

**The Application Process For  
Students Not Districted to  
Westhill High School**

*The Academy of Finance selects eighth-grade students in the spring for enrollment in the Intra District AOF Program. Applications and information packets can be obtained by contacting your guidance counselor. Applications are due to the Academy Director by mid-March.*

**The Academy  
Teachers**

**Mrs. Kim Kumar**

Academy Director

-Honors Principles of Finance

**Mrs. Karen Kurtz**

Honors Accounting 1

-Honors Financial Planning

**-Mrs. Nicole Sansone**

-Honors Business Economics

**Mrs. Tanesha Poyser**

-Honors Business in Global  
Economy



**Eighth Graders Districted  
to Stamford High**

*If you are interested in this program and would like to enroll at Westhill High School in the fall please complete the application.*

**If selected:**

**Freshmen Required Electives:**

- Information Technology
- Information Technology & Design

*National Academy  
Foundation*

**Intra District  
Academy of  
Finance**



**Informational Brochure**

## What Is The Academy of Finance?

The Academy of Finance is a three-year business program that will introduce students to a world of educational and business opportunities they may not otherwise encounter. It is a program designed to broaden students' knowledge of the world of finance through meaningful and structured educational experiences.

The program is composed of one full year of Accounting in 10th grade and four semester courses spread through 11th and 12th grade. Students are required to take one year of computer classes. In addition to the required courses, students must complete an internship.

In addition to regular class work, students will participate in extra activities and go on various field trips. Students will visit corporations and gain hands-on experience in the corporate world. Students will be able to take a tour of the Federal Reserve in New York and see the bricks of gold in the vault beneath the building.

The Academy of Finance program extends far beyond a course of study. It gives students the preparation they need to succeed in high school as well as in the business world. If you are considering a career in business, then this is the right program for you.

### AOF Courses

**Honors Accounting 1-** Students will learn about basics of the accounting cycle and learn how to use accounting information as basis of decision making. Business transactions are analyzed, recorded and summarized for preparation of financial statements.

**Honors Principles of Finance**—Students will learn about the history of banks and the Federal Reserve system as well as the major functions of banking and credit.

**Honors Financial Planning**—Students will learn about the financial planning process and the components to a sound financial plan.

**Honors Business Economics**—Students will learn about macro- and micro-economics in a way that provides an understanding of how our economy functions in a global setting.

**Honors Business in Global Economy**—Students will learn about conducting business internationally. This course will include topics such as foreign trade, foreign exchange rates, multinational corporations, and proper business etiquette.



## Internship

Students also need to complete an internship at a financial services firm. The NAF requirement is 90–120 hours.

Internships will be available through the Academy, but students are more than welcome to search for their own. Before applying, teachers will assist students with preparing a resume and practice interviewing skills.

In the past, students have completed their internships at companies such as Xerox, Tiffany Outdoors, Ackerly & Ward, Wikstrom & Bangs Accounting, Tournament One, LAR Pensions, and Strictly Accounting. During this time, students will receive real-life on-the-job experience that will be invaluable to their future.

