



What has the Academy of Finance done for me?

"The Academy of Finance has given me many opportunities to grow as a student and young professional. I have been able to emerge as a leader in our DECA chapter and have made countless memories."

Carly Rogalla, 12th grade

"The Academy of Finance has given me the opportunity to enhance my knowledge in learning important fundamental skills that are so crucial for me to have, preparing me for the business world."

Jiya Anand, 11th grade

"The Academy of Finance has not only taught me about business practices, but also skills, such as public speaking. Being in this program has helped to develop my leadership skills, as well as my ability to succeed in the business world."

Ethan Klein, 10th grade



MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS ACADEMY OF FINANCE



**We build more than a GPA
We build character**

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The NAF Academy of Finance connects high school students with the world of financial services and personal finance. The NAF Academy of Finance curriculum and certification is validated by the Council for Economic Education.

Business leaders in our community partner with our program by serving as guest speakers in our classroom, providing internships, providing mentorships, and serving on our Broward CTACE Advisory Board.

The Stoneman Douglas **NAF Program** is an Honors program and is recognized by NAF as a **Distinguished Academy**.

For more information about NAF, please visit www.naf.org

NAFTrack Corporate Engagement Partners



The NAF program embraces the connections with corporate engagement partners to broaden how the partners provide a vast number of opportunities for students. The benefits span from work-based learning offerings, paid internship experiences, and alumni support.

NAF Academy of Finance

Suggested Timeline
Two courses may be taken in one year.
All courses meet online requirement.

Business Communication and Technology

Freshman Year
Practical Arts Credit
Microsoft Office
(Word, Excel, & PowerPoint)
General Business and Marketing Skills
Customer Service

Business and Entrepreneurship Principles-Honors

Freshman Year- Prerequisite MOS Certification
Practical Arts Credit
Introduction to Business Organization, Management, and Entrepreneurship Principles
General Business and Marketing Skills
Customer Service

Economics and Financial Services-Honors

Sophomore Year
Investing & Stock Market Game
Business Organizations & Structures
Borrowing, Credit Scores & Credit Cards
Financial Services & The Federal Reserve

Accounting Applications-Honors

Junior Year
Debits/Credits, Journalizing, Posting
Creating and Analyzing Financial Statements
QuickBooks Certification

Financial Internship-Honors

Summer between Junior & Senior year
120 hour paid internship that provides hands-on real business experience

Personal Financial Planning-Honors

Senior Year
Budgeting Skills
Insurance & Risk Management
Income Taxes & Retirement Planning
Entrepreneurship & Small Business Certification



DECA Membership	Stock Market Game
Leadership	Field Trips
Community Service	Paid Internship
Scholarships	Employability Skills
Industry Certifications	Career Exploration

GET INVOLVED!

DECA is a co-curricular club involving AOF and hospitality students. DECA students participate in district, state, and international competitions.

More information on DECA can be found at:
msddeca.org
deca.org



"It's not about money or connections, it's the willingness to outwork and outlearn everyone when it comes to your business."

- Mark Cuban

Academy of Finance FAQs

What is the NAF Academy of Finance?

NAF Academy of Finance is a nationally recognized educational program that focuses on preparing high school students for careers in the fields of finance, business, and related industries. Throughout this 4-year high school program, students are placed into Business Communication and Technology their freshman year or Business Entrepreneurship Principles Honors if they earned the Microsoft Office Certification in Middle School. Second year Academy of Finance students enroll in Economics and Financial Services Honors; Accounting Applications Honors their third year, and finally, Personal Financial Planning Honors their senior year.

Is the Academy of Finance only for students interested in a finance career?

Although the program uses the word finance, rest assured being a NAF student doesn't apply to only finance majors or students looking to pursue business in the future. Whether a student is looking to do medicine, engineering, or any other career choice, NAF teaches students valuable life skills that will apply to all jobs and futures, such as personal finance, how to dress appropriately for a job, how to nail an interview, and so much more. Everyone needs to be financially literate.

What are the benefits of being an AOF Student?

A few of the many benefits of being an AOF student include learning important employability skills, learning to prepare for college and future careers, networking with business partners through in-class speakers and after-school events. Students also become NAFTrack Certified, earning honors credits throughout high school, becoming QuickBooks certified in Accounting, earning Intuit's Entrepreneurship and NAFTrack certifications in their senior year, and overall learning a broad range of business and real-life skills that will be transferable to the workplace.

Can students join the Academy of Finance at any grade level, or is it limited to specific grades?

Students can enroll in the academy their freshman year and sophomore year.

How does being in the Academy of Finance relate to DECA?

DECA is an academic-based club where you must be enrolled in Hospitality or Academy of Finance courses to become a member. DECA members compete at districts, states, and ICDC, can attend after-school events such as socials and networking events, and so much more. DECA allows AOF students to apply their interests in business and what they learn in class to compete in District, State, and international competitions through presentations and testing events.

Are there internship opportunities or real-world experiences provided by the Academy of Finance?

Students in the summer of their junior-senior year, as a part of the Accounting Applications Honors curriculum, are encouraged to secure a 6-week summer internship. This benefits the students as they gain hands-on experience in the workplace, and it looks great for college applications.

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