



# Survey of Personal Finance in Connecticut High Schools 2015

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# What we did....

- We surveyed the approximately 136 public high school districts in the state
- What did we ask them?
  - Is a Personal Finance class offered in the curriculum?
    - If so, which department teaches it?
  - Is a Personal Finance class required for graduation?

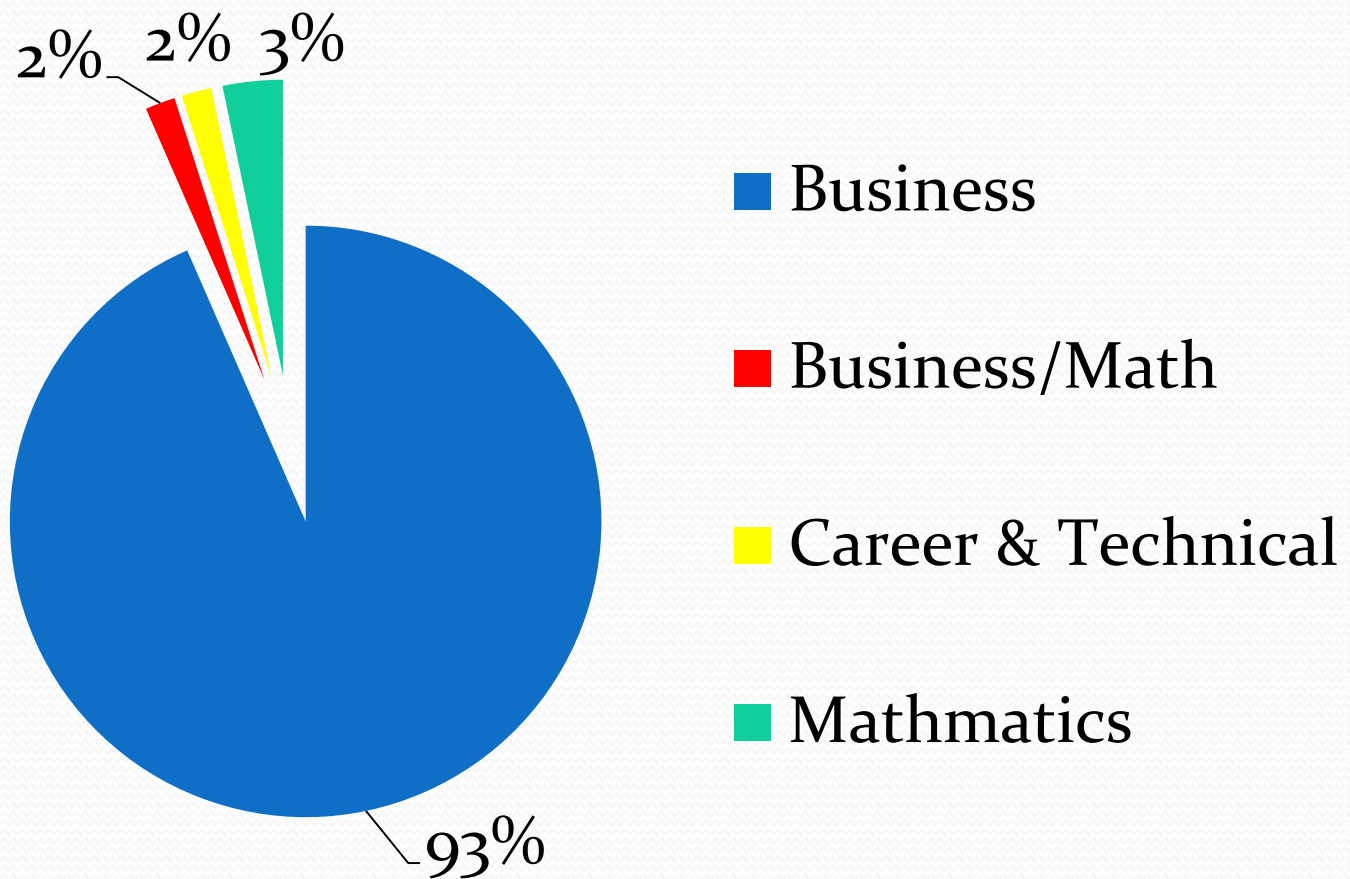
# Results

- 7% of the school districts surveyed have a **graduation requirement** to take a personal finance course
- 10% of the school districts surveyed **do not EVEN offer a course** in personal finance.
- 90% of the school districts surveyed **offer** a personal finance class as an elective (*7% of that number is mandated*)

# Results

- Of the currently 170,000 students enrolled in CT public high schools<sup>1</sup> today then:
  - 158,000 will **not** be required to learn about Personal Finance
  - 12,000 will be mandated to take Personal Finance
  - 24,500 students will take Personal Finance as an elective
  - At least 133,000 (or 78%) will not take a personal finance class

# What Department is teaching it?



# What the educators are saying...

- *We had 240 students sign up for 60 slots of personal finance offered.*
- *Would love to see it mandated for seniors*
- *Will offer for first time, not sure if will be math or business credit class*
- *We have 4 levels of personal finance offered*
- *Love to make it a requirement*
- *Would love to see it mandated*

# Which districts have classes mandated (or phased in by 2018)?

- CHESHIRE
- GRANBY
- GROTON
- MIDDLETOWN
- MONTVILLE
- NEW FAIRFIELD
- NO STONINGTON
- SEYMOUR
- SIMSBURY
- STRATFORD

# The path ahead.....

- Which departments will be teaching the class?
- Who will be teaching the class?
- How much does it cost to add a class?
- Should it be decided on the local level versus a statewide mandate?
- Funded mandate vs. Unfunded mandate?