



TOP TEN BENEFITS TO HAVING BUSINESS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

1. Business courses can be used to meet the 3.5 units of open electives [REQUIRED to meet the 22 units for New York State graduation](#).
2. Business courses can be used as CTE instruction to meet REQUIREMENTS for [option 1 for the CDOS credential or pathway to graduation](#).
3. A NYSED-approved program in Business allows students to earn a technical endorsement on their diploma, increasing the profile of the student and school; with completers improves a school's score on the College, Career, and Civic Readiness index in [New York's ESSA plan](#).
4. Courses such as Business Math, Business Communications, and Business Economics can be used to meet graduation REQUIREMENTS in Mathematics, English Language Arts, and [economics](#), respectively.
5. Business Education programs with DECA or FBLA chapters can utilize chapter activities to meet the [participation in government REQUIREMENT](#)
6. Business Education, as of 2018-19, can now be used to meet all or part of the [middle-level CTE REQUIREMENT](#).
7. Business Education teaches valuable career, financial, digital literacy, consumer, and entrepreneurial skills that are necessary for success in ALL postsecondary or career situations.
8. According to the [National Center for Education Statistics](#), 20% of all bachelor's degrees are awarded in the area of Business. Business Education courses provide a valuable introduction to an in-demand field of study.
9. Business courses are eligible for dual-credit and allow the student to earn college credit in addition to saving on college tuition
10. Students taking CTE courses improves engagement and lowers the [dropout rate](#).