### HS Personal Finance Curriculum

**Course Description:** This curriculum presents essential knowledge and skills to help students make informed decisions about real world financial issues. Students will learn to make educated spending, saving, and credit decisions and to make effective use of income to achieve personal financial success.

**Scope and Sequence:**

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Curriculum Revision Tracking

Spring, 2018

All Units:
- Updated ISTE Standards
- Updated Missouri Learning Standards
Unit 1: Careers and Money Management

Subject: Personal Finance
Grade: 10-12
Name of Unit: Careers and Money Management
Length of Unit: 3 weeks

Overview of Unit: This unit combines various topics sequentially, beginning with students looking at career choices and what prospective income that will entail. Then, we move into taxes and items like market forces that will affect income amounts. Next, students will learn budgeting and how to spending wisely. Finally, the unit ends with the topic of banking - looking at the services financial institutions can offer and how this can help financially.

Priority Standards for unit:

- 9-12.PF.II.1.B Analyze the relationship between education, skill development, and earning potential.
- 9-12.PF.II.1.C Describe how wages and salaries are determined in labor markets.
- 9-12.PF.II.1.D Analyze how changes in economic conditions and/or in labor markets can cause changes in a person’s income or employment status.
- 9-12.PF.II.1.E Describe how entrepreneurs see problems as opportunities for creating new or innovative goods or services.
- 9-12.PF.II.3.A Compare gross and net income
- 9-12.PF.II.3.B Explain the purpose of standard deductions such as income taxes, social security (FICA), Medicare, deductions for health care and retirement savings plans.
- 9-12.PF.II.3.C Explain how taxes provide public goods and services.
- 9-12.PF.IV.1.A Identify short, medium, and long-term savings goals including saving for high value purchases, postsecondary education/training, and retirement.
- 9-12.PF.IV.1.C Explain the importance of a rainy day fund for unexpected expenses.
- 9-12.PF.I.2.B Explain the causal relationship between choice and opportunity cost.
- 9-12.PF.I.2.A Explain how today’s choices have future consequences.
- 9-12.PF.I.2.C Analyze how choices can result in unintended consequences.
- 9-12.PF.III.4.C Analyze the costs and benefits of using or not using financial institutions and virtual exchanges.
- 9-12.PF.III.1.B Analyze spending habits to recognize current spending and saving trends.
- 9-12.PF.IV.2.C Explain how the time value of money, i.e. money in hand today is worth more than money promised in the future, influences financial decision-making.
● 9-12.PF.IV.3.A Identify saving instruments such as certificate of deposit and savings accounts.
● 9-12.PF.IV.3.B Compare the liquidity, interest payment, or penalty of various savings instruments.
● 9-12.PF.III.4.A Compare the services, service fees, and requirements of various financial institutions such as banks, savings and loans, credit unions, and virtual banks.
● 9-12.PF.V.2.D Differentiate between secured and unsecured loans.

Supporting Standards for unit:
● 9-12.PF.11.2.A. Examine how workers are paid through wages, salaries, and commissions
● 9-12.PF.II.2.B. Analyze why benefits such as health insurance, paid vacation, retirement plan, family leave, tuition reimbursement, and flexible scheduling are considered forms of compensation.
● 9-12.PF.11.2.C. Identify sources for earning income in addition to wages and salaries such as rent, interest, gifts, dividends, profits, and capital gains.
● 9-12.PF.I.1.A Evaluate the role of choice in decision-making.
● 9-12.PF.III.1.A Differentiate between income and expenses.
● 9-12.PF.III.1.C Create a budget that includes savings goals, emergency funds, fixed expenses, and variable expenses.
● 9-12.PF.III.1.D Explain how budgeting for charitable giving may have tax benefits.
● 9-12.PF.III.1.E Prioritize expenses and payment due dates.
● 9-12.PF.III.3.A Evaluate substitutes when the price of goods or services exceeds your budget.
● 9-12.PF.III.3.B Compare the features, durability, and maintenance costs of goods.
● 9-12.PF.III.2.A Conduct research on product options to plan future purchases such as phone, car, home, or vacation.
● 9-12.PF.III.2.B Evaluate product information for price, quality, service, and features.
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### Essential Questions:

1. How does your career choice affect your income?
2. How do taxes and market forces affect income?
3. How do I prepare a budget to make wise spending decisions?

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4. How does maintaining an account with a financial institution contribute to my future financial success?

**Enduring Understanding/Big Ideas:**
1. Your career choice will involve education, training, cost of living, salary, and benefits—all of which can increase or decrease your income. If your career requires additional education, it will be more expensive but will pay more over time.
2. Payroll taxes affect take home pay (gross pay vs. net pay). Inflation affects the cost of goods and services. Supply and demand affects the availability of goods and services. Sales taxes increases the cost of goods and services.
3. When preparing a budget, include all forms of income, all expenses (fixed and variable), savings as one of your expenses, and when determining discretionary income, make wise spending decisions.
4. Maintaining an account with a financial institution will allow you to keep up-to-date on your finances and let you know where you stand financially.

