

Course Title: Principles of Economics
Credit / Hours: 1/2 credit

Board Approval Date: Jun, 2010

Course Description:

This course, aligned to the Pennsylvania Standards, focuses on the foundation of economics studies, while also exploring how markets function, the role of the government in the economy, and the impact of foreign interdependence on the US. The course is broken down into six main instructional units and is supplemented with various learning activities throughout. The stock market is explored and the students participate in a 10-week, computer simulation stock market game competition. The course concludes with an intensive research project/presentation in which students explore the economies, culture, and lives of people living in countries (both developed and LDCs) around the world.

Learning Activities / Modes of Assessment:

Large group instruction
Tests and Quizzes
Real-life simulations
Checklists / Teacher Observation
Small group work
Projects with Rubrics
Computer simulations
Research projects/presentations

Instructional Resources:

Principles of Economics (Prentice-Hall, 2005)
Appropriate Internet Resources

Course Pacing Guide

Course: Principles of Economics (Grade 9, semester course)

Course Unit (Topic)	Length of Instruction
1. Introduction to Economics	16 Days
2. The Stock Market	10 Days
3. How Markets Work	24 Days
4. Business, Labor, Money & Investing	12 Days
5. Government Influence & Economic Indicators	10 Days
6. The Global Economy	16 Days