



Personal Finance II

Grand Haven High School



Course Number:

Grade Level: Juniors, Seniors

Credits : 0.5

Prerequisite Courses : Algebra 1A, Algebra 1B, Personal Finance with a B- or better.

Course Description

This one semester class acquaints students with a variety of concepts involving money. The goal is to challenge students to develop a personal philosophy of money management and investment, so they will make informed money decisions and ultimately take control of their financial lives. We will cover the following financial topics: Job Applications, Resume/Cover Letters, Interviews, Consumer Decisions/Protection, Renting/Leasing, taxes, home equity, present value analysis, options, futures, wills/trusts, exchange rates, Budgeting, Saving and Investing (Stocks/Bonds/Mutual Funds/Real Estate), Insurance, Retirement, Automobile Purchasing

Course Objectives

The class goal is to educate students so they may take control of their financial lives, and ultimately become financially secure and independent.

Student Expectations

- Be Nice!
- I expect to be able to teach without interference.
- I will do my best to role model courteous and respectful treatment of students.
- I expect students to treat me, and each other, with courtesy and respect.
- Work Hard!

Communication

Students, parents, guardians, and teachers may communicate through email, phone, individual teach blogs or websites, or Remind101.

Grading Policy

- Homework/Classwork/Participation 20%

Building Behavioral Expectations

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- Quizzes/Projects/Presentations 40%
- Cumulative Tests 40%

Scope and Sequence

- Unit 1: Career Development: Job Applications, Resumes, Cover Letters, Thank You Notes, Interviews, Job Offers
- Unit 2: Present/Future Value Analysis, Loans, Exchange Rate, Real rate of Return, Currency Trading
- Unit 3: Stock Market: Investing, ETF's, Mutual Funds, Day Trading, Stock Purchases (Market/Limit/Fill or Kill Orders, Short Sales), Stock Charts
- Unit 4: Taxes: 1040, 1040 EZ, Schedule A, Taxable Income, Deductions, Credits, W2, W-4, I-9, Turbo Tax
- Unit 5: Equity, Refinancing, Annuities, Asset Allocation, Budgeting, Identity Theft, Renting vs. Buying, Lease Agreements
- Unit 6: Options: Puts, Calls, Graphs, Portfolio Insurance
- Unit 7: Financial Spreadsheet, Calculators

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