

## **SB-108 Criminal Law Instruction**

Senate Bill 108 requires the Nevada Department of Education to ensure resources and professional learning in criminal law are provided to students in a public school. This may occur in courses of social studies and health. All content should be addressed in an age-appropriate manner and should be included and delivered within existing lessons and learning tasks. Content and resources should be differentiated across grades 9-12 and incorporate, as much as possible, open and free educational resources. School districts should work with external partners to support curriculum, instruction, and professional learning.

Per SB108, the instruction must include the following topics:

- Sexual conduct, including, without limitation, sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, sex trafficking and sexting
- Alcohol and controlled substances, including, without limitation, driving under the influence and the possession, use and distribution of alcohol and controlled substances
- Domestic violence
- Stalking
- Destruction of property

In addition, the instruction must emphasize personal responsibility for understanding and complying with the law and must include, without limitation, instruction on:

- The elements of the various crimes
- Appropriate conduct necessary to avoid being accused of such crimes, including, without limitation, specific instruction concerning the legal requirements for finding consent with respect to sexual conduct
- The consequences of engaging in such crimes
- The rights of a person alleged to have committed any such crime
- The criminal justice system.

Also, the instruction must provide information to assist victims and witnesses of such crimes, including, without limitation:

- The rights of victims
- Resources available to victims
- The rights and responsibilities of a person who witnesses any such crime
- Information concerning how to report such a crime and where to seek assistance.

Below are some resources to support instruction:

- [Project REAL's](#) unique activities and educational resources engage Nevada's students in critical thinking about citizenship, selfless action, democracy and the law, helping them to achieve REAL excellence.
- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Violence Prevention](#) - Violence is an urgent public health problem. From infants to the elderly, it affects people in all stages of life and can lead to a lifetime of physical, emotional, and economic problems. CDC is committed to preventing violence so that everyone can be safe and healthy.
- [Class Action](#) is recognized as a Center for Substance Abuse model program. The program is an alcohol prevention curriculum for teens based on real-life dramatic court cases involving alcohol use by minors. The following are the types of court cases that student will analyze, study, and participate in:

- Binge Drinking on Trial
- Drinking and Hazing on Trial
- Drinking and Driving on Trial
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome on Trial
- Drinking and Violence on Trial
- Date Rape on Trial
- Drinking and Vandalism on Trial
- School Alcohol Policies on Trial

\*\*This program does come at a cost; however, there are grant writing toolkits provided by [Hazelden](#).

[Street Law](#) provides resources and teacher toolkits to advance learning in civic and law-related education to empower all people to positively transform the world.

The list of materials above will be revised and updated on a similar schedule to the review of academic content standards.