Entrepreneurs, innovators, proprietors, and small business owners play a key role in Georgia’s economy. According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 907,068 small businesses in Georgia (http://www.sba.gov/). Small business owners manage their own companies.

Job opportunities in business are varied and educational requirements vary according to specialization. Business professionals may be managers, owners, accountants, economists, administrators, or analysts. Those considering a career in business, especially entrepreneurs, should be analytical, detail-oriented, flexible, and decisive. They will be required to coordinate several activities at once, quickly analyze and solve specific problems, and cope with deadlines. Business professionals should also have good communication skills and be able to establish working relationships with many different people, from managers, supervisors and other professionals to clerks and related workers.

High School Pathway Classes

Intro to Business & Technology provides an overview of business and technology skills required for today’s business environment. Knowledge of business principles, the impact of financial decisions, and technology proficiencies demanded by business combine to establish the elements of this course. Emphasis is placed on developing proficient fundamental computer skills required for all career pathways. Students will learn essentials for working in a business environment, managing a business, and owning a business. Students should be prepared to earn an industry recognized credential: Microsoft Office User Specialist.

Legal Environment of Business concentrates on the legal aspects of business ownership and management. Legal issues will include contracts, sales, consumer law, agency and employment law, personal and real property, risk management, environmental law, and government effects on business. The impact of ethics on business operations and international business principles will also be studied.

Entrepreneurship focuses on recognizing a business opportunity, starting a business, operating and maintaining a business. Students will be exposed to the development of critical thinking, problem solving, and innovation as they will be a business owner or individuals working in a competitive job market in the future. Integration of accounting, finance, marketing, business management, legal and economic environments will be developed throughout projects.

Potential Careers

- Small Business Owner
- Computer Operators
- Database Administrators
- Word Processor & Typists
- Management Analysts
- Stock Clerks
- Legal Secretaries
- Medical Secretaries
- Shipping & Receiving Clerks
- Budget Analysts
- Office Machine Operators
- Computer & Information Systems Managers

Capstone: WBL Internship

WBL (work-based learning) connects skilled, knowledgeable and driven students to local businesses every year. Students who participate in the Business pathway and have been selected to participate in WBL will leave school early to work with our fantastic business partners. Benefits to students include a chance to put skills learned in the classroom to use in an authentic setting, getting a competitive advantage on their career and networking with industry leading professionals all while still in high school. www.hallcowbl.org

Career Tech Student Organizations

FBLA Georgia FBLA is a nonprofit student organization committed to preparing today’s students for success in business leadership.

FBLA is an important partner in the success of school-to-work programs, business education curriculums, and student leadership development. FBLA is recognized by the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor as an integral part of a co-curricular approach to business and leadership education.

The FBLA mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. We bring our mission to life through the application of our motto: Service, Education, and Progress.
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
CAREER PATHWAY - PLAN OF STUDY

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS
4 Units Must Include:
9th Grade Literature & American Literature

SOCIAL STUDIES
3 Units Must Include:
World History, US History, Government & Economics

MATHEMATICS
4 Units Must Include:
GSE Algebra I, GSE Geometry & GSE Algebra II
+ one additional GSE/AP/IB/DE Math course

OR
GSE Accelerated Algebra I/Analytic Geometry A,
GSE Accelerated Geometry B/Algebra II, GSE Precalculus
+ one additional GSE/AP/IB/DE Math course

SCIENCE
4 Units Must Include:
Physical Science or Physics; Biology;
Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or AP/IB course
+ one additional Science course

HEALTH & PERSONAL FITNESS
1 Unit Must Include:
1/2 unit of each

CAREER, TECHNICAL & AGRICULTURE EDUCATION (CTAE)
3 Units Must Include:
Intro to Business & Technology, Legal Environment of Business,
Entrepreneurship

ELECTIVES
4 Units
*Students planning to attend most post-secondary institutions must take 2
units of the same modern language.

TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED
23 Units

PERSONAL APTITUDES

ACTIVITIES THAT DESCRIBE WHAT I LIKE TO DO:

• Perform routine, organized activities but can be flexible.
• Work with numbers & detailed information.
• Be the leader in a group.
• Make business contact with people.
• Create reports & convey ideas effectively.

PERSONAL QUALITIES THAT DESCRIBE ME:

• Organized
• Practical & logical
• Patient
• Tactful
• Responsible

WHAT YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL MATTERS
You’re learning skills and knowledge that can make you a qualified candidate for in-demand careers. Industry-recognized certifications, available to all pathway students, are great signals to employers that you have the skills they’re looking for. Certifications help validate what you know, so other people know, that you know it.

WHAT YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL MATTERS

WANT MORE INFORMATION ON YOU?
YouScience is the science of YOU – how your mind is wired, what makes you tick, the skills and knowledge that set you apart. You have talent and there’s a path that’s right for you – we can help you find it.

Login to Infinite Campus and locate the SLDS Portal link on the left. Once logged in, click on “My Career Plan” then choose “Go to YouScience”.

WHAT AM I GOOD AT?

WHAT YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL MATTERS

QUESTIONS?
Contact your CTAE teacher, WBL Coordinator or School Counselor

PATHWAY TO FUTURE CAREER OPTIONS

HIGH SCHOOL
Pathway Courses
Intro to Business & Technology
Legal Environment of Business
Entrepreneurship

Capstone
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Dual Enrollment

POST-SECONDARY
Technical College
Certificate
Diploma Program
Degree Program

4 Year College/University
Bachelor Degree
Masters Degree
Graduate Studies

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