

A Correlation: Missouri Academic Standards and Junior Achievement Capstone Programs



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Overview

The following correlation features the knowledge and skills that students are introduced to in JA Capstone Programs and how they correspond to the Missouri State Social Studies Framework. The correlation is not meant to be exhaustive, nor is it intended to infer that any one resource will completely address any given standard. It is designed to show how *JA BizTown*^{*} and *JA Finance Park*^{*} will enhance or complement efforts to meet educational standards. Alternate delivery methods, such as student self-guided, cover the same learning objectives for social studies standards and the JA Pathway Competencies. However, the varied implementation models may cause slight variation in English Language Arts and Mathematics correlations.

JA BizTown encompasses important elements of work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy, providing students with a solid foundation of business, economics, and free enterprise education. Through daily lessons, hands-on activities, and active participation in a simulated community designed to support differentiated learning styles, students develop a strong understanding of the relationship between what they learn in school and successful participation in an economy. *JA BizTown* helps prepare students for a lifetime of learning and academic achievement.

JA BizTown Adventures is an alternative (or supplement) to the simulated community experience when students do not have access to a facility. It provides the same great social studies, work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy concepts in an online self-guided format. *JA BizTown Adventures* can be easily used in remote implementation and independent study when combined with the student self-guided implementation of the *JA BizTown* curriculum. Both implementation options augment students' core curriculum in social studies, English language arts, and mathematics. Throughout the programs, students use critical-thinking skills to learn about key concepts as they explore and enhance their understanding of free enterprise.

JA Finance Park lessons address fundamental financial literacy and economic concepts, explore career interests and opportunities, and develop work-readiness skills. The lessons. culminate in a hands-on budgeting simulation that includes decisions related to income, expenses, savings, and credit.

The *JA Finance Park* program provides two curriculum levels: Entry Level and Advanced. The Entry Level curriculum is geared towards students who are new to personal finance or have never taken a financial literacy class. The JA Finance Park Advanced curriculum is geared towards high school students, and those with some prior knowledge of personal finances, allowing students a peek at their future financial decisions. All curriculum options provide educators a method of delivery that will best meet the needs of their students and culminate with a visit to JA Finance Park, a realistic on-site or mobile facility, where students engage with volunteers and put into practice what they've learned by developing a personal budget. JA Finance Park simulation is also available virtually in the classroom,

JA Finance Park Entry Level offers three implementations' options:

- Traditional classroom format educator-led presentation
- Project-Based Learning (PBL) format structured to include student group and independent work and a culminating project
- Student-self guided format designed for remote implementation and independent learning

JA Finance Park Advanced offers a teacher-led blended classroom curriculum with a number of optional self-guided extension activities.



Unit Description and Learning Objectives	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	English Language Arts	Math
 Unit 1: Financial Literacy You must have money to spend money. Students need to understand this fundamental concept of earning and spending if they are to grasp the importance of sound personal finance. This unit introduces students to bank services and practices that will help them to be successful in <i>JA</i> <i>BizTown</i> and in life. Objectives: Students will: Extrapolate services offered by financial institutions Complete a bank account application Demonstrate an ability to endorse a paycheck Complete a deposit ticket Maintain a check register correctly Describe the consequences of insufficient funds Write and sign checks State the benefit of an interest- earning savings account Explain how money in a savings account grows Explore the differences between checks, debit cards, and credit cards Explore the of a check register to record a debit purchase 	Grade 4 Conduct a personal cost-benefit analysis. Grade 5 Compare and contrast saving and financial investment. Grades 6-8 Analyze patterns of resource distribution to explain the consequences of personal and public economic decisions.	MISSOURI PERSONAL FINANCE COMPETENCIES Money Management 1.Explain how limited personal financial resources affect the choices people make. 2.Interpret the opportunity costs of financial decisions. 3.Evaluate the consequences of personal financial decisions. 8. Demonstrate how to use the services available from financial institutions. Spending and Credit Compare the advantages and disadvantages of different payment methods.	Grade 4 RI.4.3 RI.4.4 RI.4.5 RI.4.7 SL.4.1 SL.4.3 L.4.4 Grade 5 RI.5.4 RI.5.5 RI.5.7 SL.5.1 L.5.3 L.5.4 Grade 6 RI.6.7 SL.6.1 SL.6.2 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4	Grade 4 4.NBT.3 4.NBT.4 Grade 5 5.NBT.5 5.NBT.7 Grade 6 6.NS.3 Mathematical Practices 4-6 1-7



Unit Description and Learning Objectives	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	English Language Arts	Math
 Unit 2: Community and Economy Students explore their role as citizens of a community. They are introduced to the concept of the circular flow of money and goods in an economy. They define basic economic concepts and discuss the impact of taxes and philanthropy. Objectives: Students will: Define various vocabulary terms Explain how good citizens have a sense of responsibility to others and to their community Identify goods, services, and resources (human, natural, and capital) Demonstrate the circular flow of an economy Discover the function of businesses in producing goods and services Define scarcity and learn more about free enterprise Identify the three basic economic questions (what, how, and for whom to produce) Understand why people pay taxes Define gross pay and net pay Calculate tax by multiplying with decimals Differentiate between public goods and services Give examples of philanthropy 	Grade 4 Distinguish among natural, capital and human resources. Grade 5 Explain how scarcity, supply and demand, opportunity costs, income, labor, wages and other economic concepts affect our nation's past, present and future. Explain how the government utilizes taxes to provide goods and services. Grades 6-8 Analyze resource availability to explain its causes and impacts on conflict or cooperation.	CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD.7.C.04: Recognize the contributions of all jobs to the community.	Grade 4 RI.4.7 W.4.8 SL.4.1 SL.4.2 SL.4.3 L.4.1 L.4.4 L.4.6 Grade 5 RI.5.7 W.5.8 SL.5.1 SL.5.2 SL.5.3 L.5.1 L.5.4 L.5.6 Grade 6 R.6.7 SL.6.1 SL.6.2 L.6.1 L.6.4 L.6.6	Grade 4 4.MD.4 Grade 5 5.MD.2 Mathematical Practices 4-6 1 2 4







