

**Branden Battle, 10, is busy** completing a worksheet for his Careers class. His calculator was working non stop! He learned many useful concepts and ideas, as well as new skills from his class.



## SAMPLE DAIY SCHEDULE:

50 minutes of class per day  
50 minutes to work on class work

THE  
STUDENTS  
OF...  
**Mr.**  
**CHACKSFIELD**



**Mr. John Robinson** helps a student with an accounting project. Business classes at Sycamore were very demanding. Everyone had to work hard to keep up with all the assignments.

# PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

## TECHNOLOGY AND CAREER SKILLS COMBINE

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**D**o you picture yourself in an office as an employee or maybe even a boss? Whether considering a business degree or simply desiring to perfect their computer skills, many students took advantage of the business technology and computer science courses the department had to offer.

"It lays a good foundation and a step in the right direction for future business tasks," said **Ryan James, 11**.

Accounting, finance, web page design, computer programming, and even computer animation were only a few of the courses offered.

"The classes allow you to understand the methods of the most common programs," said **Blythe Reinhard, 11**.

Business Department skills were used everywhere, such as in the school website [avesonline.org](http://avesonline.org). It was made and modified by students, every word, every animation, and every icon.

"In a world that revolves around technology, it is essential to keep up with changing times," said **Ashley Oliver, 11**.

With the reduction of graduation requirements, Careers and Consumer Concepts experienced their last year as required classes. No worry, however, the classes did not overstay their welcome, and neither did the semester technology requirement for graduation.

What a deal that was, when students could

choose from a huge variety of business technology courses that are up-to-date.

"It teaches me all of the computer shortcuts and special effects to make a document presentable," said **Sheila Campbell, 11**.

Personal Finance/College and Career Prep, Accounting, Personal Finance, Sports and Entertainment Management/Marketing, Computer Literacy II, Computer Literacy III, and Web Page Design were the main electives offered.

Just a few of the abundant programs that students used for technology classes included Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, Internet Explorer, Photoshop, and Microsoft Access.

And how complete could so many classes have been without experienced teachers?

"**Mr. Reed Chacksfield** explains shortcuts and allows enough time to keep up with class work, organize all assignments, and gives the students proper instructions for applicable technology," said **Campbell**.

"**Mr. Steve Jostworth** knows a lot about computers and explains everything clearly," said **Meghan Harley, 10**.

It did not matter whether students had any word processing skills or even if they ever used Microsoft software. With the courses offered, they were on their way in no time to better compute literacy and were as comfortable as could be with computer systems.

