

BUSINESS EDUCATION PROGRAM

9-12 STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

One of the key roles of an educational institution is to offer and execute a curriculum that will prepare students to make good decisions and make a positive contribution to society as well as to their local community. In classrooms nationwide, business education plays a prominent role in preparing students to become responsible citizens, capable of making astute economic decisions that will benefit their personal and professional lives. As the nature of work continues to change, business education becomes increasingly important for all students. They should have the chance to study the principles of business as they relate to personal and professional issues.

Business provides the majority of our employment opportunities in contemporary society. In business, one must be comfortable with technology and must be able to work as a team member. The team approach to handling work is common in business today. Being able to work well with coworkers and diverse groups of people will often determine the student's future success. Business Education goals and objectives are integrated throughout the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. The basic skills of reading, writing, computation, research and computer technology are an integral part of the Business Education curriculum. Computer literacy and proficiency in various applications are emphasized. Development of human relations, employability, economic and entrepreneurial skills is a part of each of the course offerings. National Business Education standards also act as a guide for the Business Education curriculum at ARHS.

9-12 GENERAL LEARNING GOALS

Students will:

- Develop or improve financial literacy.
- Understand the basics of finance and business management.
- Understand the impact of technological change on business.
- Develop skills in software applications commonly used in business.
- Reinforce reading, writing, computation, and research skills by applying them to contemporary business problems.
- Understand how business responds to social, economic, and geographic diversity.
- Enhance creative and critical thinking, problem solving, team building, and leadership skills.
- Characterize, explore, and engage in entrepreneurial activity.
- Investigate occupations and job opportunities in a range of businesses.