



Criminal Justice

ELIGIBILITY

Open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in programs with law enforcement and/or public safety/security as an occupational objective.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

Home school uniform or Official light blue SkillsUSA work shirt, navy pants and black or brown leather work shoes.

NOTE: At the district level if a student is not able to wear the official SkillsUSA attire he/she may wear an outfit that would be acceptable in their specific field of study. Please keep in mind that official SkillsUSA attire will be required at the state and national level.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY HOST

1. Fingerprint cards
2. Fingerprint equipment for rolling prints
3. Items of simulated contraband for role playing suspects
4. Plastic evidence bags
5. Blank arrest reports
6. Pennsylvania Crimes Code and Vehicle Law Handbook, 2020 Edition

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY CONTESTANT

1. All competitors must create a one-page, typewritten résumé
2. Notebook and pen for field notes
3. Duty belt with handcuff case
4. Handcuffs and key
5. Flashlight

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST - (DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS)

Additional testing standards per the United States Constitution; current Case Law; Pennsylvania Crimes Code and Vehicle Law Handbook, 2020 Edition; Criminal Justice Today, 14 th Edition, by Frank Schmallegger;

(District Competitions are meant to be a scaled down version of National Competition. It is important for the students to participate in a competition that will reflect a cross-section of the industry skills needed to prepare them for the state and national levels)

KNOWLEDGE PERFORMANCE

The contest includes a written knowledge exam assessing knowledge of laws and processes related to criminal justice.

SKILLS PERFORMANCE

1. Student will be required to approach a suspect role player of the same sex where they will demonstrate the procedures of making an arrest and handcuffing the subject.
2. The student will search the arrested subject and search for two items of contraband that



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will be located on the outer clothing of the suspect and submit any items of contraband into evidence using accepted methods of evidence collection procedures.

3. Student will fingerprint the suspect using ink fingerprinting techniques
4. Students will write an arrest report of the incident.

Criminal Justice Scoring Sheet

Items evaluated	Description	Possible Points
Written test		35
Arrest Procedures and Handcuffing		25
Search		25
Fingerprinting		25
Arrest Report and Evidence Documentation		40
	Subtotal = 150	
Clothing Penalty	Deduction -5	
No resume	Deduction -10	
Safety Penalty	Deduction -10	
	TOTAL	

Note: No cell phones or other electronic devices may be used at any time during a competition; this includes using a calculator function on a cell phone for competitions in which calculators are permitted.

Note: Scorecards should only be used as guidance. Changes may occur.