**Unit Vocabulary:**

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Engaging Experience 1
Title: Using Naviance to explore career options
Suggested Length of Time: 45 min
Standards Addressed:
  Priority:
  • 9-12.PF.II.1.A Evaluate how career choices impact income and quality of life.
  • 9-12.PF.II.1.B Analyze the relationship between education, skill development, and earning potential.
Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will log into a program called Naviance (used through Counseling departments) to analyze different career choices, the education needed for those choices and income associated with prospective careers. The income amounts are particularly important as these will be used for future activities.
Bloom’s Levels: Understand
Webb’s DOK: 2
Resources for Development:
Naviance-student link for each school (students login with s# for both username and password, if it doesn’t work, have student choose forgot password the first time and they will be given a temporary password)
South: www.connection.naviance.com/phshs
Park Hill: www.connection.naviance.com/parkhhs

Engaging Experience 2
Title: Analyze career options
Suggested Length of Time: 45 min
Standards Addressed:
  Priority:
  • 9-12.PF.II.1.A Evaluate how career choices impact income and quality of life.
  • 9-12.PF.II.1.B Analyze the relationship between education, skill development, and earning potential.
  • 9-12.PF.II.1.C Describe how wages and salaries are determined in labor markets.
  • 9-12.PF.II.1.D Analyze how changes in economic conditions and/or in labor markets can cause changes in a person’s income or employment status.
Detailed Description/Instructions: Once students go through the Naviance program and develop an idea of their chosen career, they will be asked to compare 3 similar choices and the income and educations associated with each. This activity will give students more of an idea of what career choices are available.
Bloom’s Levels: Understand; Webb’s DOK: 3
Engaging Experience 3
Title: Gross vs. Net Pay
Suggested Length of Time: 10-20 min

Standards Addressed:

*Priority:*
- 9-12.PF.II.1.B Analyze the relationship between education, skill development, and earning potential.
- 9-12.PF.II.1.C Describe how wages and salaries are determined in labor markets.
- 9-12.PF.II.1.D Analyze how changes in economic conditions and/or in labor markets can cause changes in a person’s income or employment status.

*Supporting:*
- 9-12.PF.II.2.A Examine how workers are paid through wages, salaries, and commissions
- 9-12.PF.II.2.B Analyze why benefits such as health insurance, paid vacation, retirement plan, family leave, tuition reimbursement, and flexible scheduling are considered forms of compensation.
- 9-12.PF.II.2.C Identify sources for earning income in addition to wages and salaries such as rent, interest, gifts, dividends, profits, and capital gains.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will be given various careers and amounts of pay. They will then have to determine if the amounts are net pay or gross pay amounts by researching those careers are the typical pay for each. This activity could be given as an individual assignment, group assignment, or done as a whole class.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Analyze

**Webb’s DOK:** 1
Topic 2: Taxes and Market Forces

Engaging Experience 1

Title: Research Taxes
Suggested Length of Time: 45 minutes
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.II.3.B Explain the purpose of standard deductions such as income taxes, social security (FICA), Medicare, deductions for health care and retirement savings plans.
- 9-12.PF.II.3.C Explain how taxes provide public goods and services.

Supporting:
- 9-12.PF.III.1.A Differentiate between income and expenses.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will research different types of taxes. They will pay close attention to those not only from the federal level, but also from the state of Missouri and county as well.

Bloom’s Levels: Remember
Webb’s DOK: 1

Engaging Experience 2

Title: Figuring net pay
Suggested Length of Time: 30 minutes
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.II.3.A Compare gross and net income
- 9-12.PF.II.3.B Explain the purpose of standard deductions such as income taxes, social security (FICA), Medicare, deductions for health care and retirement savings plans.
- 9-12.PF.II.3.C Explain how taxes provide public goods and services.

Supporting:
- 9-12.PF.11.2.A Examine how workers are paid through wages, salaries, and commissions
- 9-12.PF.11.2.B Analyze why benefits such as health insurance, paid vacation, retirement plan, family leave, tuition reimbursement, and flexible scheduling are considered forms of compensation.
- 9-12.PF.11.2.C Identify sources for earning income in addition to wages and salaries such as rent, interest, gifts, dividends, profits, and capital gains
**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will be given their income (gross pay) and asked to figure their net pay for monthly paycheck.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Apply  
**Webb’s DOK:** 2

**Engaging Experience 3**  
**Title:** Calculating real amounts  
**Suggested Length of Time:** 30 minutes  
**Standards Addressed:**  

*Priority:*  
- 9-12.PF.II.3.C Explain how taxes provide public goods and services.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will be given a list of items from a shopping list and asked to find the "real" amounts, figuring in sales tax for those items.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Apply  
**Webb’s DOK:** 2

**Engaging Experience 4**  
**Title:** Examining Inflation  
**Suggested Length of Time:** 30 minutes  
**Standards Addressed:**  

*Priority:*  
- 9-12.PF.III.1.B Analyze spending habits to recognize current spending and saving trends.
- 9-12.PF.IV.2.C Explain how the time value of money, i.e. money in hand today is worth more than money promised in the future, influences financial decision-making.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will examine supply, demand, and inflation. They will then research prices of items now and what these same items cost in the past, looking at how the rate of inflation has changed.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Remember  
**Webb’s DOK:** 1

**Engaging Experience 5**  
**Title:** Learning about the Fed  
**Suggested Length of Time:** 30 min  
**Standards Addressed:**  

*Priority:*  
- 9-12.PF.III.1.B Analyze spending habits to recognize current spending and saving trends.
• 9-12.PF.IV.2.C Explain how the time value of money, i.e. money in hand today is worth more than money promised in the future, influences financial decision-making.

Supporting:
• ISTE-DIGITAL CITIZEN.2: Students recognize the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of living, learning and working in an interconnected digital world, and they act and model in ways that are safe, legal and ethical.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will learn about and take a virtual tour of the Federal Reserve System, specifically the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City.

Bloom’s Levels: Remember
Webb’s DOK: 1
Topic 3: Budget and Spending

**Engaging Experience 1**
**Title:** Fixed vs Variable expenses  
**Suggested Length of Time:** 1 day  
**Standards Addressed:**

*Priority:*

*Supporting:*
- 9-12.PF.I.1.A Evaluate the role of choice in decision-making.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will differentiate between fixed expenses and variable expenses.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Define  
**Webb’s DOK:** 1

**Engaging Experience 2**
**Title:** Buying strategies  
**Suggested Length of Time:** 30 minutes  
**Standards Addressed:**

*Priority:*
- 9-12.PF.I.2.B Explain the causal relationship between choice and opportunity cost.

