

EXAM BLUEPRINTS

DECA's exams are rigorous, industry-validated, multiple-choice, 100-item exams based on National Curriculum Standards. These charts show the blueprint of items by instructional area for the 2026-2027 exams used at the district level, chartered association level and at the International Career Development Conference.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CORE

	DISTRICT	ASSOCIATION	ICDC
Business Law	1	1	4
Communications	15	15	11
Customer Relations	5	5	4
Economics	7	7	12
Emotional Intelligence	22	22	19
Entrepreneurship	0	0	1
Financial Analysis	16	16	13
Human Resources Management	1	1	1
Information Management	10	10	11
Marketing	1	1	1
Operations	11	11	13
Professional Development	11	11	9
Strategic Management	0	0	1

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT + ADMINISTRATION

	DISTRICT	ASSOCIATION	ICDC
Business Law	5	5	5
Communications	7	6	6
Customer Relations	2	2	1
Economics	6	5	4
Emotional Intelligence	9	8	6
Entrepreneurship	1	0	0
Financial Analysis	7	6	5
Human Resources Management	1	0	0
Information Management	7	6	6
Knowledge Management	6	7	8
Marketing	1	1	1
Operations	21	24	26
Professional Development	6	5	4
Project Management	6	7	8
Quality Management	3	4	5
Risk Management	4	5	5
Strategic Management	8	9	10

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

	DISTRICT	ASSOCIATION	ICDC
Business Law	4	4	3
Channel Management	3	3	3
Communications	1	0	1
Customer Relations	1	1	1
Economics	3	3	2
Emotional Intelligence	6	6	4
Entrepreneurship	14	13	14
Financial Analysis	10	9	11
Human Resources Management	5	4	4
Information Management	4	3	2
Market Planning	5	6	6
Marketing	1	1	1
Marketing-Information Management	2	3	2
Operations	13	13	14
Pricing	2	3	2
Product/Service Management	4	4	4
Professional Development	5	5	4
Promotion	6	7	8
Quality Management	1	1	1
Risk Management	2	3	4
Selling	1	1	1
Strategic Management	7	7	8

FINANCE

	DISTRICT	ASSOCIATION	ICDC
Business Law	7	8	7
Communications	5	4	3
Customer Relations	5	5	4
Economics	6	5	4
Emotional Intelligence	9	8	6
Entrepreneurship	1	0	0
Financial Analysis	24	28	30
Financial-Information Management	9	10	12
Human Resources Management	1	0	0
Information Management	6	5	5
Marketing	1	1	1
Operations	6	5	4
Professional Development	13	14	15
Risk Management	6	7	9
Strategic Management	1	0	0

HOSPITALITY + TOURISM

	DISTRICT	ASSOCIATION	ICDC
Business Law	3	3	2
Communications	5	4	3
Customer Relations	8	9	9
Economics	6	6	5
Emotional Intelligence	9	9	7
Entrepreneurship	1	0	0
Financial Analysis	8	7	7
Human Resources Management	2	1	1
Information Management	14	15	15
Knowledge Management	0	1	1
Market Planning	1	1	2
Marketing	1	1	2
Operations	13	13	13
Pricing	1	1	1
Product/Service Management	6	7	9
Professional Development	8	7	6
Promotion	2	3	3
Quality Management	1	1	1
Risk Management	1	1	2
Selling	7	8	9
Strategic Management	3	2	2

MARKETING

	DISTRICT	ASSOCIATION	ICDC
Business Law	2	2	1
Channel Management	5	6	7
Communications	5	4	3
Customer Relations	2	2	1
Economics	6	5	4
Emotional Intelligence	9	8	6
Entrepreneurship	1	0	0
Financial Analysis	6	5	4
Human Resources Management	1	0	0
Information Management	5	4	3
Market Planning	4	4	5
Marketing	1	1	1
Marketing-Information Management	11	14	16
Operations	6	5	4
Pricing	3	4	4
Product/Service Management	11	13	15
Professional Development	6	5	5
Promotion	9	11	13
Selling	6	7	8
Strategic Management	1	0	0

PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY

	DISTRICT	ASSOCIATION	ICDC
Earning Income	25	20	16
Spending	14	14	14
Saving	15	14	13
Investing	15	19	21
Managing Credit	16	19	21
Managing Risk	15	14	15