Business, Marketing, and Finance Career Cluster

The Business, Marketing, and Finance career cluster focuses on careers in planning, organizing, directing, and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from business owner and entrepreneur to accountant, retail manager, and market analyst.



Business Management (JHS and WHS Only) Statewide Program of Study



The Business Management program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with planning, directing, and coordinating the administrative services and operations of an organization. It includes formulating policies, managing daily operations, and allocating the use of materials and human resources. This program of study also introduces students to mathematical modeling tools and organizational evaluation methods.



Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1	T200	Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance (1/YL) or
	Т307	Business Information Management I (1/YL)
Level 2	T305	Business Information Management II (1/YL) or
	T213	Business Law (1/YL)
Level 3	T203	Business Management (1/YL)
Level 4	Т811	Practicum of Entrepreneurship-Business Mgt (2/YL)



Work-Based Learning Activities

- Intern at local business in the HR department
- Shadow the COO of a local business or chamber of commerce

Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Participate in BPA,DECA, FBLA, or related UIL events
- Explore student membership in related professional organizations



Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Administrative Assisting
- Microsoft Office Specialist: Microsoft Excel Expert (Excel 2019)
- Microsoft Office Specialist: Microsoft Word Expert (Word 2019)
- Business of Retail: Certified Specialist
- Customer Service and Sales: Certified Specialist



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Associate Degrees

- · Business Administration and Management
- · Human Resources Management

Bachelor's Degrees

- Business Analytics
- Accounting and Business

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Business Administration and Management
- Organizational Leadership

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- · Professional Certificate in Team Leadership
- Property Tax Professionals



Example Aligned Occupations

First-Line Supervisors of Administrative Support Workers

Median Wage: \$59,585 Annual Openings: 13,885 10-Year Growth: 9%

Human Resources Specialists

Median Wage: \$61,278 Annual Openings: 6,239 10-Year Growth: 23%

General and Operations Managers

Median Wage: \$83,220 Annual Openings: 25,450 10-Year Growth: 23%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.