*Supporting:*
- 9-12.PF.III.1.A Differentiate between income and expenses.  
- 9-12.PF.III.1.C Create a budget that includes savings goals, emergency funds, fixed expenses, and variable expenses.  
- 9-12.PF.III.1.E Prioritize expenses and payment due dates.  
- 9-12.PF.III.2.A Conduct research on product options to plan future purchases such as phone, car, home, or vacation.  
- 9-12.PF.III.2.B Evaluate product information for price, quality, service, and features.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will examine whether different times of the year when there are sales events going on (Black Friday, Back to School, Memorial Day weekend, etc.) are really good times to buy items and what items to buy at these times. Is this a good buying strategy?  
**Bloom’s Levels:** Analyze  
**Webb’s DOK:** 3

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Board Approved with Revisions: February 22, 2018
Engaging Experience 3
Title: Design a budget
Suggested Length of Time: 30 minutes
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.IV.1.A Identify short, medium, and long-term savings goals including saving for high value purchases, postsecondary education/training, and retirement.
- 9-12.PF.IV.1.C Explain the importance of a rainy day fund for unexpected expenses.

Supporting:
- 9-12.PF.III.1.A Differentiate between income and expenses.
- 9-12.PF.III.1.C Create a budget that includes savings goals, emergency funds, fixed expenses, and variable expenses.
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- 9-12.PF.III.1.E Prioritize expenses and payment due dates.
- 9-12.PF.III.3.A Evaluate substitutes when the price of goods or services exceeds your budget.
- 9-12.PF.III.3.B Compare the features, durability, and maintenance costs of goods.
- 9-12.PF.III.2.A Conduct research on product options to plan future purchases such as phone, car, home, or vacation.
- 9-12.PF.III.2.B Evaluate product information for price, quality, service, and features.

Detailed Description/Instruction: Students will prepare a budget based on the career they have chosen (see Naviance activities in topic 1)

Bloom’s Levels: Create
Webb’s DOK: 3

Engaging Experience 4
Title: Making financial decisions
Suggested Length of Time: 35 minutes
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.I.2.A Explain how today’s choices have future consequences.
- 9-12.PF.I.2.C Analyze how choices can result in unintended consequences.
• 9-12.PF.III.4.C Analyze the costs and benefits of using or not using financial institutions and virtual exchanges.

Supporting:
• 9-12.PF.III.3.A Evaluate substitutes when the price of goods or services exceeds your budget.
• 9-12.PF.III.3.B Compare the features, durability, and maintenance costs of goods.
• 9-12.PF.III.2.A Conduct research on product options to plan future purchases such as phone, car, home, or vacation.
• 9-12.PF.III.2.B Evaluate product information for price, quality, service, and features.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will be given a situation they have a budget for (move into a new apartment, going on a trip, etc.) and they must purchase items within this budget. They will have to find cheap sales on items to stay within their budget.

Bloom’s Levels: Evaluate
Webb’s DOK: 3
**Engaging Experience 1**

**Title:** Financial institutions  
**Suggested Length of Time:** 20 min  
**Standards Addressed:**

*Priority:*
- 9-12.PF.III.4.A Compare the services, service fees, and requirements of various financial institutions such as banks, savings and loans, credit unions, and virtual banks.  
- 9-12.PF.V.2.D Differentiate between secured and unsecured loans.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will identify different types of financial institutions.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Define  
**Webb’s DOK:** 1

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**Engaging Experience 2**

**Title:** Bank accounts  
**Suggested Length of Time:** 20 minutes  
**Standards Addressed:**

*Priority:*
- 9-12.PF.IV.3.A Identify saving instruments such as certificate of deposit and savings accounts.  
- 9-12.PF.IV.3.B Compare the liquidity, interest payment, or penalty of various savings instruments.  
- 9-12.PF.III.4.A Compare the services, service fees, and requirements of various financial institutions such as banks, savings and loans, credit unions, and virtual banks.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will demonstrate knowledge of different types of bank accounts.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Define  
**Webb’s DOK:** 1
**Engaging Experience 3**

**Title:** Banking forms

**Suggested Length of Time:** 20 minutes

**Standards Addressed:**

*Priority:*

- 9-12.PF.IV.3.A Identify saving instruments such as certificate of deposit and savings accounts.
- 9-12.PF.IV.3.B Compare the liquidity, interest payment, or penalty of various savings instruments.
- 9-12.PF.III.4.A Compare the services, service fees, and requirements of various financial institutions such as banks, savings and loans, credit unions, and virtual banks.
- 9-12.PF.V.2.D Differentiate between secured and unsecured loans.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will identify the different banking forms.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Define

**Webb’s DOK:** 1

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**Engaging Experience 4**

**Title:** E-banking

**Suggested Length of Time:** 1 day

**Standards Addressed:**

*Priority:*

- 9-12.PF.IV.3.A Identify saving instruments such as certificate of deposit and savings accounts.
- 9-12.PF.IV.3.B Compare the liquidity, interest payment, or penalty of various savings instruments.
- 9-12.PF.III.4.A Compare the services, service fees, and requirements of various financial institutions such as banks, savings and loans, credit unions, and virtual banks.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will maintain an electronic bank account.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Create

**Webb’s DOK:** 3
Engaging Scenario

You will participate in the Park Hill Game of Life. Before entering the game, you will have selected a career, prepared a budget, and opened a bank account. In the Park Hill “Game of Life”, you will be given life challenges that may affect your career, income, and/or budget. Your challenge will be to determine the manner in which you will handle each “Game of Life” event you face. We will be joined by members of the business community as we encounter these challenges, and your responses will be evaluated by these folks as well as by your teacher. Upon completion of the “Game of Life”, you will make a presentation that contains the following information: Your career, income, challenges you faced in the Park Hill “Game of Life”, if your challenges were positive or negative, and what decisions you made when faced with each challenge.
## Summary of Engaging Learning Experiences by Topic

