**Pathway Description:**
The finance pathway equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to make sound financial decisions for life in the 21st Century. The curriculum guides students to learn the tools, strategies, and systems used to maintain, monitor, and control financial resources, both personally and professionally. Students learn about budgeting, money management skills, and using financial resources appropriately.

**Key Competencies:**
- Learn basic concepts for saving
- Explore different types of credit
- Develop and assess the impact of different spending plans to make informed choices
- Distinguish between the various types of investment options and mathematically compare these investments for profitability
- Understand the power of compounding interest
- Identify the level of risk involved with investment options
- Understand the types of debt consumers encounter
- Identify different types of insurance and the appropriate need for each

**Courses (HS Credits):**
**Foundation Course:**
B019 Business 101 (2)

**Specialization Courses:**
B001 Accounting I (2)
B020 Accounting II (2)
B050 Accounting III (2)
B600 Introduction to Business (1)
B601 Principles of Management (1)
B605 Principles of Marketing (1)
B602 Human Resource Management (1)

**College Credits:** 12

**Annual National Average Salary for a Budget Analyst:** $73,800

**Career Opportunities:**

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