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Opinion: Carter High School Should Add Criminology

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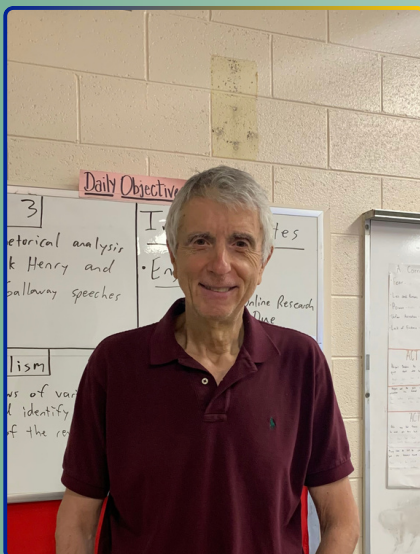
Some students already know the career they want to pursue, while others are still figuring it out. For students interested in law, law enforcement, psychology, or the criminal justice system, criminology could give them a chance to explore those interests while they are still in high school. Carter High School should add criminology as a class so students have more opportunities to learn about careers and subjects that interest them. Criminology would be useful because it could help students prepare for future careers. Students who are interested in becoming police officers, lawyers, judges, or working in other areas of criminal justice could learn more about the field before entering college or the

workforce. Having a class that connects school to possible careers could help students understand what those jobs are actually like. Another reason Carter should offer criminology is because students have different interests. Not everyone enjoys the same classes or wants to follow the same career path. Carter makes students choose a pathway like cosmetology, engineering, nutrition, and more, but none of these are any bit related to law. Adding criminology would give students another option and allow them to choose a class based on something they are genuinely interested in. Criminology could also teach students useful information about crime and the justice system.

Students could learn about why crimes happen, how investigations work, and how the justice system operates. Some people may argue that Carter should not add criminology because there might not be enough students interested in taking it, or because the school has limited resources for new classes. While not everyone would choose criminology, students who are interested in the subject should still have the opportunity to explore it as a pathway. Adding criminology would give Carter students another way to explore their interests and think about their futures. For students interested in crime, law, or the justice system, criminology could be the beginning of a future career.

Mr. O: Making Math Easy

By: Tyler Waddell



Mr. O smiles for a portrait.

“As long as you put in the effort, you cannot fail this class.” After over a decade of teaching, the determination to better his students still runs strong. Mr. Orucevic, commonly referred to as Mr. O, is a math teacher at Carter High School who teaches with passion and enthusiasm. He will often check in with the class to make sure they understand the questions being asked, which ensures everybody has a chance to comprehend the material. Originally from Bosnia, he moved to the United States in 1996. He has fond memories of Bosnia: “It was nice.

There were many coffee shops – good nightlife.” Mr. O wasn’t always a teacher though; he was formerly a software and electrical engineer. However, after working that job for so long, it took a toll on his body, so he began teaching at Carter High in 2015. This was no problem for Mr. O though; he enjoys his job. When asked why he likes teaching, his response was simple: “I like to help people.” This answer is no surprise to anyone who knows him or has had him in class. Brian Martinez, one of Mr. O’s students, had this to say: “He’s a chill guy and a helpful teacher.”

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Dual Enrollment Technical Difficulties

By: Kairi King

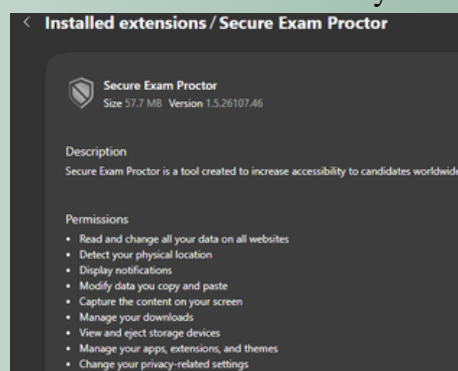
Multiple dual enrollment students at Carter High School have been facing technical difficulties, which impairs their academic success. Dual enrollment provides in-person and online college classes exclusively to juniors and seniors at Carter High School. Students have an array of classes to choose from, mainly provided by Pellissippi and Tusculum, both local colleges. These college classes provide credits, if students pass, that are potentially transferable to other colleges or universities; however, logistical problems have inhibited multiple students from completing their coursework. "I have to bring an old MacBook to school because my class requires a lockdown browser for tests that chromebooks prohibit," said Abigail Lawson, a senior. However, she added, her computer can no longer connect to the school's Wi-Fi, leaving her unable to complete assignments at school. While she can use her chromebook to complete assignments, the prospect of teachers closing her tabs through Hapara, a monitoring program, deters her. Senior Ally Randolph has also encountered issues with the school Wi-Fi; however, unlike Abigail, her phone has a hotspot she can connect her MacBook to. Within three days she had already used eleven gigabytes of data, which is unsustainable for students



Dual enrollment students Bernard Barton, Ally Randolph, and Abigail Lawson attempt to complete their assignments.

who do not have unlimited data plans. Besides issues at Carter, Ally has also faced problems with her dual enrollment institution. She was enrolled in two duplicate English classes online, and believing it was a mistake, she completed assignments for only one class. Eventually, she was dropped from the class she completed work in, leaving her with missing assignments. She stated, "I had to redo the assignments since the teacher did not get in touch with me, and I had to take a late deduction to my

grade." Following the trend of struggling seniors is Bernard Barton. Like his classmates, he is using dual enrollment to fulfill core class requirements, so impairment to completing assignments is detrimental to his ability to graduate on time. Bernard stated, "It took a good while before I was able to get into my account on MyLab so I could complete my assignments." As aforementioned, the sign-up process for MyLab, a digital learning platform, took place on his personal computer. While not all of these technicalities can be predicted, these seniors are predominantly upset at the lack of information they were given about dual enrollment, such as needing a personal device. They ultimately wish to bring awareness to the hidden requirements the courses impose on students.



Secure Exam Proctor is one of the many extensions students cannot access on a Chromebook.

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