



# University High School at ETSU, 2022-23

## Personal Finance

4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> periods

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**\*This syllabus is a living document that is subject to change as needed**

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This one-semester course is required for graduation in Tennessee. As described on the Tennessee Department of Education Website, "Personal Finance is a foundational course designed to inform students how individual choices directly influence occupational goals, future earning potential, and long term financial well-being. The standards in this course cover decision-making skills related to goal setting, earning potential, budgeting, saving, borrowing, managing risk, and investing." We will also address other life skills such as resume writing, college essays, and business and personal letters.

Click here for the Personal Finance standards: [cte\\_std\\_personal\\_finance\\_21.pdf \(tn.gov\)](#)

Our curriculum has 6 Modules

- \*Financial Responsibility and Personal Decision Making
- \*Education, Careers, and Income
- \*Planning and Money Management
- \*Credit and Debt
- \*Risk Management
- \*Saving and Investing

### **Categories and Grading Scale**

Grading categories include Tests, Projects, Quizzes, and Classwork/homework. Each assignment will be given points commensurate with the standards and weight.

No extra credit available. Students have many opportunities to show standards mastery and are invited to come in for help ANY TIME they are unsure or need support. Some low grades may be dropped, and homework structure contains exemptions.

### **Media Guidelines**

The curriculum poses the opportunity for teachers to incorporate different forms of technology into the classroom. One of these forms of technology is the showing of clips of related movies or related movies in their entirety. These films will be rated G, PG, PG-13, or, in rare cases, R. News programming and other television/internet broadcasts related to the curriculum may also be viewed. If you have any concerns about video viewing, please contact the instructor.

#### Tennessee Grading Scale

- A – 90 and Above
- B – 80-89
- C – 70-79
- D—60-69
- F – 59 and below

## **Honor Code and Plagiarism Policy**

Plagiarism, cheating, and lying are unacceptable behaviors.

Definitions:

- Plagiarism is presenting someone else's work or ideas as your own, with or without their consent.
- Cheating is to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage.
- Lying is intentional falsification or denial of fact with an intent to create a false impression.

All honor code violations may be reported to the administration for investigation.

## **Communication**

***Emails*** will be sent to the email that is in the University School database. If you wish to change this email, please contact the front office directly. *Classroom teachers are not able to update the database.* For students, the expectation is to check their University School email on a daily basis.

***Text Reminders*** Students and parents are encouraged to subscribe to "Remind". This will be used occasionally for important announcements. You will not see my phone number and I will not see yours. Standard text messaging rates apply.

***To subscribe to "Remind" and receive text messages:*** Send a text message to **81010: @796fcfd**

**Students:** Every student should check their UH email EVERYDAY for announcements and communication. Teachers will communicate with students via UH email and Canvas as well as Remind texts.

**Parents:** Teachers will call and/or email and/or meet with parents and their student, as needed, to discuss student progress.

## **Electronic Platforms**

We will be using Canvas as our electronic learning management system. Many assignments and resources will be posted there.

### **Mandatory supplies**

Charged Chromebook/other device & earbuds  
3 ring binder with 7 dividers  
Paper, pens, pencils

### **Optional Class Donations**

Tissues & Disinfecting wipes  
Markers, colored pencils

**Attendance & make-up procedures:**

It is the absent student's responsibility to check Canvas, contact teacher, and make arrangements on the day of return to complete missed assignments. Make-up work must be completed by the student within the time specified by the teacher and the handbook. If the student knows an assignment was due while absent, the assignment must be turned in on the day of return. Late work may incur a penalty of 10% per day. Please communicate early and often about any attendance or makeup challenges.

**Parents/ guardians/ student supporters:**

Feel free to contact me by email ([dinesr@etsu.edu](mailto:dinesr@etsu.edu)) with any questions or concerns. I am happy to talk over the phone or meet in person if desired. Thank you in advance for your support in making this school year in French successful. Please click on the link below to complete the electronic form by Friday, August 19, 2022.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1UEklVQSU0607rsQ8PXQWyImia4KjpLjsAZq72LModUM0FPU1FBRjcyOFZEWUdPTjE2UjNKMkhGWC4u>