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<td>Students will log into a program called Naviance (used through Counseling departments) to analyze different career choices, the education needed for those choices and income associated with prospective careers. The income amounts are particularly important as these will be used for future activities.</td>
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<td>Careers and Income</td>
<td>Analyze career options</td>
<td>Once students go through the Naviance program and develop an idea of their chosen career, they will be asked to compare 3 similar choices and the income and educations associated with each. This activity will give students more of an idea of what career choices are available.</td>
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<td>Careers and Income</td>
<td>Gross vs Net Pay</td>
<td>Students will be given various careers and amounts of pay. They will then have to determine if the amounts are net pay or gross pay amounts by researching those careers are the typical pay for each. This activity could be given as an individual assignment, group assignment, or done as a whole class.</td>
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<td>Taxes and Market Forces</td>
<td>Research Taxes</td>
<td>Students will research different types of taxes. They will pay close attention to those not only from the federal level, but also from the state of Missouri and county as well.</td>
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<td><strong>Taxes and Market Forces</strong></td>
<td><strong>Figuring Net pay</strong></td>
<td><strong>Students will be given their income (gross pay) and asked to figure their net pay for monthly paycheck.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Taxes and Market Forces</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Taxes and Market Forces</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Students will examine supply, demand, and inflation. They will then research prices of items now and what these same items cost in the past, looking at how the rate of inflation has changed.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Taxes and Market Forces</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Students will learn about and take a virtual tour of the Federal Reserve System, specifically the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Students will examine whether different times of the year when there are sales events going on (Black Friday, Back to School, Memorial Day weekend, etc.) are really good times to buy items and what items to buy at these times. Is this a good buying strategy?</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Making Financial Decisions</strong></td>
<td>** Students will be given a situation they have a budget for (move into a new apartment, going on a trip, etc.) and they must purchase items within this budget. They will have to find cheap sales on items to stay within their budget.**</td>
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Unit 2: Consumer Credit and Financial Protection

Subject: Personal Finance
Grade: 10-12
Name of Unit: Consumer Credit and Financial Protection
Length of Unit: 3 weeks
Overview of Unit: In this unit, students will learn about the use of credit, the cost of credit, laws that protect consumers, and how insurance can protect their financial future.

Priority Standards for unit:
- 9-12.PF.III.2.D Identify payment methods.
- 9-12.PF.III.2.E Analyze the costs and benefits of different payment options.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.A Evaluate factors that affect creditworthiness, including paying on time and payment history.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.E. Evaluate a credit report to verify accuracy.
- 9-12.PF.V.2.A Compare the cost of credit between financial institutions based on the Annual Percentage Rate (APR), initial fees charged, and fees for late or missed payments.
- 9-12.PF.V.2.B Calculate the total purchase price of a good or service, including interest paid.
- 9-12.PF.V.2.C Explain the relationship between risk and interest, including credit worthiness and down payment.
- 9-12.PF.VI.2.A Analyze federal and state regulations which provide some remedies and assistance for identity theft.
- 9-12.PF.VI.2.B Analyze how individuals can protect themselves from others misusing personal information and from identity theft while online.
- 9-12.PF.VI.2.C Discuss current ways to counter cyber-attacks and protect personal information.
- 9-12.PF.III.2.C Describe effective responses to deceptive or fraudulent sales practices.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.A Analyze the personal financial risks that can occur when unexpected events damage health, home, property, wealth, or future opportunities.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.B Explain how and why insurance companies create policies and determine premiums.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.C Analyze factors people use to choose insurance coverage.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.D Explain how personal behavior and risk impact insurance premiums.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.E Analyze health insurance options to provide funds in the event of illness and/or to pay for the cost of preventative care.

Supporting Standards for unit:
- 9-12.PF.V.3.H Explain responsibilities associated with the use of credit.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.F Explain the importance of annually verifying one’s credit report.
- 9-12.PF.V.1.A Analyze the difference between a credit and a debit account.
- 9-12.PF.V.1.B Compare sources of consumer credit such as credit cards, consumer loans, rent-to-own, title, and payday loans.
- 9-12.PF.V.1.C Evaluate the options for financing higher education.
- 9-12.PF.V.1.D Analyze various terms and conditions of credit cards and consumer loans.
- 9-12.PF.V.1.E Explain the purpose, functions, and costs of a mortgage.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.C Identify ways to avoid and/or correct credit problems.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.B Explain the purpose and components of credit records and credit history as provided by credit bureaus.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.D Analyze why credit scores may be used by entities, such as employers, landlords, and insurance companies.
- ISTE-EMPOWERED LEARNER.1: Students leverage technology to take an active role in choosing, achieving and demonstrating competency in their learning goals, informed by the learning sciences.
- ISTE-DIGITAL CITIZEN.2: Students recognize the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of living, learning and working in an interconnected digital world, and they act and model in ways that are safe, legal and ethical.
- ISTE - KNOWLEDGE COLLECTOR.3: Students critically curate a variety of resources using digital tools to construct knowledge, produce creative artifacts and make meaningful learning experiences for themselves and others.
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**Essential Questions:**
1. How does the use of credit affect my financial future?
2. What are the rights of consumers using credit?
3. How can you protect yourself from Identity Theft?
4. How does insurance protect me financially?
Enduring Understanding/Big Ideas:
1. Using credit impacts my financial future through bankruptcy, interest rates when applying for credit, the ability to obtain loans, rent an apartment, buy a car, etc.
2. There are several rights of consumers using credit: They cannot be discriminated against based on gender, religion, age, or race; Billing errors must be corrected; No one can view your credit records without your permission; you cannot be harassed or threatened by creditors.
3. To protect against identity theft, you should safeguard personal information (SSN, birthday), safeguard financial information (bank statements, credit card statements), check credit reports, and safeguard PINs
4. Insurance protects against loss of property, protects against loss due to injury, and protects against loss of income.

