Criminal Justice Pathway
A student enrolled in any of the four Criminal Justice Pathway courses who is arrested for any reportable offense* will be placed on Class 2 Status. Students on Class 2 Status will receive classroom instruction along with their classmates and are invited to participate in most classroom discussions. However, these students will be removed from field trips or instructional sessions conducted by local, state or federal law enforcement officials that specifically deal with policing and investigative procedures. Class 2 students will be given alternative assignments for the field trips and policing sessions from which they have been removed and will not be held responsible for any material presented exclusively in one of these learning activities.

Criminal Justice Pathway students who receive either in school or out of school suspension may be excluded from field trips at the discretion of the teacher in consultation with their principal. Students who do not attend a field trip for this reason will be given an alternative assignment.

*Reportable offenses are crimes committed in the community by children enrolled in the public school system and reported to the school system by the appropriate law enforcement agency.

*Reportable offenses do not include in-school conduct which would traditionally be treated as a matter of school discipline to be handled by school administrators. Additionally, reportable offenses do not include out of school conduct that does not lead to an arrest and would not qualify as a crime if committed by an adult.

2600 American Criminal Justice System
This is an introductory course for students interested in the law enforcement career pathway. It consists of an overview of the agencies comprising the criminal justice system, namely, the legislature, police, courts, and corrections. A principal focus of the course is based upon the many occupations in this broad field. Information on how the legal and the public administrative systems work is provided. Students are required to purchase a uniform that will be worn one day each week. Beginning with his/her first day of high school, a student who is arrested for any reportable offense* will be prohibited from enrolling the Criminal Justice program. Those who enter the law enforcement career pathway and complete this course with a grade of 80% or higher may be eligible to be awarded three college credits at the College of Southern Maryland. *Reportable offenses are crimes committed in the community by children enrolled in the public school system and reported to the school system by the appropriate law enforcement agency. Reportable offenses do not include in-school conduct which would traditionally be treated as a matter of school discipline to be handled by school administrators. Additionally, reportable offenses do not include out of school conduct that does not lead to an arrest and would not qualify as a crime if committed by an adult.

CREDIT: 1 TYPE: Academic GRADE: 10-12
PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of World History and most recent English course with a grade average of 70% or higher or teacher recommendation.

2610 Juvenile Justice
The second of four courses in the law enforcement career pathway, Juvenile Justice provides students with a practical understanding of the law and the legal system as it affects juveniles. The fundamental principles and values underlying the Constitution, the laws, and the legal system are examined. Also discussed are current legal issues and controversies that have an impact upon the juvenile. Beginning with his/her first day of high school, a student who is arrested for any reportable offense* will be prohibited from enrolling the Criminal Justice program. Students are required to purchase a uniform that will be worn one day each week. If enrollment numbers are not sufficient at the home school for the course to carry, enrollments may be combined, and students in this career pathway may be transported to Calvert High School or Career and Technology Academy for instruction. *Reportable offenses are crimes committed in the community by children enrolled in the public school system and reported to the school system by the appropriate law enforcement agency. Reportable offenses do not include in-school conduct which would traditionally be treated as a matter of school discipline to be handled by school administrators. Additionally, reportable offenses do not include out of school conduct that does not lead to an arrest and would not qualify as a crime if committed by an adult.
CREDIT: 1  TYPE: Academic  GRADE: 11-12
PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of American Criminal Justice System (2600) with a grade of 70% or higher.

2620 Criminal Law
The third of four courses in the law enforcement career pathway, Criminal Law deals with both the causes of crime and the prescriptions of the criminal justice system and society in alleviating it. In addition to introducing and explaining general legal principles, this course presents an overview of substantive criminal law. Beginning with his/her first day of high school, a student who is arrested for any reportable offense* will be prohibited from enrolling the Criminal Justice program. Students are required to purchase a uniform that will be worn one day each week. If enrollment numbers are not sufficient at the home school for the course to carry, enrollments may be combined, and students in this career pathway may be transported to Calvert High School for instruction. *Reportable offenses are crimes committed in the community by children enrolled in the public school system and reported to the school system by the appropriate law enforcement agency. Reportable offenses do not include in-school conduct which would traditionally be treated as a matter of school discipline to be handled by school administrators. Additionally, reportable offenses do not include out of school conduct that does not lead to an arrest and would not qualify as a crime if committed by an adult.

CREDIT: 1  TYPE: Academic  GRADE: 11-12
PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of American Criminal Justice (2600) with a grade of 70% or higher.

2630 Criminal Investigation
The last of four courses in the law enforcement career pathway, this course introduces students to the investigative procedures used by the law enforcement community in obtaining and processing evidence. Emphasis is placed upon critical thinking, reasoning, communication, observation and problem-solving skills as they apply to the investigation procedure. This course is facilitated by a member of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office and conducted with the regimen and expectations in deportment followed at the Police Academy. Beginning with his/her first day of high school, a student who is arrested for any reportable offense* will be prohibited from enrolling the Criminal Justice program. Students are required to purchase a uniform that will be worn one day each week. Completers in the criminal justice pathway may be transported to another school from their home school for instruction and then returned. *Reportable offenses are crimes committed in the community by children enrolled in the public school system and reported to the school system by the appropriate law enforcement agency. Reportable offenses do not include in-school conduct which would traditionally be treated as a matter of school discipline to be handled by school administrators. Additionally, reportable offenses do not include out of school conduct that does not lead to an arrest and would not qualify as a crime if committed by an adult.

CREDIT: 2  TYPE: Academic  GRADE: 12
PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of Juvenile Justice (2610) and Criminal Law (2620) with a grade of 80% or higher or teacher recommendation. The successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in Psychology (2540) and Sociology (2550) is recommended.