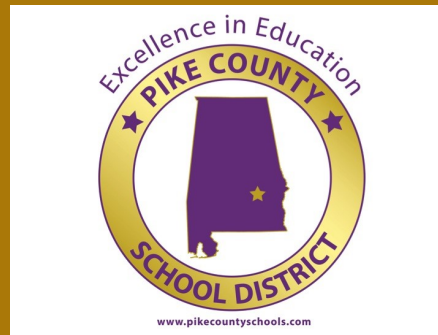


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Become a Legal Assistant/Paralegal

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.



Paralegal Studies Academy

The Associate of Applied Science Degree includes a full complement of general studies courses paired with these core legal assisting/paralegal concentration courses:

- BUS 263 Legal and Social Environment of Business
- PRL 101 Introduction of Paralegal Study
- PRL 102 Basic Legal Research and Writing
- PRL 160 Criminal Law and Procedure
- PRL 192 Selected Topics: Alabama Legal System (Torts)
- PRL 230 Domestic Law
- PRL 240 Wills, Estates, and Trusts
- PRL 262 Civil Laws and Procedures
- PRL 291 Internship in Paralegalism
- WKO 101 Workplace Skills Development I

Detailed information at www.esc.edu

General Requirements:

- Apply in the 9th/10th grade (2016-17 only)
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Have ACT or COMPASS Scores of:
 - ACT Score of 20 or higher in English/Writing
 - COMPASS Score qualifying for English 101
- Have good Attendance
- Have good Discipline/Conduct
- Be in overall "Good Standing" with their school
- Submit completed Academy Application
- Submit a transcript
- Obtain completed recommendation form from administrator (school or district)
- Obtain completed recommendation forms from 3 teachers
- Write an essay – 125-200 word explaining why you would be an excellent candidate for one of our academies