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 Unit 5: Visit and Debrief Citizens participate in the JA BizTown simulation and then return to class for a debriefing lesson to ensure they have a well-rounded learning experience. The debrief lesson allows citizens to reflect on their JA BizTown experience and further identify the relevance of classroom learning to their future plans and goals. Objectives: Dynage their job capacity at JA BizTown Panage their personal finances and time Carry out responsibilities of citizenship, such as voting and obeying laws Evaluate team performance at JA BizTown Explain the circular flow of economic activity Describe how citizens use financial institutions Describe how citizens work within a quality business 	Grade 4 Compare and contrast saving and financial investment. Examine ways by which citizens have effectively voiced opinions, monitored government, and brought about change both past and present Grade 5 Analyze ways by which citizens have effectively voiced opinions, monitored government, and brought about change both past and present.	MISSOURI PERSONAL FINANCE COMPETENCIES Money Management 1. Explain how limited personal financial resources affect the choices people make. 2. Interpret the opportunity costs of financial decisions. 3. Evaluate the consequences of personal financial decisions. 8. Demonstrate how to use the services available from financial institutions. Spending and Credit 10. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of different payment methods.	Grade 4 W.4.1 SL.4.1 SL.4.4 L.4.1 L.4.6 Grade 5 W.5.1 SL.5.1 SL.5.4 L.5.1 L.5.6 Grade 6 W.6.1 SL.6.1 SL.6.4 L.6.1 L.6.4	Grade 5 5.NBT.5 Mathematical Practices 4-6 1-7



JA Biz Town Adventures

Session Details	Financial Literacy Standards	Social Studies	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math
Adventure One: CEO AS CEO students discover some of the responsibilities of running a business. They match their interests and skills to choose a corporation to lead, use the company's mission statement to make a strategic decision, explore market analysis to identify a target market, compare applicant resumes to make a hiring decision while considering the company budget, and compile a letter to encourage customers. Objectives: Students will: • Use knowledge of skills and interests to select a company • Compare potential customers • Identify target market • Make a strategic decision • Identify points in a mission statement • Compare applicant resumes • Make a budget-based decision • Create a letter by making appropriate word choices	Grade 4 Compare and contrast saving and financial investment. Examine ways by which citizens have effectively voiced opinions, monitored government, and brought about change both past and present	CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD.7.A.04: Compare interests and strengths with those of workers in the local community. CD.7.C.04: Recognize the contributions of all jobs to the community CD.7.B.04: Identify school and community resources available for exploration of the six career paths. CD.8.A.05: Compare and contrast the roles and responsibilities of workers within the six career paths.	Grade 4 RI.4.1-5 RI.4.7,10 W.4.2b,2d,2e W.4.8 SL.4.3 L.4.4,6 Grade 5 RI.5.1-5 RI.5.7,10 W.5. 2b,2d,2e W.5.8 SL.5.3 L.5.4-6	4.oa.1 4.nbt.4
Adventure Two CFO As CFO students make budget decisions following a decision-making process and mathematical formula. They determine how much to charge for their services and which companies' services offer the best value. They explore the need for cyber insurance to prevent online security breaches and review the company's mission statement. Objectives: Students will: • Use knowledge of skills and interests to select a company • Deduct taxes to calculate net pay • Determine price of items to make a profit using a formula • Compare costs to make budget decisions • Read terms and conditions to compare offers • Evaluate proposals as part of a decision-making process	Grade 4 Compare and contrast saving and financial investment. Examine ways by which citizens have effectively voiced opinions, monitored government, and brought about change both past and present	CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD.7.A.04: Compare interests and strengths with those of workers in the local community. CD.7.C.04: Recognize the contributions of all jobs to the community CD.7.B.04: Identify school and community resources available for exploration of the six career paths. CD.8.A.05: Compare and contrast the roles and responsibilities of workers within the six career paths.	Grade 4 RI.4.1-5 RI.4.7,10 W.4.2b,2d,2e W.4.8 SL.4.3 L.4.4,6 Grade 5 RI.5.1-5 RI.5.7,10 W.5. 2b,2d,2e W.5.8 SL.5.3 L.5.4-6	4.0a.1 4.nbt.1-2 4.nbt.3 4.nbt.4-6 4.nf.5-6 5.nbt.1-2 5.nbt.4-5