Unit Vocabulary:

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Resources for Vocabulary Development:
Vocabulary banks
Engaging Experience 1
Title: What is Credit?
Suggested Length of Time: 1 day
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.III.2.D Identify payment methods.
- 9-12.PF.III.2.E Analyze the costs and benefits of different payment options.

Supporting:
- 9-12.PF.V.1.A Analyze the difference between a credit and a debit account.
- 9-12.PF.V.1.B Compare sources of consumer credit such as credit cards, consumer loans, rent-to-own, title, and payday loans.
- 9-12.PF.V.1.D Analyze various terms and conditions of credit cards and consumer loans.

Detailed Description/Instructions: WHAT IS CREDIT? Students will explore the different sources of consumer credit and determine which type of credit would be best for different situations.

Bloom’s Levels: Understand
Webb’s DOK: 2
Topic 2: Creditworthiness

Engaging Experience 1
Title: 5 C’s of Credit--part 1
Suggested Length of Time: 1 day
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.V.3.A Evaluate factors that affect creditworthiness, including paying on time and payment history.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.E Evaluate a credit report to verify accuracy.

Supporting:
- 9-12.PF.V.3.B Explain the purpose and components of credit records and credit history as provided by credit bureaus.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.D Analyze why credit scores may be used by entities, such as employers, landlords, and insurance companies.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.C Identify ways to avoid and/or correct credit problems.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will identify the 5 C’s of credit and describe the characteristics of each C.

Bloom’s Levels: Identify
Webb’s DOK: 1

Engaging Experience 2
Title: 5 C’s of Credit--part 2
Suggested Length of Time: 1 day
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.V.3.A Evaluate factors that affect creditworthiness, including paying on time and payment history.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.E Evaluate a credit report to verify accuracy.

Supporting:
- 9-12.PF.V.3.B Explain the purpose and components of credit records and credit history as provided by credit bureaus.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.D Analyze why credit scores may be used by entities, such as employers, landlords, and insurance companies.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will be given a list of characteristics and will determine which of the 5 C’s would apply to each characteristic.

Bloom’s Levels: Analyze
Webb’s DOK: 3
Engaging Experience 3
Title: 5 C’s of Credit--part 3
Suggested Length of Time: 1 day
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.V.3.A Evaluate factors that affect creditworthiness, including paying on time and payment history.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.E. Evaluate a credit report to verify accuracy.

Supporting:
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- 9-12.PF.V.3.H Explain responsibilities associated with the use of credit.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.F Explain the importance of annually verifying one’s credit report.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.C Identify ways to avoid and/or correct credit problems.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will contract and compare credit applicants and determine, based on the 5 C’s, if each applicant would be a candidate for credit approval.

Bloom’s Levels: Analyze
Webb’s DOK: 3

Engaging Experience 4
Title: Credit reports
Suggested Length of Time: 1 day
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.V.3.A Evaluate factors that affect creditworthiness, including paying on time and payment history.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.E. Evaluate a credit report to verify accuracy.

Supporting:
- 9-12.PF.V.3.B Explain the purpose and components of credit records and credit history as provided by credit bureaus.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.D Analyze why credit scores may be used by entities, such as employers, landlords, and insurance companies.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will identify information that can be found on a credit report.

Bloom’s Levels: Remember
Webb’s DOK: 1
Topic 3: Cost of Using Credit

**Engaging Experience 1**

**Title:** Cost of Using Credit  
**Suggested Length of Time:** 1 day  
**Standards Addressed:**

*Priority:*  
- 9-12.PF.V.2.A Compare the cost of credit between financial institutions based on the Annual Percentage Rate (APR), initial fees charged, and fees for late or missed payments.  
- 9-12.PF.V.2.B Calculate the total purchase price of a good or service, including interest paid.  
- 9-12.PF.V.2.C Explain the relationship between risk and interest, including credit worthiness and down payment.

*Supporting:*  
- 9-12.PF.V.3.H Explain responsibilities associated with the use of credit.  
- 9-12.PF.V.3.F Explain the importance of annually verifying one’s credit report.  
- ISTE - COMPUTATIONAL THINKER.5: Students develop and employ strategies for understanding and solving problems in ways that leverage the power of technological methods to develop and test solutions.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will go to [www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com) and use the Credit Calculator to determine the cost of using credit in given scenarios.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Analyze  
**Webb’s DOK:** 3

**Engaging Experience 2**

**Title:** Cost of Using Credit--payment methods  
**Suggested Length of Time:** 45 minutes  
**Standards Addressed:**

*Priority:*  
- 9-12.PF.V.2.A Compare the cost of credit between financial institutions based on the Annual Percentage Rate (APR), initial fees charged, and fees for late or missed payments.  
- 9-12.PF.V.2.B Calculate the total purchase price of a good or service, including interest paid.  
- 9-12.PF.V.2.C Explain the relationship between risk and interest, including credit worthiness and down payment.

*Supporting:*  
- 9-12.PF.V.3.H Explain responsibilities associated with the use of credit.
• 9-12.PF.V.3.F Explain the importance of annually verifying one’s credit report.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** After determining the cost of using credit in given scenarios, students will analyze different payment methods to reduce the cost of using credit.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Analyze

**Webb’s DOK:** 3

**Engaging Experience 3**

**Title:** Cost of Using Credit--Using Credit

**Suggested Length of Time:** 30 minutes

**Standards Addressed:**

**Priority:**

• 9-12.PF.V.2.A Compare the cost of credit between financial institutions based on the Annual Percentage Rate (APR), initial fees charged, and fees for late or missed payments.

