



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



The Pike County Virtual High School 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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"The ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones that do."

-- Anonymous



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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 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/10th grade (2016-17 only)
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ACT or COMPASS Scores of:
 - * 20 or higher in English/Writing
- COMPASS
 - * English 101 qualifying score
- Passed Accounting I (10th grade applicants only)
- Good Attendance
- Good Discipline/Conduct
- Overall Good Standing with their school
- Academy Application (Completed)
- Transcript
- Recommendation form from Administrator (school or district)
- Recommendation form from Teachers (3)
- 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 First National Bank—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
Fall Semester – Sophomore Year	BUS 189, Human Relationships OAD 101, Beginning Keyboard (4 hours)
Spring Semester – Sophomore Year	BUS 150, Business Math CIS 290 A, B, C Commercial Software Applications (6 hours)
Fall Semester – Junior Year	BUS 146, Personal Finance BUS 241, Principles of Accounting I ECO 231, Principles of Macroeconomics OAD 131, Business English BUS 215, Business Communication (15 hours)
Spring Semester – Junior Year	BUS 242, Principles of Accounting II CIS 146, Microcomputer Applications ECO 232, Principles of Microeconomics ENG 101, English Composition I MTH 116, Mathematical Applications (15 hours)
Fall Semester – Senior Year	ACC 149, Introduction to Accounting Spreadsheets BUS 248, Managerial Accounting BUS 275, Principles of Management BUS 263, The Legal and Social Environ- ment of Business ENG 102, English Composition II (15 hours)
Spring Semester – Senior Year	ACC 129, Individual Income Taxes ACC 140, Payroll Accounting BUS 296, Business Internship I OAD 134, Career and Professional Development SPH 106, Fundamentals of Oral Com- munications WKO 101, Workplace Skills Develop- ment I (15 hours)

TOTAL Hours

70 Semester Hours*

There is a Junior/Senior option available for the 2016-17 school year only. Please see your guidance counselor for more details.

*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.