



# Priority Standards

## Business Finance Cluster Standards – Grades 9-12

The table below identifies the cluster standards specific to the Finance Career Cluster – the collection of Business Finance Pathway courses. These are the skills students are expected to acquire as they complete courses in this pathway.

Priority Standards	Description
FN 1	Utilize mathematical concepts, skills and problem solving to obtain necessary information for decision making in the finance industry.
FN 2	Utilize tools, strategies and systems to plan, monitor, manage and maintain the use of financial resources.
FN 3	Plan, staff, lead and organize human resources in finance to enhance employee productivity and job satisfaction.
FN 4	Determine effective tools, techniques and systems to communicate and deliver value to finance customers.
FN 5	Create and maintain positive, ongoing relationships with finance customers.
FN 6	Plan, monitor and manage day-to-day activities to ensure effective and efficient finance operations.
FN 7	Implement safety, health and environmental controls to ensure a safe and productive finance work workplace.
FN 8	Describe and follow laws, regulations and ethical standards that affect finance operations and transactions.
FN 9	Plan, manage and maintain the use of financial resources to protect solvency.
FN 10	Plan, organize and manage a finance organization/department.
FN 11	Plan, monitor and manage day-to-day activities required to sustain continued business functioning.
FN 12	Access, evaluate and disseminate financial information to enhance financial decision-making processes.
FN 13	Manage a financial product or service mix in order to respond to market opportunities.
FN 14	Employ financial risk-management strategies and techniques used to minimize business loss.

Priority Standards	Description
FN-BFN 1	Describe laws and regulations to manage business operations and transactions in business finance industries (e.g., accounting, banking services, insurance, securities and investments, etc.).
FN-BFN 2	Demonstrate the use of financial resources to ensure business stability.
FN-BFN 3	Utilize career-planning concepts, tools and strategies to explore, obtain and/or develop in a corporate finance career.
FN-BFN 4	Employ risk-management strategies and techniques in corporate finance to minimize business loss.
FN-BFN 5	Utilize accounting tools, strategies and systems to plan, monitor, manage and maintain the use of financial resources.
FN-BFN 6	Process, evaluate and disseminate financial information to assist business decision making.
FN-BFN 7	Determine client needs and wants and respond through planned, personalized communication to guide purchase decisions and enhance future business opportunities in business finance industries (e.g., accounting, banking services, insurance, securities and investments, etc.).