

All Incoming Junior Criminal Justice Students:

We first want to take the opportunity to welcome everyone to Washington County Technical High School (WCTHS) Criminal Justice Program. We look forward to seeing you in the new school year. The entire faculty and staff believe that you have chosen the best high school in Washington County.

All Criminal Justice students will be in uniform on their respective tech days; as are many of the Tech areas at our school. The uniform will be consistent with that of cadets in any police academy. A basic **khaki "Propper"** BDU pant or **khaki "Dickie"** uniform pant and navy blue shirts. The pants can be purchased at several local clothing retailers (Walmart, Sears or online at Galls, Quartermaster etc.). Plain Black shoes will also be part of the uniform requirement; sneakers are acceptable if they are plain black. We will place an order at the beginning of the school year for Criminal Justice polo shirts, t-shirts and sweats. After receiving payment from the student, the Criminal Justice Instructors will order the official criminal justice shirts. At no time are Criminal Justice students allowed to wear open-toe shoes or flip-flops. **Students are to have their physical fitness clothing ready on the first day of school.**

Criminal Justice is a professional career path and there are many standards, one of which is personal appearance. Regardless of your interests in the field, you will be held to the standards of police academies in the region. Hair shall be maintained not to exceed the collar of the shirt (in the back) or the ears in length (females will have hair no longer than shoulder length, longer hair must be pulled up into a bun at all times), hair color will be natural colors only (red, brown, black or blonde). There will be no facial hair, except for a mustache that cannot exceed the crease of the lips and side burns not to exceed the middle of the ear. Shirts will be tucked in; pants are to be worn around the waist with a belt.

Participation in this program requires a sports physical. Physical fitness is a huge part of law enforcement and we will be doing a variety of training to keep us fit physically and mentally. Your completed physical forms are due the first day of school (08/31/20). You will be required to participate in the physical fitness portion of our program. It is imperative that you and your parent/guardian understand that this is not a 'sit down only' program; you will take a minimum of five (5) Fitness Assessments per year based off the Cooper Fitness Standards. This will include a 1.5-mile run, 300-meter run, maximum push-ups and sit-ups in one (1) minute. The Cooper Fitness Standards can be found online; they are age and gender specific, participation and not times are how grading is based. When we meet at the beginning of the school year we will review the other requirements for our program. The WCTHS Criminal Justice Program utilizes the Hagerstown Police Athletic League (PAL) for some of the trainings: attached you will find a required permission form for transportation to this location.

Internship placements are limited and reserved for seniors only. Placements for internships will be based on student attendance, grades, behavior, completion of SSL hours, among other things.

If you need to contact us, our number is (301) 766-8553. Thank you for your attention to the above matters. We wish each of you a great and safe summer and look forward to seeing you this coming year.

Sincerely,

David W. Rizer & Curt Wood

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