

Board Approval Date: June 2012

Course Title: Personal Finance/Careers Exploration

Credit / Hours: .5 credit

Course Description:

This course focuses on mastery of the National Standards for Business Education related to Personal Finance as well as the PA standards for Career Education and Work. During this course, all ninth grade students will learn various aspects of personal finance as they meet the standards for this area as described by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Business Education standards. Topics covered will include, but not be limited to, personal bank accounts, loans and calculating interest, investment strategies, and consumer economics. In addition, students will participate in aptitude and interest inventories designed to help guide them toward future career areas and courses of study. The instructor and school Guidance Counselors will use materials from PHEAA and College Board to help students develop goals for their individual learning plans.

Learning Activities / Modes of Assessment:

Large group instruction
Exercises/Activities
Tests and Quizzes
Teacher Observation
Projects
Career/interest/aptitudes/ surveys
Small group work
Web site activities

Instructional Resources:

NEFE High School Financial Planning Program (National Endowment for Financial Education)
Virtual Business—Personal Finance website
Financial Fitness for Life Activity Workbook (Council for Economic Education)
Pennsylvania Career Guide (Department of Labor and Industry)
Consumer Education and Economics, 4th edition. (1997). Glencoe/McGraw-Hill.

Course Pacing Guide

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Course Unit (Topic)	Length of Instruction (Days/Periods)
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1. Personal Decision Making	5 Days
2. Getting a Job	5 Days
3. Earning and Reporting Income	5 Days
4. Saving and Investing	5 Days
5. Using Credit	5 Days
6. Banking and Financial Institutions	5 Days
7. Managing Finances and Budgeting	5 Days
8. Buying Goods and Services	5 Days
9. Protecting Against Risk	5 Days
10. Careers Exploration (Guidance Department/Myers)	