• 9-12.PF.V.2.B Calculate the total purchase price of a good or service, including interest paid.

• 9-12.PF.V.2.C Explain the relationship between risk and interest, including credit worthiness and down payment.

**Supporting:**

• 9-12.PF.V.3.H Explain responsibilities associated with the use of credit.

• 9-12.PF.V.3.F Explain the importance of annually verifying one’s credit report.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will discuss advantages and disadvantages of using credit.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Understand

**Webb’s DOK:** 2
**Engaging Experience 1**

**Title:** Consumer Credit Protection Act  
**Suggested Length of Time:** 1 day  
**Standards Addressed:**

*Priority:*
- 9-12.PF.VI.2.A Analyze federal and state regulations which provide some remedies and assistance for identity theft.  

*Supporting:*
- 9-12.PF.V.3.B Explain the purpose and components of credit records and credit history as provided by credit bureaus.  
- 9-12.PF.V.3.D Analyze why credit scores may be used by entities, such as employers, landlords, and insurance companies.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will identify the main components of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (AKA Truth-in-Lending), Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, Fair Credit Billing Act, and Fair Credit Reporting Act.  
**Bloom’s Levels:** Define  
**Webb’s DOK:** 1

**Engaging Experience 2**

**Title:** Credit Law Scenarios  
**Suggested Length of Time:** 1 day  
**Standards Addressed:**

*Priority:*
- 9-12.PF.VI.2.A Analyze federal and state regulations which provide some remedies and assistance for identity theft.  
- 9-12.PF.VI.2.B Analyze how individuals can protect themselves from others misusing personal information and from identity theft while online.  
- 9-12.PF.VI.2.C Discuss current ways to counter cyber-attacks and protect personal information.  
- 9-12.PF.III.2.C Describe effective responses to deceptive or fraudulent sales practices.  

*Supporting:*
- 9-12.PF.V.3.H Explain responsibilities associated with the use of credit.  
- 9-12.PF.V.3.F Explain the importance of annually verifying one’s credit report.
Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will be given scenarios and will determine which credit law applies to the scenario.

Bloom’s Levels: Analyze
Webb’s DOK: 3

Engaging Experience 3
Title: Identity theft/fraud
Suggested Length of Time: 1 day
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.VI.2.A Analyze federal and state regulations which provide some remedies and assistance for identity theft.
- 9-12.PF.VI.2.B Analyze how individuals can protect themselves from others misusing personal information and from identity theft while online.
- 9-12.PF.VI.2.C Discuss current ways to counter cyber-attacks and protect personal information.
- 9-12.PF.III.2.C Describe effective responses to deceptive or fraudulent sales practices.

Supporting:
- 9-12.PF.V.3.B Explain the purpose and components of credit records and credit history as provided by credit bureaus.
- 9-12.PF.V.3.D Analyze why credit scores may be used by entities, such as employers, landlords, and insurance companies.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will determine ways to protect their identity from fraud, phishing, and scams by identifying steps needed to protect personal information.

Bloom’s Levels: Understand
Webb’s DOK: 2

Engaging Experience 4
Title: Better Business Bureau
Suggested Length of Time: 20 minutes
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.III.2.C Describe effective responses to deceptive or fraudulent sales practices.

Supporting:
- 9-12.PF.V.3.H Explain responsibilities associated with the use of credit.
• 9-12.PF.V.3.F Explain the importance of annually verifying one’s credit report.

**Detailed Description/Instructions:** Students will explain the role of the Better Business Bureau.

**Bloom’s Levels:** Understand

**Webb’s DOK:** 2
Topic 5: Insurance

Engaging Experience 1
Title: Auto Insurance
Suggested Length of Time: 1 day
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.B Explain how and why insurance companies create policies and determine premiums.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.C Analyze factors people use to choose insurance coverage.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.D Explain how personal behavior and risk impact insurance premiums.

Supporting:
- 9-12.PF.V.1.B Compare sources of consumer credit such as credit cards, consumer loans, rent-to-own, title, and payday loans.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will identify the different components of auto insurance.

Bloom’s Levels: Evaluate
Webb’s DOK: 3

Engaging Experience 2
Title: Types of insurance
Suggested Length of Time: 1 day
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.A Analyze the personal financial risks that can occur when unexpected events damage health, home, property, wealth, or future opportunities.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.B Explain how and why insurance companies create policies and determine premiums.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.C Analyze factors people use to choose insurance coverage.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.D Explain how personal behavior and risk impact insurance premiums.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.E Analyze health insurance options to provide funds in the event of illness and/or to pay for the cost of preventative care.

Supporting:
Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will identify the differences between Medicare, Medicaid, HMO, and PPO.

Bloom’s Levels: Evaluate
Webb’s DOK: 3

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Engaging Experience 3
Title: Renter’s Insurance
Suggested Length of Time: 45 minutes
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.A Analyze the personal financial risks that can occur when unexpected events damage health, home, property, wealth, or future opportunities.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.B Explain how and why insurance companies create policies and determine premiums.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.C Analyze factors people use to choose insurance coverage.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.D Explain how personal behavior and risk impact insurance premiums.

Supporting:
- 9-12.PF.V.I.1.E Explain the purpose, functions, and costs of a mortgage.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will understand the need for renter’s insurance.

