



ACADEMY OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

2026 Information Packet



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The mission of the Academy of Law and Public Safety is to provide a rigorous college-prep, theme-based curriculum in conjunction with community and higher education partnerships. Ocean County students acquire knowledge, skills and professional ethics while utilizing the latest technology related to criminal justice.

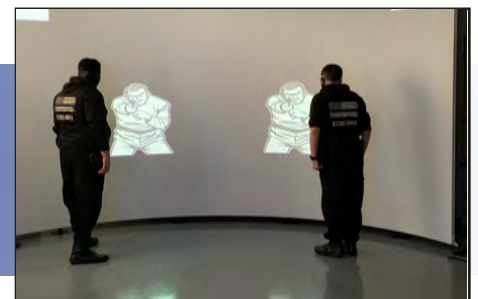
BACKGROUND

The Academy of Law & Public Safety (ALPS) is one of the career academies administered by the Ocean County Vocational Technical School District. The shared-time Law & Public Safety program was established in 2001, offering a unique and comprehensive foundation of skills for Ocean County students interested in pursuing a career in law and public safety. The 2015-16 school year launched the Academy of Law & Public Safety as a full-time rigorous, college-preparatory educational program for high school juniors and seniors, providing a challenging, hands-on learning experience for college-bound and career-oriented students.

The academy is located in Toms River, New Jersey. The Ocean County Vocational Technical School District is responsible for recruitment, admissions, and the instructional program. The Academy of Law & Public Safety selects its students from applicants found within the public and private high schools of Ocean County.

ACCORDING TO RECORDS SINCE 2008:
484 students graduated from the program
420 (87%) have gone on to college
43 (9%) have gone on to military

Law & Public Safety graduates have been hired and/or are currently employed with over 30 New Jersey Police Departments, as well as New Jersey Departments of Correction, the Ocean County Sheriff's Office, the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts and the New York State Police.





APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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1. You may apply to only one academy. You may attend as many information sessions as you like to help you decide which school is right for you.
2. Academy applications and admission materials can be accessed by attending one of the information sessions.
3. Complete the required application online. 7th grade final report card and 8th grade first marking period report card **MUST** be included and will be requested from students' home school.
4. **All applications MUST be submitted online by midnight on December 11, 2026.**
5. Take the admissions test on **January 16, 2027**. Testing details to be determined.

Acceptance Criteria

Applicants will be ranked using the following criteria:

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| A) Academic grades | 7th grade |
| | 8th grade (first marking period) |
| B) Admissions Exam | |



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What must be included with my application?

A. The application must be completely filled out. Grade transcripts compiled from 7th grade and the first marking period of 8th grade will be requested from the students' home school. The deadline for applications will be December 11, 2026. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that the application is submitted on or before the deadline. Late applications WILL NOT be accepted.

Q. How competitive is the admissions process?

A. In general, there will be more applicants than available space. We assign scores to all applicants based on academic records and performance on our entrance exam.

Q. What happens if I am not accepted?

A. If you are not accepted but you meet the minimum criteria, your application will remain on file. Should an opening occur, your application may be reconsidered.

Q. What is on the entrance exam?

A. The exam contains two sections: mathematics and language arts literacy. Questions are multiple-choice.

Q. What if I am sick and miss the exam?

A. A make-up date will be available for the exam, based on the circumstances of the individual.

Q. How and when will I be notified of acceptance?

A. It will take approximately four weeks for all processing to be completed after the testing date. All applicants who have completed the admissions process will be notified by mail whether they have been accepted or not.

Q. Can I apply to more than one Career Academy?

A. No, you may only apply to one school. The Career Academies offer very specialized curricula. The Career Academies admissions process attempts to match students to the most appropriate program for that student. One of the first steps in that process is for you to choose the school that most fulfills your interests and abilities.

Q. How will I make arrangements for transportation and other costs?

A. The Ocean County Vocational Technical School District is a public school district. If you have been accepted, your resident school district will be notified and transportation will be provided by that district. You can expect to incur the same kinds of costs that you would in your resident school. Notebooks, pens, pencils, etc. are your responsibility to provide.

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Interested 8th grade students may apply this year to be part of the incoming freshman class in September 2027. Students are accepted through a competitive application process. All courses are instructed utilizing a block schedule format - classes are 80 minutes.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Forensics (OCC SCIE105)

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2, Statistics (OCC MATH156), Pre-Calculus, Calculus

World History, US History I (OCC HIST173), US History II (OCC HIST174), SOCI 181 Sociology (OCC SOCI181), Psychology (OCC PSYC172), American Federal Government (OCC POLI161)

Spanish I and Spanish II

English I CP/Honors, English II CP/Honors, English III CP/OCC ENG 151, English IV CP/OCC ENG 152

Physical Education/Health/Driver's Ed.

