



**Bigfork High School Business
Department
Personal Finance Course Syllabus
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COURSE OVERVIEW:

The goal of *Personal Finance* is to help students to become financially responsible, conscientious members of society. To reach that end, this course develops students' understanding and skills in such areas as money management, budgeting, financial goal attainment, the wise use of credit, insurance, investments, and consumer rights and responsibilities.

This course will give students the tools and resources needed to make wise financial decisions. Students will analyze their personal financial decisions, evaluate the costs and benefits of their decisions, recognize their rights and responsibilities as consumers, and apply the knowledge learned to financial situations encountered later in life.

CONTENT:

Introduction to Finance
Values, Needs vs. Wants and Goal Setting
Budgeting and Spending Plans
Career Development
Paychecks and Taxes
Insurance
Economics and Global Business
Credit
Housing
Consumer Decisions
Depository Institutions
Savings
Investing and Retirement Planning
Identity Theft and Consumer Protection

Virtual Business - Personal Finance online simulation teaches key personal finance concepts. Because students track personal behavior and spending habits (finding an apartment, finding a job, getting a bank account, paying taxes, and more) of their simulated character, students retain more personal finance knowledge. This sim is ideal for teaching personal finance, financial literacy, career skills, and life skills.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

BE ON TIME!

If you are late to a job in the real world you will get fired. Please be respectful and courteous and be on time.

BE RESPECTFUL

Be a positive person in class by being enthusiastic, curious, and kind. Treat others how you want to be treated.

WORK HARD AND TRY YOUR BEST

Work hard, be your best self, and have fun learning. You will get into this class what you put into it!

COME PREPARED

Each day bring your computer (you will use it daily), computer charger, class material, and a writing utensil.

FOOD/DRINKS

If you bring it in, please take it out. Clean up after yourself. Drinks must have lids on them and be kept on the floor away from the computers.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are to be used in school during passing periods and lunch. Please put your phones in the cell phone caddie in the back of the classroom.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Each Wednesday students can earn 5 extra credit points for dressing in professional business attire. You are not required to participate in this.

I am very excited for this upcoming year. I look forward to teaching and learning with you. Let's make the 2022-23 school year the BEST year yet.

Students Name PRINTED X_____

Student's Signature X_____

Parent's Signature X_____