Bloom’s Levels: Understand
Webb’s DOK: 2

Engaging Experience 4
Title: Insurance Case Studies
Suggested Length of Time: 45 minutes
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.A Analyze the personal financial risks that can occur when unexpected events damage health, home, property, wealth, or future opportunities.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.B Explain how and why insurance companies create policies and determine premiums.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.C Analyze factors people use to choose insurance coverage.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.D Explain how personal behavior and risk impact insurance premiums.
- 9-12.PF.VI.1.E Analyze health insurance options to provide funds in the event of illness and/or to pay for the cost of preventative care.
Supporting:

- 9-12.PF.V.1.B Compare sources of consumer credit such as credit cards, consumer loans, rent-to-own, title, and payday loans.
- 9-12.PF.V.1.D Analyze various terms and conditions of credit cards and consumer loans.
- 9-12.PF.V.1.E Explain the purpose, functions, and costs of a mortgage.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will be given case studies and analyze which type of insurance would apply to each case.

Bloom’s Levels: Analyze

Webb’s DOK: 3
Congratulations! You are ready to purchase your first vehicle on credit and obtain automobile insurance for it. You will “draw” for your scenario information which will include your monthly net income, your credit score, a budgeted range for a car payment, and a budgeted range for automobile insurance premiums. Your challenge is to apply for/obtain a loan to purchase a vehicle and obtain insurance using this information to guide your decision. Your loan application will be reviewed and approved/declined by a Loan Officer from Platte Valley Bank. You will also prepare a presentation that contains the following information:

- Your name
- Scenario information
  - Information about the car you selected to purchase (make, model, year, features, mileage)
- Information about the loan you applied for (price of vehicle, amount of down payment, amount of principle, interest rate, length of loan, amount of monthly payments, total cost of the loan)
- Information about the insurance you selected (types and amount of coverage, amount of premium payments)
- If your loan application was selected or denied.
- If your loan was denied, why? (Income? One of the 5 C’s? Amount of payment? Credit worthiness?)
- If creditworthiness was an issue, what can you do to improve it?
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<td>What is Credit?</td>
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<td>Creditworthinesses</td>
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<td>Students will identify the 5 C’s of credit and describe the characteristics of each C.</td>
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<td>5 C’s of Credit--Part 3</td>
<td>Students will contract and compare credit applicants and determine, based on the 5 C’s, if each applicant would be a candidate for credit approval.</td>
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Unit 3: Future Financial Planning

Subject: Personal Finance
Grade: 10-12
Name of Unit: Future Financial Planning
Length of Unit: 2 weeks
Overview of Unit: In this unit, students will look at the way our financial markets perform and the correlation between risk and return. They will also look at ways to save and invest for the future.

Priority Standards for unit:
- 9-12.PF.VII.2.D Explain the risks and rewards of short term and long-term investments.
- 9-12.PF.VII.1.B Explain the impact of capital gains, dividends, risk and stock value on corporate stock ownership.
- 9-12.PF.IV.1.C Explain the importance of a rainy day fund for unexpected expenses.
- 9-12.PF.V.2.C Explain how the time value of money, i.e. money in hand today is worth more than money promised in the future, influences financial decision-making.
- 9-12.PF.VII.I.A Compare various financial assets for their risk and rewards such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, and commodities.
- 9-12.PF.VII.2.A Explain how the rate of return earned from investments will vary according to the amount of risk.
- 9-12.PF.VII.2.E Describe how diversification can lower investment risk.
- 9-12.PF.IV.2.B Use the Rule of 72 to calculate how long it takes money to double.
- 9-12.PF.VII.2.C Explain why an investment with greater risk, such as a penny stock, will commonly have a lower market price, but an uncertain rate of return.

Supporting Standards for unit:
- 9-12.PF.VII.1.C Explain how the price of a financial asset is determined by the interaction of buyers and sellers in a financial market.
- 9-12.PF.VII.2.B Explain how the rates of return on financial assets are influenced by buyers and sellers in financial markets.
- 9-12.PF.III.4.D Explain the importance of FDIC, NCUA, and other security regulations to protect one’s wealth in financial institutions.
- ISTE - CREATIVE COMMUNICATOR.6: Students communicate clearly and express themselves creatively for a variety of purposes using the platforms, tools, styles, formats and digital media appropriate to their goals.
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**Essential Questions:**
1. What is the correlation between risk and return?
2. How do long-term savings accounts benefit me?

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3. How are investments beneficial to me?
4. How do investments make me money?

**Enduring Understanding/Big Ideas:**
1. The higher the risk, the greater potential return.
2. Long-term savings accounts help save for later in life expenses.
3. Investments provide additional income, range from low to high risk and have low to high returns, provide diversification, and help build wealth.
4. Over time, the value of your investments can grow and provide you more money when you sell.

**Unit Vocabulary:**

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**Resources for Vocabulary Development:** Lotus diagram
Engaging Experience 1

Title: Risk vs. Return

Suggested Length of Time: 1 day

Standards Addressed:

Priority:
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Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will develop visual representation of the risk and return associated with each type of investment based on current market conditions. Teachers may use a chosen quality tool to do this as a class activity or have students develop a chart or other visual aid based on these parameters. Students will be able to see each type of investment's risk and return and how risk and return are connected.

Bloom’s Levels: Understand

Webb’s DOK: 2
Topic 2: Long-Term Savings Accounts

Engaging Experience 1
Title: Savings Search
Suggested Length of Time: 1-2 days
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.VII.2.D Explain the risks and rewards of short term and long-term investments.
- 9-12.PF.VII.1.B Explain the impact of capital gains, dividends, risk and stock value on corporate stock ownership.
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Supporting:

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will look at different long-term saving options and decide which may be best suited for them based on their predicted future. These saving options may include 401(k), 403(b), IRA, Roth IRA plans among others. Students will look at the similarities and differences of these plans to determine which a best fit is for them.