Art

ALPS Seminar, Constitutional Law and Rules of Evidence (OCC CRIM254), The Criminal Justice System (OCC CRIM150), Law Enforcement Report Writing, Intro to Corrections (OCC CRIM 155), Intro to Law Enforcement (OCC CRIM152), Criminal Investigation (OCC CRIM280), Criminology (OCC CRIM236), Criminal Law & Procedures (OCC CRIM 255)

OCC Student Success Seminar, Public Speaking (OCC COMM154), Integrated Office Software (OCC CSIT123)

An articulation agreement with Ocean County College provides students with the opportunity to earn college credits.

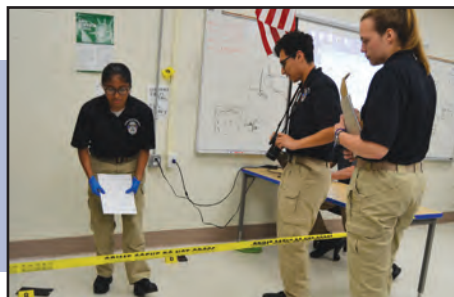
Course offerings subject to change.

Students have the opportunity to earn certifications: Emergency Medical Dispatch, CPR, Basic Telecommunicator, and Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class I

LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY GRADUATES HAVE ATTENDED:

Rider University
Stockton University
York College of Pennsylvania
Rutgers University
Kean University
Brookdale Community College
Drew University
New Jersey City University
Ramapo College
Monmouth University
University of Tampa
University of New Haven
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Champlain College

Kings College
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Nova University
The College of New Jersey
Norwich University
University of Florida
University of Maine
University of Delaware
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Georgian Court University
Montclair University
St. Bonaventure University
Rochester Institute of Technology
United States Military Academy West Point





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CAREER PATH OPTIONS FOR LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY GRADUATES

Police Officer
New Jersey State Trooper
New York State Trooper
Police Detective
Correction Officer NJ Department of Corrections
Medical Examiner Investigator
Special Agent in BATF – Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Police Telecommunications Operator
Special Agent in the FBI – Federal Bureau of Investigation
US Marshal
US Park Police Officer/Park Ranger
Special Agent in US Customs
County Sheriff
US Postal Inspector
NJ Department of Environmental Protection Investigator
US Border Patrol Agent
Special Agent in the NJ Department of Treasury
County Prosecutor Detective
County Correction Officer
Special Agent in the US Department of Homeland Security
Special Agent NCIS - Naval Criminal Investigative Service
Special Agent in the US Secret Service
Criminologist
Crime Scene Forensic Investigator
NJ State Conservation Officer
Special Agent – Internal Revenue Service
Special Agent in the DEA – Drug Enforcement Administration
TSA Agent – US Transportation Security Agency
Military Police Officer



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STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Class Council
Fishing Club
Fitness Club
Honor Guard
National Honor Society
SkillsUSA
Yearbook
Literary Magazine
Mock Trial
Community Service/Interact
GSA



GUEST SPEAKERS

Ocean County Sheriff's Department
Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
New Jersey State Police(NJSP) Command Staff
NJSP Aviation Unit
NJSP Special Operations Arson / Bomb Unit
NJSP Hazardous Material Teams
Ocean County Municipal K9 Teams
Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Agent
US Customs and Borders
Multiple Chiefs of Police and Local Police Agencies

FIELD TRIPS

Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center
New Jersey State Police Marine Bureau
NJSP Regional Operation Intelligence Center
Eastern State Penitentiary
World Trade Center Memorial
Met Life Stadium
Ocean County Police Academy
Ocean County Jail
Brick Township Police Department
Ocean Township Police Department
Quantico
Coast Guard





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Tiffany Seeley, Principal
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Lynn Sauer.....Principal, Brick
Tiffany Seeley.....Principal, ALPS
Dr. Michael Tash.....Principal, Technology
Dr. John Wnek.....Supervisor, MATES

The mission of Ocean County Vocational Technical School is to provide an intensive and immersive educational experience aligned with the current and emerging demands of business, industry, and advanced education. We instill the knowledge, skills, and competencies required for students to experience success in entering the workforce, advancing along a career pathway, and achieving career aspirations.

It is the policy of the Board of Education of Ocean County Vocational Technical School not to discriminate in its technical programs, vocational opportunities, activities, employment practices or admission policies and practices on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, affectional and sexual orientation, disability or social or economic status. Lack of English language skills will not be a deterrent to admission to any program at Ocean County Vocational Technical School.

Inquiries regarding affirmative action, discrimination (including Federal Title IX requirements), sexual harassment or equity should be directed to:

Jim Barbieri/Melanie Patterson, Title IX/Affirmative Action Office,
732-240-6414 (ext. 3318) or 732-473-3100 (ext. 3123)

Melanie Patterson, Federal Section 504 Officer,
732-473-3100 (ext. 3123)

Melanie Patterson, Americans with Disabilities Officer,
732-473-3100 (ext. 3123)

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and Educator who fully and actively supports equal access for all people regardless of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, veterans status, disability, genetic information or testing, family and medical leave, sexual orientation and gender identification and expression. We prohibit retaliation against individuals who bring forth any complaint, orally or in writing, to the employer or the government, or against any individuals who assist or practice in the investigation of any complaint, or otherwise oppose discrimination.



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