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Session Details	Financial Literacy Standards	Social Studies	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math
 Adventure Three: Marketing Director As Marketing Director, students use their knowledge of skills and interests to choose a company to work for. They identify an idea for a new product or service and use a decision-making strategy to refine their idea, identify a target market, and plan an advertising campaign that is consistent with the business mission statement. Objectives: Students will: Use knowledge of skills and interests to select a company Identify an idea for a new product or service Attempt to resolve solutions to customer pain points Identify characteristics of target markets Explore advertising avenues and marketing tools Plan a marketing campaign Compare cost effectiveness of different advertisements 	Grade 4 Compare and contrast saving and financial investment. Examine ways by which citizens have effectively voiced opinions, monitored government, and brought about change both past and present	CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD.7.A.04: Compare interests and strengths with those of workers in the local community. CD.7.C.04: Recognize the contributions of all jobs to the community CD.7.B.04: Identify school and community resources available for exploration of the six career paths. CD.8.A.05: Compare and contrast the roles and responsibilities of workers within the six career paths.	Grade 4 RI.4.1-5 RI.4.7,8,10 SL.4.3 L.4.4,6 Grade 5 RI.5.1-5 RI.5.7,8,10 SL.5.3 L.5.4-6	4.oa.1 4.nbt.4 5.nbt.1-2
 Adventure Four: Sales Manager Once the Sales manager chooses which company he or she will represent, they will be lead through decision making and problem-solving processes to make hiring and customer service decisions based on budget and work ethic parameters. Objectives: Students will: Use knowledge of skills and interests to select a company Explore traits that convey good work ethic Compare resumes Use a decision-making process to make hiring decisions Use a problem-solving process to improve customer service 	Grade 4 Compare and contrast saving and financial investment. Examine ways by which citizens have effectively voiced opinions, monitored government, and brought about change both past and present	CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD.7.A.04: Compare interests and strengths with those of workers in the local community. CD.7.C.04: Recognize the contributions of all jobs to the community CD.7.B.04: Identify school and community resources available for exploration of the six career paths. CD.8.A.05: Compare and contrast the roles and responsibilities of workers within the six career paths.	Grade 4 RI.4.1-5 RI.4.7,10 W.4.2b,2d,2e W.4.8 SL.4.3 L.4.4,6 Grade 5 RI.5.1-5 RI.5.7,10 W.5. 2b,2d,2e W.5.8 SL.5.3 L.5.4-6	4.oa.1 4.nbt.1-2 4.nbt.3 4.nbt.4-6 4.nf.5-6 5.nbt.1-2 5.nbt.4-5



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Session Details	Financial Literacy Standards	Social Studies	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math
 Adventure Five: Consumer As consumer, students make financial decisions and choices having to do with bank accounts and types of payments. They learn to keep a transaction register, calculate net pay, choose needs over wants, and set and re-evaluate a budget. Objectives: Students will: Define gross pay and net pay and calculate net pay Identify services offered by financial institutions. Explore a bank account application Identify parts of a transaction register Explore the differences between checks, debit cards, and credit cards and other forms of electronic payments. Explain how money changes hands when a debit card or electronic payment form is used. Demonstrate use of a transaction register to record a debit purchase. Distinguish between needs and wants Create a budget based on monthly income Use fixed costs and needs to make budget decisions Make shopping decisions based on budget and opportunity cost 	Grade 4 Compare and contrast saving and financial investment. Examine ways by which citizens have effectively voiced opinions, monitored government, and brought about change both past and present	MISSOURI PERSONAL FINANCE COMPETENCIES Spending and Credit 1. Compare the benefits and costs of alternatives in spending decisions. 2. Evaluate information about products and services. 3. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of different payment methods. Money Management 7. Design a financial plan (budget) for earning, spending, saving, and investing.	Grade 4 RI.4.1-5 RI.4.7,10 SL.4.3 L.4.4,6 Grade 5 RI.5.1-5 RI.5.7,10 SL.5.3 L.5.4-6	4.0a.1 4.nbt.1-2 4.nbt.3 4.nbt.4 5.nbt.1-2



Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	English Language Arts	Math
Unit 1: Income	Grades 6-8	Personal Finance	Grade 6	Grade 6
 Students recognize the fundamental role that income plays in their personal finances and the factors that affect income and takehome pay. They discover how their decisions about education and careers impact their potential income and quality of life. Objectives: Students will: Rate their interests, abilities, and values. Determine work preferences and match them to career choices Define taxes and explain their purpose and impact on income Figure net monthly income 	Analyze patterns of resource distribution to explain the consequences of personal and public economic decisions. Analyze economic systems to explain their impact on peoples' behavior and choices.	 II.1.B Analyze the relationship between education, skill development and earning potential. 11.1.C Describe how wages and salaries are determined in labor markets. II.2.A Examine how workers are paid through wages, salaries and commissions. 11.3.A Compare gross and net income. 11.3.B Explain the purpose of standard deductions such as income taxes, social security (FICA), Medicare, deductions for health care and retirement savings plans. CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD 7 Use current interests, strengths, and limitations to guide career exploration and educational planning. Recognize occupations and careers as they relate to career paths, personal interests, and aptitudes. CD 8 Utilize career and educational information to explore career paths of interest. 	SL.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4 Grade 7 SL.7.1 L.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4 Grade 8 SL.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4 Grades 9- 10 SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4	RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 SP.6.1 SP.6.2 Grade 7 RP.7 R2.b NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2



Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	English Language Arts	Math
 Unit 2: Saving, Investing and Risk Management Students explore and compare saving and investing options as part of their overall financial planning. They also examine risk and how insurance may help protect savings from both planned and unplanned events. Objectives: Students will: Identify the benefits of saving a portion of income for future use Explain short- and long-term saving options Explain some of the advantages and disadvantages of various saving and investing options Assess personal risk and risk management 	Grades 6-8 Analyze patterns of resource distribution to explain the consequences of personal and public economic decisions. Analyze economic systems to explain their impact on peoples' behavior and choices.	 Personal Finance IV.1.A Identify short, medium and long-term savings goals including saving for high value purchases, postsecondary education/training and retirement. IV.2.A Compare simple and compound interest. IV.2.C Explain how the time value of money, i.e. money in hand today, is worth more than money promised in the future, influences financial decision- making. IV.3.A Identify saving instruments such as certificates of deposit and savings accounts. IV.3.B Compare the liquidity, interest payment or penalty of various savings instruments. 	Grade 6 RI.6.2 SL.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4 Grade 7 RI.7.2 SL.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4 Grade 8 SL.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4 Grades 9- 10 SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4	Grade 6 RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 SP.6.1 SP.6.2 Grade 7 RP.7 R2.b NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2 SP.7.5



Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	English Language Arts	Math
 Unit 3: Debit and Credit Students compare financial institutions and their services. Through discussion and a game activity, they weigh the advantages and disadvantages of debit and credit. Students also examine the role that credit scores and credit reporting have on personal finances. Objectives: Students will: Define financial institutions and identify the services they provide Examine debit and credit cards and their use Explain the benefits and common pitfalls of credit cards Explain the benefits of debit cards Define credit score and describe how it influences the ability to get credit and borrow money 	Grades 6-8 Analyze patterns of resource distribution to explain the consequences of personal and public economic decisions. Analyze economic systems to explain their impact on peoples' behavior and choices.	 Personal Finance V.1.A Analyze the difference between a credit and a debit account. V.2.C Explain the relationship between risk and interest including credit worthiness and down payment. V.3.A Evaluate factors that affect creditworthiness including paying on time and payment history. V.3.B Explain the purpose and components of credit records and credit history as provided by credit bureaus. V.3.D Analyze why credit scores may be used by entities such as employers, landlords and insurance companies. V.3.H Explain responsibilities associated with the use of credit. 	Grade 6 SL.6.1 SL.6.2 Grades 9-10 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4 Grades 11- 12 SL.11-12.1 L.11-12.1 L.11-12.4	Grade 6 RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 Grade 7 RP.7.R2.b NS.7.3 SP.7.5 Grade 8 G.8 SP.8.2



Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	English Language Arts	Math
 Unit 4: Budget+ Students recognize the importance of spending wisely to achieve financial success and the value of creating and maintaining a budget. Objectives: Students will: Categorize spending by needs and wants Compare teen and adult spending patterns Determine which categories belong in a budget Relate the need to save money to meet goals Prepare a budget using goals and income 	Grades 6-8 Analyze patterns of resource distribution to explain the consequences of personal and public economic decisions. Analyze economic systems to explain their impact on peoples' behavior and choices.	Personal Finance III.1.A Differentiate between income and expenses. III.1.B Analyze spending habits to recognize current spending and saving trends. III.1.C Create a budget that includes savings goals, emergency funds, fixed expenses and variable expenses. III.1.E Prioritize expenses and payment due dates.	Grade 6 RI.6.1 SL.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4 Grade 7 RI.7.1 SL.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4 Grade 8 RI.8.1 SL.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4 Grades 9-10 SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.4	Grade 6 NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 Grade 7 NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2
 Unit 5: Simulation and Debriefing Students participate in the JA Finance Park simulation. They put into action all they have learned in the classroom by making important spending decisions and maintaining a balanced budget. Following their simulation experience, students participate in a reflective assessment. Objectives: Students will: Create a family budget using hypothetical life situations Make saving and investment decisions Reflect on their simulation experience 	Grades 6-8 Analyze patterns of resource distribution to explain the consequences of personal and public economic decisions. Analyze economic systems to explain their impact on peoples' behavior and choices.	 I.1.A Evaluate the role of choice in decision making. I.1.B Apply a rational decision making process to satisfy wants. I.2.A Explain how today's choices have future consequences. III.1.C Create a budget that includes savings goals, emergency funds, fixed expenses and variable expenses. CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD 7 Recognize occupations and careers as they relate to career paths, personal interests, and aptitudes. 	Grade 6 RI.6.1 W.6.1 W.6.4 W.6.9 Grade 7 RI.7.1 W.7.1 W.7.4 W.7.9 Grade 8 RI.8.1 W.8.1 W.8.4 W.8.9 Grades 9-10 RI.9-10.1 W.9-10.9	Grade 6 RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 Grade 7 RP.7.R2.b NS.7.2 NS.7.3



Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	Common Core ELA
 Unit 1: Income Students recognize the fundamental role of income in their personal finances and the factors that affect income and take-home pay. Through Project-Based Learning (PBL), students understand how the decisions they make about education and careers have an impact on their potential income and quality of life. Objectives: Students will: Tell the difference between abilities, interests, work preferences, and values Identify career interests and goals as a way to earn future income Define taxes and explain their purpose and impact on income (salaries and wages, interest, profit for business owners, etc.) Calculate NMI (net monthly income) income tax (including state income tax), Social Security, and Medicare 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance II.1.B Analyze the relationship between education, skill development and earning potential. 11.1.C Describe how wages and salaries are determined in labor markets. II.2.A Examine how workers are paid through wages, salaries and commissions. 11.3.A Compare gross and net income. 11.3.B Explain the purpose of standard deductions such as income taxes, social security (FICA), Medicare, deductions for health care and retirement savings plans. CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD 7 Compare current strengths and limitations with the individual's career and educational plan and adjust the plan as necessary CD 7 Evaluate a variety of resources to aid in career exploration and planning now and in the future.	Grades 9-10 RI .9–10. 1,4 SL. 9-10. 1 L.9-10. 1,4 Grades 11-12 RI 11/12. 4 W.11/12. 1,4 SL.11/12. 1 L.11/12. 1,4



Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	Common Core ELA
 Unit 2: Saving, Investing and Risk Management Students explore savings and compare investments as part of their overall financial planning. They also examine risk and how insurance may help protect savings from both planned and unplanned events. Objectives: Students will: Identify the benefits of saving a portion of income for future use Explain short- and long-term saving options Explain some of the advantages and disadvantages of savings options and investment vehicles Assess personal risk and risk management 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance IV.1.A Identify short, medium and long-term savings goals including saving for high value purchases, postsecondary education/training and retirement. IV.2.A Compare simple and compound interest. IV.2.C Explain how the time value of money, i.e. money in hand today, is worth more than money promised in the future, influences financial decision-making. IV.3.A Identify saving instruments such as certificates of deposit and savings accounts. IV.3.B Compare the liquidity, interest payment or penalty of various savings instruments.	Grades 9-10 RI .9–10.1 W. 9-10. 1,4,9 SL. 9-10. 1 L.9-10. 1,4 Grades 11-12 RI .11-12. 1 W.11-12. 1,4,9 SL11-12. 1 L.11-12. 1,4



Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	Common Core ELA
 Unit 3: Debit and Credit Students compare financial institutions and their services; examine the value of credit scores; and interpret the effect of creditworthiness. Objectives: Students will: Describe the types of financial institutions and the services they provide Explain debit and credit cards and their uses Identify the advantages and disadvantages related to credit and debit cards Give examples of the best ways to build credit Demonstrate why credit scores are important 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	 Personal Finance V.1.A Analyze the difference between a credit and a debit account. V.2.C Explain the relationship between risk and interest including credit worthiness and down payment. V.3.A Evaluate factors that affect creditworthiness including paying on time and payment history. V.3.B Explain the purpose and components of credit records and credit history as provided by credit bureaus. V.3.D Analyze why credit scores may be used by entities such as employers, landlords and insurance companies. V.3.H Explain responsibilities associated with the use of credit. 	Grades 9-10 SL. 9-10.1,4 L.9-10. 1,4 Grades 11-12 SL11-12.1,4 L.11-12.1,4



Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	Common Core ELA
 Unit 4: Budget+ This unit provides an opportunity for students to set financial goals, experience budgeting, and compare sample budgets before they are confronted with the financial responsibilities of being and adult. Lessons focus on classifying income and expenses and staying with a plan. In each of the PBL lessons, integration of technology is required. During the final lesson, students explain the value of planning their spending and maintaining a balanced budget. Objectives: Students will: Categorize spending by needs and wants Determine which categories belong in a budget Distinguish between different kinds of budgets Prepare a budget using goals and income 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance III.1.A Differentiate between income and expenses. III.1.B Analyze spending habits to recognize current spending and saving trends. III.1.C Create a budget that includes savings goals, emergency funds, fixed expenses and variable expenses. III.1.E Prioritize expenses and payment due dates.	Grades 9-10 RI .9–10.1 SL. 9-10.1 L.9-10.1,4 Grades 11-12 RI .11-12.1 SL11-12.1 L.11-12.1,4



Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	Common Core ELA
 Unit 5: Simulation and Debriefing Students participate in the JA Finance Park simulation. They put into action all they have learned in the classroom by making important spending decisions and maintaining a balanced budget. Students then use the knowledge and skills gained from the JA Finance Park lessons to create a portfolio and presentation that answer the following driving question: What do I need to do today to accomplish what I want in the future? Objectives: Students will: Create a family budget using hypothetical life situations Make saving and investment decisions Demonstrate understanding of the importance of making smart financial decisions now that will last throughout their lifetimes Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written, and nonverbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts Demonstrate originality and creativity Build confidence, self-esteem, and teamwork skills 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	 Personal Finance I.1.A Evaluate the role of choice in decision making. I.1.B Apply a rational decision making process to satisfy wants. I.2.A Explain how today's choices have future consequences. III.1.C Create a budget that includes savings goals, emergency funds, fixed expenses and variable expenses. CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD 7. A Utilize knowledge of the world of work; personal interests; and strengths and limitations to develop short- and long-term post-secondary plans. CD 9 A. Apply personal, ethical, and work habit skills that contribute to job success. 	Grades 9-10 RI .9–10.1,4,8 W. 9-10. 1 SL. 9-10. 1 SL. 9-10. 1-6 Grades 11-12 RI .11-12.1,4,8 W.11-12.1 W. 11-12.4-9 SL.11-12. 1 SL.11-12. 1-6



Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Other Standards	English Language Arts
 Theme 1: Employment and Income Foundation 1 Career Cluster Students learn about the 16 career clusters and how their own interests and skills can help them determine a career pathway. Objectives: Students will: Examine careers and corresponding career clusters. Apply interests and skills to specific career clusters. Research possible careers within a chosen career cluster. Analyze how interests and skills may relate to a specific career cluster. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	 Personal Finance II.1.A Evaluate how career choices impact income and quality of life. CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD.7A Utilize knowledge of the world of work; personal interests; and strengths and limitations to develop short- and long-term post- secondary plans. CD.7C. Respect all work as important, valuable, and necessary in maintaining a global society. 	RI.9-10. 1,4 W.9-10. 2,4,6,7,8 SL 9-10. 1,2,4,5,6 L 9-10. 1- 6 RI.11-12. 1,4 W.11-12. 2,4,6,7,8 SL 9-10. 1,2,4,5,6 L 11-12. 1- 6
 Theme 1 Foundation 2 Net Income Students learn the difference between gross pay and net pay and understand the various taxes and other deductions withheld from a paycheck. Objectives: Students will: Identify the difference between gross pay and net pay. Identify the components on an earnings statement (pay stub) that affect net income. Calculate net monthly income after removing taxes, benefits, and other deductions. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance II.1.A Evaluate how career choices impact income and quality of life.	Grades 9-10 9-10.RV.1 9-10.RV.3.2 9-10.SL.1 Grades 11-12 11-12.RV.1 11-12.RV.3.2 11-12.SL.1



