

Education and Training Career Cluster Pathways

What High School Courses Should I take?

Course selection always involves the student, school counselor and parent. Newtown High School courses listed below include specific skills for this pathway depending on the student's career goal. This is not a mandatory listing, nor does it indicate the level of any course. It is provided to raise awareness of the wide variety of options available to NHS students.

Suggested Courses:

English: 4 years

Math: 4 years

Science: 4 years

Social Studies: 4 years

- Psychology
- Sociology

Art/Music/Theater

World Language: 4 years (if you are planning on attending a four year college)

Technical Education, Business Education, Culinary

Family and Consumer Science:

- Child Development 1 and 2
- Early Childhood Education 1 and 2

Junior/Senior Project: In this course, students work with a community professional to develop and present a project. Besides allowing students to determine their course content, it is an opportunity for students to learn time management skills prior to college. Students have completed projects by developing a business plan. Examples include: "Teaching Physical Education Classes" and "Unified Sports."

NHS Programs/Activities:

Career Center Programs utilize community volunteers to provide career information to students. Programs include:

- Career Speakers: open to all students with permission of their teacher(s).
- Career Tours: open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
- Career Shadowing: This program allows sophomores, juniors, and seniors one excused day per semester to spend time in a career field of their interest with a community volunteer.
- Internships: Junior and senior students spend 30 hours at a workplace to gain knowledge about a career. Internships occur outside of the school day and may be either paid or unpaid. In 2014-5, students interned at Head O' Meadow Elementary School, Middle Gate Elementary School, Reed Intermediate School, and Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Current Community Volunteers include: Newtown High School Writing Center, a kindergarten class at Hawley School, and the Middle Gate PTSA.

Related NHS Student Activities:

Future Teachers of America Club

Unified Sports and/or Unified Theater

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Sample Scholarship Opportunities related to the Education and Training Career Cluster:

Weller Education Scholarship

Northern Fairfield County Retired Teachers Scholarship

Glenn Moon Teaching Scholarship

Jean O'Brien Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Sonier Grant

Sample Careers

Administrator

Assessment Specialist

CareerTech Administrator

Child Care Director

Child Care Worker

Child Life Specialist

Clinical Psychologist

Coach

College/University Faculty

Counselor

Curriculum Developer

Developmental Psychologist

Early Childhood Aide

Early Childhood Teacher

Elementary Aide

Elementary Teacher

Group Worker and Assistant

High School Teacher

Human Resource Trainer

Middle School Teacher

Nanny

Parent Educator

Physical Trainer

Principal

Social Psychologist

Social Worker

Speech-Language Audiologist

Speech-Language Pathologist

Testing Specialist

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