



What Is the Finance Career Cluster?

The Finance Cluster prepares learners for careers in financial and investment planning, banking, insurance and business financial management.

Career opportunities are available in every sector of the economy and require specific skills in organization, time management, customer service and communication.

Possible/Related Careers for the Finance Career Cluster

There are a variety of careers related to the Finance Career Cluster, including but not limited to the following examples:

- Accountant
- Actuary
- Bank Manager
- Economist
- Financial Planner
- Forensic Accountant
- Insurance Agent
- Investment Banker
- Loan Officer
- Research Analyst
- Trader
- Venture Capitalist

Possible/Related Majors for the Finance Career Cluster

There are an increasing number of college majors related to the Finance Career Cluster, and among the most common are:

- Accounting
- Actuarial Sciences
- Auditing
- Banking and Financial Institutional Services
- Finance, General
- Financial Planning Services
- Insurance
- Investments & Securities
- Taxation

Related OLCHS Co-Curricular Activities for the Finance Career Cluster

OLCHS students are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities. Some related to the Finance Career Cluster are:

- Class Advisory Boards
- Mathletes
- Student Helpers
- Forensics/Speech Team
- National Honor Society
- World Languages Club
- International Club
- Student Council

Related Service Learning Sites for the Finance Career Cluster

OLCHS students are required to earn service learning hours in order to graduate. Some volunteer sites related to the Finance Career Cluster are:

Name	Location
Neat Repeats Resale	7026 W. 111 th , Worth 9028 W. 159 th , Orland Park
Pass it On Thrift Center	5435 W. 127 th St., Crestwood
Local Chapters of National Organizations – a great way to learn about organizational leadership and non-profit finance!	

Aligned Elective Courses for the Finance Career Cluster

Although required courses align with all 16 Career Clusters, students *must* take these courses in order to graduate from OLCHS. Therefore, they are not included below.

Students are encouraged to customize their 4-year plan with specific courses, related prerequisite courses and related career information on Career Cruising.

This guide is intended to provide general information related to career interest areas. It does not imply any guaranteed acceptance into a program of study. Students and families should carefully review post-secondary goals and entrance requirements for all post-secondary institutions of interest. Students and families are encouraged to use this as a supplemental guide during their planning.

Department and Elective Courses	9	10	11	12
Business				
Entrepreneurship	X	X	X	X
Google It	X	X	X	X
Microsoft Office Applications	X	X	X	X
Accounting 1 or 1H		X	X	X
Accounting 2			X	X
Sports & Entertainment Marketing			X	X
Work-Study Program			X	X
Foreign Language				
French or French Honors	X	X	X	X
Spanish or Spanish Honors	X	X	X	X
Spanish for Heritage Speakers	X	X	X	X
Math				
AP Computer Science Principles*			X	X
Pre-Calculus			X	X
Pre-Calculus Honors			X	X
AP Calculus*				X
AP Statistics*				X
Transition to College Math				X
Social Science				
AP Human Geography*	X	X	X	X
Geography	X	X	X	X
AP Macroeconomics*			X	X
AP Microeconomics*			X	X
AP Psychology*			X	X
Economics			X	X
History of Chicago			X	X
International Relations			X	X
Law in American Society			X	X
Psychology			X	X
Sociology			X	X

**The Federal Career Clusters framework recommends students enroll in Advanced Placement and/or Dual Credit courses when available and relevant.*