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Theme 2: Employment and Education The Value of Education Students learn about the time commitments, costs and benefits of post-secondary education options. Then they compete to find four occupations from the Occupational Outlook Handbook with the highest return on investment. Objectives: Students will: • Identify the benefits of postsecondary education, including trade schools and military service. • Identify the income projection for a variety of careers. • Calculate the return on the educational investment for different occupations using the Occupational Outlook Handbook from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance II.1.B Analyze the relationship between education, skill development and earning potential. CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD 7B Utilize knowledge of career exploration and planning to adapt to new career and educational opportunities as the world of work and technology changes. CD 8.B Know and understand the levels of training and education required for post-secondary choices and life career goals.	RI.9-10. 1,4 SL 9-10. 1,2,4,5,6 L 9-10. 1- 6 RI.11-12. 1,4 SL 9-10. 1,2,4,5,6 L 11-12. 1- 6
 Theme 3: Financial Responsibility and Decision Making Financial Decision Making Students learn a process for making decisions and recognize the responsibilities associated with personal financial decisions. Objectives: Students will: Use rational and considered decision-making steps to select financial goals and priorities. Explain how decisions made today can impact the future 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal FinanceI.1.AEvaluate the role of choice in decision making.I.1.BApply a rational decision making process to satisfy wants.I.2.AExplain how today's choices have future consequences.CAREER DEVELOPMENTCD 8A Utilize career and educational information in career decision- making.	RI.9-10. 1,4 W.9-10. 1,4 SL 9-10. 1,2,5 L 9-10. 1- 6 RI.11-12. 1,4 W.11-12. 1,4 SL 9-10. 1,2,5 L 11-12. 1- 6



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Theme 4: Planning and Money	Grades 9-12	I Personal Finance	RI.9-10 1,4
Management	Analyza the developing	II.1.B	SL 9-10 1,2
Next-Level Budgeting Students explore the differences between needs and wants, and then learn about the parts of a budget and	Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and	Analyze spending habits to recognize current spending and saving trends. III.1.C	L 9-10 1- 6
the importance of budgeting.	public policy.	Create a budget that includes	RI.11-12 1,4
Objectives:		savings goals, emergency funds,	SL 9-10 1,2
Students will:		fixed expenses and variable expenses.	L 11-12 1- 6
 Recognize some of the reasons why people might spend more than they earn. 		III.3.A	
 Identify and use parts of a budget.List the long-term effects of overspending.		Evaluate substitutes when the price of goods or services exceeds your budget.	
Theme 5: Risk Management	Grades 9-12	Personal Finance	RI.9-10 1,4
and Insurance		VI.1.A	W.9-10 1,2,4,6,7,8
Insurance	Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people,	Analyze the personal financial	SL 9-10 1,2,4,5
Students analyze the conditions under which it is appropriate for young adults to have life, health, and disability insurance.	big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and	risks that can occur when unexpected events damage health, home, property, wealth or future opportunities.	L 9-10 1- 6
Objectives:	public policy.	VI.1.B	DI 11 12 1 4
Students will:		Explain how and why insurance	RI.11-12 1,4
 Recognize strategies for 		companies create policies and determine premiums.	W.11-12 2,4,6,7,8
managing risk.List the benefits of having		-	SL 9-10 1,2,4,5
insurance for risk management.Identify conditions under which it is appropriate for young adults		VI.1.C Analyze factors people use to choose insurance coverage.	L 11-12 1- 6
to have life, health, and disability insurance.Compare insurance policies.		VI.1.D Explain how personal behavior and risk impact insurance premiums.	
		VI.1.E	
		Analyze health insurance options to provide funds in the event of illness and/or to pay for the cost of preventive care.	



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Theme 6: Investing	Grades 9-12	Personal Finance	RI.9-10 1,4
Investing for the Future		VII.1.A	W.9-10 1,8
Students learn about different types	Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people,	Compare various financial assets	SL 9-10 1,2,5
of investments and collaborate to build a diversified investment portfolio.	big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and	for their risk and rewards such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate and commodities.	L 9-10 1- 6
Objectives:	public policy.	VII.1.B	
Students will:		Explain the impact of capital gains, dividends, risk and stock	RI.11-12 1,4
Recognize different investment		value on corporate stock	W.11-12 1,8
options.Compare the benefits and risks		ownership.	SL 9-10 1,2,5
of various investment options.Create a diversified investment		VII.1.C	L 11-12 1-6
 Create a diversified investment portfolio that maximizes profit 		Explain how the price of a financial asset is determined by the interaction of buyers and sellers in a financial market.	
		VII.1.A Explain how the rate of return earned from investments will vary according to the amount of risk.	
		VII.1.B Explain how the rates of return on financial assets are influenced by buyers and sellers in financial markets.	
		VII.1.C Explain why an investment with greater risk, such as a penny stock, will commonly have a lower market price, but an uncertain rate of return.	
		VII.1.E	
		Describe how diversification can lower investment risk.	



