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*"The ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones that do."*

-- Anonymous



For more information regarding the Pike County Schools Business and Finance Academy, contact your high school guidance counselor.



The Pike County Academy Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Please contact **Dr. Mark Head** at (334) 566-1850 for inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies.

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# Pike County Schools Business and Finance Academy



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## About us...

The Academy of Business & Finance was established in 2001 and at the same time began an affiliation with the National Academy Foundation which serves more than 88,000 students throughout the United States. NAF academies are organized around one of five career themes – Finance, Hospitality & Tourism, Information Technology, Health Sciences, or Engineering. In addition to core academic courses, students take industry-specific classes related to these themes and participate in work-based learning activities to put their lessons into action. The Finance theme connects high school students with the world of financial services and personal finance, offering a curriculum that covers banking and credit, financial planning, global finance, securities, insurance, accounting, and economics. Since 2003, more than 200 students have graduated with a Certificate of Financial Studies from NAF. In 2010, we partnered with Enterprise State Community College and began offering college credit to our Academy of Business & Finance students. The seniors of 2012 were the first graduates to graduate with an Advanced High School Diploma/Advanced Career Technical Education Endorsement and an Associate in Applied Science Degree. Students must complete 70 hours of college credit while they are in the Academy of Business & Finance in order to be awarded their Associate of Applied Science Degree.

In addition to coursework, students have numerous opportunities to be involved in community service activities. A minimum of 60 hours is required in order to receive a Community Service Endorsement with their diploma.



## How to get started...

For consideration into the Business and Finance Academy, students must:

- Apply in the 9th grade
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Have ACT or ACCUPLACER Scores of:
  - ACT
    - \* 18 or higher in English/Writing
  - ACCUPLACER
    - \* English 101 qualifying score (5)
    - \* Math 116 qualifying score (40)
- Earn C or higher in Accounting I (or agree to take during first semester of program)
- Have good Attendance
- Have good Discipline/Conduct
- Be in overall "Good Standing" with their school
- Submit completed Academy Application
- Submit a transcript
- Obtain completed recommendation form from administrator (school or district)
- Obtain completed recommendation forms from 3 teachers
- Write an essay – 125-200 word explaining why you would be an excellent candidate for one of our academies.

Students who participate in the Academy receive training at the Troy Bank and Trust —Academy Branch Training Facility located on PCHS campus and students will participate in a paid internship at the First National Bank—Main Branch during the summer between their junior and senior year.

## BUSINESS AND FINANCE ACADEMY Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business Administration—Accounting Concentration Enterprise State Community College Grades 10-12

Semester	Course Schedule
<b>Fall – Sophomore Year</b>	BUS 189—Human Relationships OAD 101—Beginning Keyboard OAD 131—Business English (7 hours)
<b>Spring – Sophomore Year</b>	BUS 150—Business Math CIS 196—Commercial Software App CIS 146—Microcomputer App (9 hours)
<b>Fall – Junior Year</b>	BUS 241—Principles of Accounting I ECO 231—Principles of Macroeconomics BUS 215—Business Communication ENG 101—English Composition I (12 hours)
<b>Spring – Junior Year</b>	BUS 242—Principles of Accounting II BUS 146—Personal Finance ECO 232—Principles of Microeconomics MTH 116—Mathematical Applications (12 hours)
<b>Fall – Senior Year</b>	ACC 149—Intro to Acct Spreadsheets ACC 129—Individual Income Taxes BUS 248—Managerial Accounting BUS 275—Principles of Management ENG 102—English Composition II (15 hours)
<b>Spring – Senior Year</b>	ACC 140—Payroll Accounting BUS 296—Business Internship I OAD 134—Career and Professional Dev BUS 263—Legal and Social Env of Business SPH 106—Fund of Oral Communications WKO 101—Workplace Skills Development I (15 hours)

**TOTAL Hours**

**70 Semester Hours\***

\*A number of courses in this program will not transfer to 4 year post-secondary institutions. Please contact the Business and Finance Academy advisor for details.