

Education and Training Career Pathways

What High School Courses Should I take?

Course selection always involves the student, school counselor and parent. Newtown High School courses listed below include specific skills for this pathway depending on the student's career goal. This is not a mandatory listing, nor does it indicate the level of any course. It is provided to raise awareness of the wide variety of options available to NHS students.

Suggested Courses:

English: 4 years

- Writing Center Theory and Practice
- Writing Center Peer Tutors

Math: 4 years

Science: 4 years

Social Studies: 4 years

- Psychology
- Sociology

Art/Music/Theater

World Language: 4 years (if you are planning on attending a four year college)

Senior Experience 21/Capstone: With the class of 2021, all students will complete a capstone project. Students will plan and propose their project during their junior year and implement their project in their senior year. The Senior Experience 21 will provide the venue for students to meet their Student Learning Expectations for graduation. Sample projects include: "The Rooster's Canvas", Teaching a Physical Education Class", and "The Little Sprouts Project."

NHS Programs/Activities:

Career Center Programs utilize community volunteers to provide career information to students. Programs include:

- Career Speakers: open to all students with permission of their teacher(s).
- Career Tours: open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
- Career Shadowing: This program allows juniors and seniors one excused day per semester to spend time in a career field of their interest with a community volunteer.
- Internships: Junior and senior students spend 30 hours at a workplace to gain knowledge about a career. Internships occur outside of the school day and may be either paid or unpaid. In 2017-18, students interned at Middle Gate Elementary School, Hawley Elementary School, and with Newtown High School's Athletic Department.

Current Community Volunteers include: a Brailist, Country Kids, the Preschool at Sandy Hook School, Hawley School, Head O' Meadow School, and Sandy Hook School.

Related NHS Student Activities:

Best Buddies
Future Teachers of America Club
Unified Sports and/or Unified Theater
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*Sample Scholarship Opportunities related to the Education and Training
Career Cluster:*

Weller Education Scholarship
The Vicki Soto Memorial Scholarship
CT PTA Scholarship
Jean O'Brien Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Sonier Grant

Sample Careers

Administrator	Elementary Teacher
Assessment Specialist	Group Worker and Assistant
CareerTech Administrator	High School Teacher
Child Care Director	Human Resource Trainer
Child Care Worker	Middle School Teacher
Child Life Specialist	Nanny
Clinical Psychologist	Parent Educator
Coach	Physical Trainer
College/University Faculty	Principal
Counselor	Social Psychologist
Curriculum Developer	Social Worker
Developmental Psychologist	Speech-Language Audiologist
Early Childhood Aide	Speech-Language Pathologist
Early Childhood Teacher	Testing Specialist
Elementary Aide	

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