

Investing and Personal Finance Career Pathway

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. This is not a mandatory listing, not 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 (senior option: Public Speaking)

Math: 4 years to include Pre-Calculus

Science: 4 years

Social Studies: 4 years

World Language: 4 years

Capstone: Students determine their personal course content in this culminating project. The course presents an unique opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills necessary to be self-directed and learn time management skills prior to college. Students document their process, develop a product, and present their projects during their junior and senior year. In the past, students have started Investment Clubs and started their own small business.

Recommended Program of Studies in Finance through Business Education

Accounting 1

Business Foundation and Business Management

Personal Finance

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 45 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 the last five years 2019-2020, students interned at Newtown Savings Bank and the Town of Newtown. Newtown Savings Bank gives priority to FBLA members.

Current Community Volunteers include: Newtown Public Schools' Business Office, Newtown Savings Bank, and Town of Newtown.

Related NHS Student Activities:

FBLA: Future Business Leaders of America

Math Team

Sample Scholarship Opportunities related to Finance

CT CPA Scholarships

Financial Planning Scholarship

Sample Careers

Accountant

Brokerage Clerk

Commodities Representative

Development Officer

Financial Analyst

Financial Planner

Foundation Manager

Fund Manager

Fund Raiser

Investment Advisor

Mutual Fund Manager

Non-Profit Manager

Personal Financial Advisor

Planned Giving Director

Sales Agent

Securities Representative

Tax Preparer

Additional Career Resources

<https://discoveraccounting.org/become-a-cpa/connecticut/>

Industry Credentials for High School Students

Newtown Savings Bank believes the “industry credential” for a high school student is the successful completion of their high school internship program. So far, two graduates are part-time employees and one student has been hired full-time.

Sample of Post-Secondary Classes

English Composition

Business Statistics

Natural Science

Macro and Micro Economics

Computer Applications 1 and 2

Business Law

Accounting

Personal Finance

Managerial Accounting

Principles of Finance

Financial Accounting

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