

e2020 Curriculum Briefing Personal Finance (EL5734)

Course Description

In this introductory personal finance course, students will learn what it takes to understand the world of finance and make informed decisions about managing personal finances. The course focuses on developing core skills that help students become more confident and successful in setting and reaching personal financial goals. Students will learn how to open bank accounts, invest money, apply for loans, apply for insurance, explore careers, manage business finances, make decisions about major purchases, and more. Stories from finance professionals and individuals who have reached their financial goals are included to inspire students to achieve goals in their own personal finances.

This course is aligned to the Washington State Financial Fitness CTE framework and the Texas State TEKS Money Matters framework.

Topics of Study

- Economic basics
- Financial planning
- Banking
- Saving and investing
- Credit and loans
- Insurance and consumer protection
- Careers
- The business world
- Business finance
- National and global finance
- Self-awareness and decision making

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Course Features

- The course uses assignments to tie the course content to students' personal lives. The assignments use a mixture of government documents, such as an IRS tax form, and simulated personal documents, such as fictional bank statements.
- Practice pages throughout the course help to reinforce conceptual content as students progress through the course. Feedback ensures that students know if they've answered the questions correctly.
- The course's minimal computer hardware and software requirements let students with access to a computer and an Internet connection take the course, regardless of computer hardware or operating system.
- The course covers macroeconomic topics as well as more personally relevant financial topics, such as insurance, financial planning, and making purchasing decisions.

Grading

Just as with our other e2020 courses, you always have the flexibility to tailor the grade weights for the course according to your own district, school, and student needs.

The default grades for this course are as follows:

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| • Assignments | 20% |
| • Essays | 0% |
| • Quizzes | 20% |
| • Tests | 10% |
| • Exams | 0% |
| • Projects | 50% |
| • Additional | 0% |