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 Theme 7: Simulation and Debrief Students participate in the JA Finance Park simulation then reflect on the activities they participated in during the simulation and engage in an activity to connect their learnings and takeaways from the JA Finance Park simulation to their future career and money management goals. Objectives: Students will: Identify key learnings from the JA Finance Park simulation. nalyze and apply lessons learned to future career and money management goals. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	 Personal Finance I.1.A Evaluate the role of choice in decision making. I.1.B Apply a rational decision making process to satisfy wants. I.2.A Explain how today's choices have future consequences. CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD 7B Utilize knowledge of career exploration and planning to adapt to new career and educational opportunities as the world of work and technology changes. CD 7C Respect all work as important, valuable, and necessary in maintaining a global society.	RI.9-10 1,4 W.9-10 1,2,4,6,7,8 SL 9-10 1,2,4,5,6 L 9-10 1- 6 RI.11-12 1,4 W.11-12 1,2,4,6,7,8 SL 9-10 1,2,4,5,6 L 11-12 1- 6



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Theme One: Employment and	Income		
Entrepreneurial Strengths and Talents Students are introduced to entrepreneurial characteristics and how they help in business. They take a self-assessment and create a plan to improve their entrepreneurial skills.	 Students will: Identify the characteristics of a successful entrepreneur. Examine personal entrepreneurial qualifications and characteristics. Develop a plan for building entrepreneurial skills. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	 Personal Finance II.2.E Describe how entrepreneurs see problems as opportunities for creating new or innovative goods or services. CD 7C Respect all work as important, valuable, and necessary in maintaining a global society.
Job Loss Students are introduced to factors that can lead to job loss. They learn which professions are likely to be more affected by specific factors and compare two worker scenarios. Students see how being prepared can help minimize job loss stress and they sketch out a plan to prepare for a possible job loss.	 Students will: Recognize factors that can lead to job loss, including economic downturns (layoffs, natural disasters, foreclosure), globalization, and automation. Develop a plan for preparing for job loss. Identify professional development and job retraining opportunities to help when job loss happens. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance II.1.D Analyze how changes in economic conditions and/or in labor markets can cause changes in a person's income or employment status.
My Work Values and Responsibilities Students compare two employees to see the importance of soft skills and strong work ethic, and then they learn why work ethic is important to employers. They are challenged to make ethical decisions in the workplace, and they also draft answers to mock interview questions addressing their work ethic.	 Students will: Recognize the importance of having a good work ethic and making good choices, including ethical decisions, in the workplace. Explain why certain decisions made at work, such as taking excessive sick days, having unexcused absences, or arriving late, have negative consequences. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance I.2.A Explain how today's choices have future consequences. CAREER DEVELOPMENT CD 9A Apply personal, ethical, and work habit skills that contribute to job success.



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The IRS W-4 Form Students learn about the process of withholding money for taxes on their paychecks. They can use a tax estimator to determine how much income to withhold for taxes, discover where their tax dollars are spent, and are introduced to tax exemptions. Students use the IRS website to locate the W-4 form and answer some specific questions.	 Students will: Explain the purpose of the W-4 form. Examine the employee sections of the W-4 form 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance II.3.B Explain the purpose of standard deductions such as income taxes, social security (FICA), Medicare, deductions for health care and retirement savings plans.
Theme Two: Employment and	Education		
Applying for Financial Aid with FAFSA Students learn how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for financial aid for college.	 Students will: Explain the rationale for completing the FAFSA form. Identify the resources and information required for the FAFSA form. Develop an action plan for completing the FAFSA form. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance III.2.E Analyze the costs and benefits of different payment options. V.1.C Evaluate the options for financing higher education.
Career Decisions Students create a plan based on their interests and talents and learn how to set goals to help them achieve that plan.	 Students will: Use a process to develop a career plan. Identify career choices that match interests and abilities Develop a SMART goal to help achieve a chosen career. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance II.1.A Evaluate how career choices impact income and quality of life. II.1.B Analyze the relationship between education, skill development and earning potential.



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Grades Count! Students consider the consequence of grades and other factors and their effects on college options and scholarships.	 Students will: Reflect on their current GPA and course selections in light of key factors that influence college admissions. Calculate a possible GPA based on potential new courses. List the positive steps they can take to be successful with potential new courses 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	 Personal Finance II.1.B Analyze the relationship between education, skill development and earning potential. CAREE R DEVELOPMENT CD 9A Apply personal, ethical, and work habit skills that contribute to job success.
Interpreting a Financial Aid Award Letter Students learn how to interpret a financial aid award letter and negotiate for more aid	 Students will: Recognize the options available upon receiving a financial aid award letter. Analyze the parts of a financial aid award letter. Identify effective strategies for negotiating additional financial aid. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal FinanceIII.2.EAnalyze the costs and benefits of different payment options.V.1.CEvaluate the options for financing higher education.
Paying for Postsecondary Education Students explore how to pay for postsecondary education, a major financial decision that will impact their finances for years to come.	 Students will: Identify a savings goal and plan. Contrast grants and scholarships with student loans. Explain the responsibilities associated with student loan debt. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	 Personal Finance IV.1.A Identify short, medium and long-term savings goals including saving for high value purchases, postsecondary education/training and retirement. IV.2.C Explain how the time value of money, i.e. money in hand today, is worth more than money promised in the future, influences financial decision-making. V.1.C Evaluate the options for financing higher education.



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Theme Three: Financial Res	Theme Three: Financial Responsibility and Decision Making				
Buying Your First Car	Students will:	Grades 9-12	Personal Finance		
Students learn to be smart consumers when purchasing a new or used car	buying and leasing a Analyze the developing	III.2.A Conduct research on product options to plan future purchases such as phone, car, home or vacation.			
		determine their effect on individuals, society, and	III.2.B Evaluate product information for price, quality, service and features.		
			III.2.E		
	vehicles to identify the best car for one's needs.		Analyze the costs and benefits of different payment options.		
Cost of Living	Students will:	Grades 9-12	Personal Finance		
Students consider the differences in cost of living and median wage in different areas of the United States.	 Compare cost of living in different states. Discover the different median wage for different states and occupations. Make a four-step plan for the future. 	Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	1.1.A Evaluate the role of choice in decision making.		
			1.2.A Explain how today's choices have future consequences.		
			11.1.C		
			Describe how wages and salaries are determined in labor markets.		



