WHAT IS THE ACADEMY OF FINANCE?

The Academy of Finance (AoF) is a school of business finance and management available at each of our three high schools. The academy offers students opportunities to create an impressive portfolio of skills. AoF students develop professional skills, receive specialized instruction in business finance and management, and gain an awareness of the marketable skills needed to be successful in the field. Students acquire practical experience via field trips, internship opportunities, and course projects. Through an interdisciplinary approach, courses are selected to prepare students for college and careers.

The Academy of Finance offers all students opportunities to earn college credits while still in high school through optional AP courses or dual enrollment.

WHY ENROLL IN THE ACADEMY OF FINANCE?

STUDENTS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- learn business finance and management skills.
- participate in internships.
- earn college credits.
- obtain special awards and scholarships.
- receive academic advisement from community and business leaders.
- gain access to valuable learning experiences through business trips, guest speakers, and leadership conferences.

AVAILABLE AT ALL HIGH SCHOOLS!
### WHAT IS THE COURSE SEQUENCE FOR THE ACADEMY?

Students who enroll in the Academy of Finance (AoF) have the flexibility to take a variety of academic and business courses. An example course sequence follows:

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<td>Financial Planning/ Financial Services or AoF Internship (summer after junior year)</td>
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The order of required AoF coursework will be determined by each school site. AoF Students are also required to complete two elective courses. Choices include, but are not limited to: Principles of Business, Administration, and Management; Business Administration I; Advanced Microsoft Office Specialist Training; AP Computer Science Principles; AP Computer Science A; AP Economics

|          | PE / Health I                        | Fine Arts Credit                  | Health II                         | ---                     |

MSDE Required Courses

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**APPLICATION PROCESS**

For more information please contact your school guidance counselor.

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