Bloom’s Levels: Understand
Webb’s DOK: 2

Engaging Experience 2
Title: Interest Project
Suggested Length of Time: 1 day
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.IV.1.C Explain the importance of a rainy day fund for unexpected expenses.
- 9-12.PF.V.2.C Explain how the time value of money, i.e. money in hand today is worth more than money promised in the future, influences financial decision-making.
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Supporting:
• 9-12.PF.IV.1.D Compare retirement savings options.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will calculate simple and compound interest using different long-term saving/investing scenarios. These scenarios will contain different interest rates, will compare simple and compound interest, and will begin at different times based on a person's life starting at age 18 and looking at retirement age of 65. Using their calculations, students will determine which scenario had the better return while determining the reasons for saving and the choices they have in their saving options.

Bloom’s Levels: Analyze
Webb’s DOK: 3

Engaging Experience 3
Title: Who gets my money? Project
Suggested Length of Time: 1-2 days

Standards Addressed:

Priority:
• 9-12.PF.VII.2.D Explain the risks and rewards of short term and long-term investments.
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Supporting:
• 9-12.PF.III.4.D Explain the importance of FDIC, NCUA, and other security regulations to protect one’s wealth in financial institutions.
• ISTE-DIGITAL CITIZEN.2: Students recognize the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of living, learning and working in an interconnected digital world, and they act and model in ways that are safe, legal and ethical.
• ISTE - KNOWLEDGE COLLECTOR.3: Students critically curate a variety of resources using digital tools to construct knowledge, produce creative artifacts and make meaningful learning experiences for themselves and others.
Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will research different financial institutions and agencies that offer long-term saving/investing options. They will review and compare what features are offered. Students will also discuss what features to look for in these professionals before selecting them.

Bloom’s Levels: Understand

Webb’s DOK: 2
Engaging Experience 1
Title: Virtual Stock Market Game
Suggested Length of Time: 8-10 days (approximately 20 min per day)
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.VII.1.A Compare various financial assets for their risk and rewards such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, and commodities.
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- ISTE - COMPUTATIONAL THINKER.5: Students develop and employ strategies for understanding and solving problems in ways that leverage the power of technological methods to develop and test solutions.

Detailed Description/Instructions: Students will enroll and be an active participant in a virtual stock market game. They will be given a sum of pretend money to invest in stocks, bonds or mutual funds within the financial market and compete with each other using real-time prices. They will use buying and selling strategies to earn more money on their investments throughout the game.

Bloom’s Levels: Evaluate
Webb’s DOK: 4

Engaging Experience 2
Title: Investment Knowledge
Suggested Length of Time: 1-2 days
Standards Addressed:

Priority:
- 9-12.PF.VII.2.D Explain the risks and rewards of short term and long-term investments.
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• 9-12.PF.III.4.D Explain the importance of FDIC, NCUA, and other security regulations to protect one’s wealth in financial institutions.

Detailed Description/Instruction: Students will examine and look at examples of different investment options such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, and property.

Bloom’s Levels: Understand
Webb’s DOK: 2
Engaging Scenario

You have just finished the first year in your dream career and you are looking to start investing in your future. You are earning the base salary of your chosen career and are spending approximately 60% of your monthly income for all your expenses. You will develop an investment plan based on how you want to invest your potential income given your career. You have a meeting with a professional financial advisor about your plan, but your plan must be complete and ready for review--this advisor doesn’t have a lot of free time. Your task is to develop an investing plan for your future. Use today’s invest prices and markets to develop a plan of action when it comes to your future investments. Research the investments you are interested in and how they have performed in the past. Be sure to include as part of your investment plan where you project your income to be in 10, 15, and 20 years given your potential investments. Your overall goal is to gain as much potential income as possible. A professional financial advisor will review your investment plan and give you feedback on whether your plan is ready to proceed.
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Unit of Study Terminology

**Appendices:** All Appendices and supporting material can be found in this course’s shell course in the District’s Learning Management System.

**Assessment Leveling Guide:** A tool to use when writing assessments in order to maintain the appropriate level of rigor that matches the standard.

**Big Ideas/Enduring Understandings:** Foundational understandings teachers want students to be able to discover and state in their own words by the end of the unit of study. These are answers to the essential questions.

**Engaging Experience:** Each topic is broken into a list of engaging experiences for students. These experiences are aligned to priority and supporting standards, thus stating what students should be able to do. An example of an engaging experience is provided in the description, but a teacher has the autonomy to substitute one of their own that aligns to the level of rigor stated in the standards.

**Engaging Scenario:** This is a culminating activity in which students are given a role, situation, challenge, audience, and a product or performance is specified. Each unit contains an example of an engaging scenario, but a teacher has the ability to substitute with the same intent in mind.

**Essential Questions:** Engaging, open-ended questions that teachers can use to engage students in the learning.

**Priority Standards:** What every student should know and be able to do. These were chosen because of their necessity for success in the next course, the state assessment, and life.

**Supporting Standards:** Additional standards that support the learning within the unit.

**Topic:** These are the main teaching points for the unit. Units can have anywhere from one topic to many, depending on the depth of the unit.

**Unit of Study:** Series of learning experiences/related assessments based on designated priority standards and related supporting standards.

**Unit Vocabulary:** Words students will encounter within the unit that are essential to understanding. Academic Cross-Curricular words (also called Tier 2 words) are those that can be found in multiple content areas, not just this one. Content/Domain Specific vocabulary words are those found specifically within the content.

**Symbols:**

- ![Symbol](image) This symbol depicts an experience that can be used to assess a student’s 21st Century Skills using the rubric provided by the district.

- ![Symbol](image) This symbol depicts an experience that integrates professional skills, the development of professional communication, and/or the use of professional mentorships in authentic classroom learning activities.