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My Financial Future and Debt Students learn how to use credit responsibly, why they should keep debt low, and why credit scores matter.	 Students will: Recognize the effects of late or missed payments. Explain the effect of debts on a person's net worth. Distinguish between good use and misuse of credit cards. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	 Personal Finance V.2.C Explain the relationship between risk and interest including credit worthiness and down payment. V.3.A Evaluate factors that affect creditworthiness including paying on time and payment history. V.3.B Explain the purpose and components of credit records and credit history as provided by credit bureaus. V.3.D Analyze why credit scores may be used by entities such as employers, landlords and insurance companies. V.3.H Explain responsibilities associated with the use of credit.
Philanthropy Students consider the emotional, social, and financial benefits of charitable giving as part of creating a personal financial plan.	 Students will: Explain the difference between philanthropy and charity. Express how society benefits when others donate money for worthy causes. Evaluate how philanthropy fits within a personal financial plan. Clarify how charitable giving may have tax benefits. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance II.1.D Explain how budgeting for charitable giving may have tax benefits.



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Planning for Financial Success	Students will:	Grades 9-12	Personal Finance
Students use critical thinking skills and design to communicate the benefits of financial goal planning.	 Recognize the steps for financial goal planning. Identify a financial goal and develop a plan to reach it. 	Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	 I.1.A Evaluate the role of choice in decision making. I.1.B Apply a rational decision making process to satisfy wants. I.2.A Explain how today's choices have future consequences.
Sales and Property Taxes Students determine the impact taxes have on financial decision making.	 Students will: Explain what taxes are used for. Recognize different types of taxes. Analyze the impact of taxes on financial decisions, such as buying a car or a home. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and	Personal Finance II.3.C Explain how taxes provide public goods and services.
Theme Four: Planning and Mone	y Management	public policy.	
A World Without Cash Students learn about cashless spending. They discover the pros and cons of cashless spending, reflect on the impact that apps and credit/debit cards can have on spending and security, and research a payment app.	 Students will: Explore different payment types, and classify the pros and cons of using payment apps. Identify potential security issues with using payment apps. Analyze how to use a payment app to manage spending. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	 V.1.A Analyze the difference between a credit and a debit account. VI.2.B Analyze how individuals can protect themselves from others misusing personal information and from identity theft while online. VI.2.C Discuss current ways to counter cyber-attacks and protect personal information.



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Extracurricular Expenses Students apply their understanding of	Students will: • Outline a short-term	Grades 9-12	Personal Finance
budgeting as they explore how to budget for extracurricular activities that are part of many students' high	financial goal for how to save for extracurricular expenses.Generate a personal budget to achieve the goal	Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Evaluate the role of choice in decision making.
school experiences.			1.2.A
			Explain how today's choices have future consequences.
Unexpected Expenses	Students will:	Grades 9-12	Personal Finance
Students understand the impact of unexpected expenses on their budget and the role of an emergency fund in meeting those expenses.	 Evaluate if an emergency fund should be used for different emergency scenarios. Create an emergency fund savings plan for an emergency. Analyze how saving for an emergency fund can 	Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	III.1.C Create a budget that includes savings goals, emergency funds, fixed expenses and variable expenses. IV.1.C
	impact a monthly budget.		Explain the importance of a rainy day fund for unexpected expenses.
Theme Five: Risk Management ar	id Insurance		
Auto Insurance	Students will:	Grades 9-12	Personal Finance
Students learn about different types of auto insurance policies and what each cover. They explore the costs of insurance, including premiums and deductibles, and learn strategies for keeping auto insurance costs low.	 Differentiate among the main types of auto insurance coverage. Identify ways to mitigate risk to help keep auto insurance costs down. 	Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	VI.1.A Analyze the personal financial risks that can occur when unexpected events damage health, home, property, wealth or future opportunities. VI.1.B
			Explain how and why insurance companies create policies and determine premiums.
			VI.1.C
			Analyze factors people use to choose insurance coverage.



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Mortgages Students learn the basics about mortgages, including what a mortgage payment consists of and the initial expenses for obtaining a mortgage. They explore different types of mortgages and compare fixed-rate, adjustable-rate, and balloon mortgages.	 Students will: Explain the expenses associated with taking out a mortgage. Differentiate among different types of mortgages. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance V.1.E Explain the purpose, functions and costs of a mortgage.
Theme 6: Investing			
Purchasing Stocks Students learn the basics of stock market investing, compare factors that impact the market, read and respond to scenarios about investing, and are introduced to three investing strategies.	 Students will: Recognize basic principles of investing in stocks. Identify factors that affect stocks and the stock market. List strategies for smart investing. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance VII.1.A Compare various financial assets for their risk and rewards such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate and commodities. VII.1.B Explain the impact of capital gains, dividends, risk and stock value on corporate stock ownership. VII.2.C Explain why an investment with greater risk, such as a penny stock, will commonly have a lower market price, but an uncertain rate of return.
Investing for Retirement Students learn the importance of starting to save for retirement early, the need to save for retirement consistently throughout one's working life, and the impact of failing to fund one's retirement. It also explores company-sponsored retirement plans, such as 401(k) accounts, and both traditional and Roth individual retirement accounts (IRAs).	 Students will: Explain the benefits of funding retirement early. Compare features and benefits of retirement plans, including 401(k)s and IRAs. 	Grades 9-12 Analyze the developing interconnectedness among people, big business, labor unions and governments to determine their effect on individuals, society, and public policy.	Personal Finance IV.1.D Compare retirement savings options. VI.1.A Analyze the personal financial risks that can occur when unexpected events damage health, home, property, wealth or future opportunities.

