David Douglas High School | 2025-26

# Personal Finance Education


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## Course Description

**This course will address a variety of topics to help equip students with tools and knowledge for secure financial futures. From everyday spending to long-term money management skills, students will learn the basics of making informed financial decisions.**

Through a variety of teaching strategies, students will improve skills related to handling personal finances, while avoiding common money pitfalls. Whether planning for their future, navigating a variety of financial institutions and systems,  or managing day-to-day expenses, this course provides a toolkit for lifelong financial success.

## Coursework

***We will cover the following topics****: Each topic/unit will have one summative assignment (70%) and one formative assignment (30%), totaling 22 graded assignments or assessments- plus a final exam.*

1. **Credit**
2. **Banking**
3. **Investing**
4. **Money Math**
5. **Budgeting**
6. **Renting**
7. **Cars**
8. **Taxes**
9. **The Smart Consumer**
10. **Food Financing**
11. **Making a Living or Making a Life?**

## Grading

- **70% Summative Assessment** (proficiency of learning standards)
- **30% Formative Assessment** (practice, daily tasks)

*Late work is accepted without penalty until the end of the semester. Students share responsibility for tracking their own progress and monitoring their grade.*

## Materials needed daily

- **Charged chromebook** – all assignments will be posted and organized in our Google Classroom.

## Classroom Expectations

- **Preparedness** (bring chromebook everyday)
- **Good attitude** (engage in the learning and work hard)
- **Treatment Agreements** will be decided together within the first month of school.

## About Me

- I live with my 4 year old, dog, and husband
- I like cooking, travel, and outdoor adventure
- Teaching @ DDHS since 2016