

## **Computer Programming and Software Development 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, 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

Math: 4 years to include Pre-Calculus

Science: 4 years

Social Studies: 4 years

World Language: 4 years

B.E.A.T.: Personal Financial Literacy

Electives:

- Honors JAVA 1 and 2
- Connecticut Technology Innovation Academy
- Computer Applications
- Web Design
- App Inventor 1 and 2
- Computer Repair – Hardware
- Computer Repair – Operating Systems
- Computer Repair II and III: NewTek-An Enterprise
- AP Computer Science

Junior/Senior Project: In this course, students work with a community professional to develop and present a project. Besides allowing students to determine their course content, it is an opportunity for students to learn time management skills prior to college. An example of a students' projects include "3D Modeling of Electric Automobile."

### *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 sophomores, 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.

Current Community Volunteers include: Gartner, Inc. and IBM.

*Sample Scholarship Opportunities related to the Computer Programming and Software Development Field:*

Society of Women Engineers National Scholarship

Addeco Engineering and Technical Future Engineers Scholarship

*Sample Careers*

Applications Analyst

Applications Engineer

Business Analyst

Computer Engineer

Data Modeler

Game Developer

Mobile Applications Developer

Operating System Designer/Engineer

Program Manager

Programmer

Programmer Analyst

Project Lead

Software Applications Specialist

Software Applications Tester

Software Design Engineer

Systems Administrator

Systems Analyst

Test Engineer

Tester

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