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Some standards and alignment crosswalks are referenced in the appendix. Depending on the curriculum, these crosswalks should identify alignment to some of the standards mentioned below, as well as possible related academic topics as required in the Subject Area Testing Program in Algebra I, Biology I, English II, and U.S. History from 1877, which could be integrated into the content of the units. Mississippi's personal finance curriculum is aligned to the following standards:

National Standards for Business Education

The National Business Education Association (NBEA) is the nation's leading professional organization, which recognizes that business education is essential for every student in today's rapidly changing society. Therefore, the NBEA strives to serve individuals and organizations involved in the instruction, administration, and deliverance of business education, standards, and materials. The NBEA recognizes that all students will take part in the economic system, encounter a diverse business environment, and use technology to manage information in some fashion during their lifetime. Thus, a curriculum focused on enabling students to become responsible citizens, capable of making wise economic decisions, will positively impact their personal and professional lives. *NBEA Business Education Library* (2020). nbea.org

International Society for Technology in Education Standards (ISTE)

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College- and Career-Readiness Standards

College- and career-readiness standards emphasize critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Students will learn the skills and abilities demanded by the workforce of today and the future. Mississippi adopted Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards (MCCRS) to provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn and so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. mdek12.org/oae/college-and-career-readiness-standards

Framework for 21st Century Learning

In defining 21st-century learning, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills has embraced key themes and skill areas that represent the essential knowledge for the 21st century: global awareness; financial, economic, business, and entrepreneurial literacy; civic literacy; health literacy; environmental literacy; learning and innovation skills; information, media, and technology skills; and life and career skills. *21 Framework Definitions* (2019). battelleforkids.org/networks/p21/frameworks-resources

Executive Summary

Description

Personal Finance is designed to guide students in financial decision making and real-world financial issues. Topics such as decision making, income earning and reporting, budgeting, buying goods and services, saving, investing, and using credit, will be discussed.

Applied Academic Credit

The latest academic credit information can be found at mdek12.org/ese/approved-course-for-the-secondary-schools.

Teacher Licensure

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Professional Learning

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Course Outlines

One 1/2 Carnegie Unit Course

This curriculum consists of one 1/2-credit course.

Personal Finance—Course Code: 070128

Unit	Title	Hours
1	Personal Decision-Making	5
2	Earning and Reporting Income	12
3	Banking and Financial Institutions	5
4	Budgeting	15
5	Buying Goods and Services	10
6	Saving and Investing	9
7	Using Credit	9
8	Types of Insurance	5
Total		70

Unit 1: Personal Decision-Making

- 1. Define and explain individual wants and needs. DOK1
 - a. Define the following terms:
 - Wants
 - Needs
 - Values
 - Goals
 - Scarcity
 - Opportunity costs
 - Trade-off
 - b. Differentiate between wants and needs.
 - c. Identify the various factors that influence wants and needs.
- 2. Apply opportunity costs and trade-offs to personal decision-making. DOK2
- 3. Apply the steps of a decision-making process. DOK2
 - a. Identify and discuss the steps involved in the PACED decision-making process.
 - P: Identify the problem
 - A: List alternatives
 - C: Select criteria
 - E: Evaluate alternatives based on criteria
 - D: Decide
 - b. Apply the steps of the PACED decision-making process to a situation involving a personal financial decision.
- 4. Recognize and analyze the consequences of a decision. DOK 2

Unit 2: Earning and Reporting Income

- 1. Differentiate between and give examples of earned and unearned income. DOK1
 - a. Identify types of earned income (i.e., compensation): wages (e.g., minimum, overtime, holiday, etc.), salary, tips, commission, and so forth.
 - b. Identify types of unearned income:
 - Government sources (i.e., transfer payments)
 - Private sources (e.g., interest, dividends, gifts, etc.)
 - c. Discuss variable income, such as that of an entrepreneur.
- 2. Discuss human capital and how personal choices influence income. DOK1
 - a. Discuss how education, experiences, technology skills, and so forth affect future careers and income.
 - b. Identify the training and education necessary to obtain a desired job.
 - c. Identify and discuss the common challenges of citizens in low-income areas related to financial decision making and job placement (i.e., payday loans, staffing agencies, background checks, required drug tests, etc.).
- 3. Differentiate between gross and net income. DOK2
 - a. Calculate gross income, including hourly wage, overtime, holiday pay, commission, and so forth.
 - b. Explain the various types of taxes and their impact on income and purchasing power.
 - c. Discuss and give examples of deductions (e.g., taxes, insurance, etc.).
 - d. Calculate net income.
- 4. Describe information and required forms relevant to the completion of state and federal income tax forms. DOK2
 - a. Complete pre-employment forms, such as a W-4, a state tax form, and an I-9.
 - b. Complete end-of-year tax returns (e.g., 1040, state tax form, etc.).
 - c. Discuss reasons why one would receive a W-2 or a 1099.

Unit 3: Banking and Financial Institutions

- 1. Identify the various types of financial institutions and list the basic products and services provided by those institutions. DOK1
 - a. Identify and discuss various types of financial institutions (e.g., banks, credit unions, online banking, etc.).
 - b. List and describe the products and services provided by financial institutions (e.g., savings, checking, credit cards, loans, safe deposit boxes, etc.).
- 2. Research and describe various concepts related to checking accounts. DOK2
 - a. Identify steps involved in opening a checking account.
 - b. Compare and contrast different types of checking accounts offered by various institutions.
 - c. Describe and demonstrate the steps involved in the bank reconciliation process.
- 3. Identify and describe the various options for monetary transactions. DOK2
 - a. Discuss the various ways to deposit funds (e.g., deposit slip, online, etc.).
 - b. Demonstrate how to write and endorse a check.
 - c. Differentiate among types of electronic monetary transactions (e.g., debit cards, ATM, direct deposit, online banking transfers, etc.).
 - d. Research and discuss new and emerging ways to transfer money (e.g., PayPal, Zelle, Venmo, ApplePay, etc.) and how they affect financial institutions.
 - e. Discuss other ways to transfer money (e.g., cashier's check, money order, etc.).

Unit 4: Budgeting

- 1. Identify short- and long-term financial goals to construct a personal spending and/or savings plan. DOK1
- 2. Define and categorize fixed and variable expenses. DOK1
- 3. Discuss and create a budget. DOK3
 - a. Research budgeting applications and discuss the pros and cons of each.
 - b. Identify various rules for budgeting to determine what percent of income is allocated to each type of expense.
 - c. Evaluate an example monthly statement/budget and identify income, fixed expenses, variable expenses, and so forth.
 - d. Create a monthly budget using a given scenario.
 - e. Discuss how income and spending patterns change throughout the life cycle.

Unit 5: Buying Goods and Services

- 1. Distinguish between goods and services. DOK1
- 2. Apply comparison shopping practices. DOK2
 - a. Identify differences of name-brand and generic items.
 - b. Demonstrate couponing and the use of various applications used to help save money and compare prices.
- 3. Research and identify various ways to purchase goods and services (e.g., online, storefronts, retail, wholesale, etc.). DOK1
- 4. Examine the impact of advertising and marketing on consumer demand and decision making in the global marketplace. DOK2
 - a. Discuss impulse buying and buyer's remorse.
 - b. Discuss influence of product placement, packaging, and other characteristics that influence purchasing.
- 5. Describe the role that supply and demand and market structure play in determining the availability and price of goods and services. DOK2
 - a. Define supply and demand and market structure.
 - b. Discuss how these factors influence price and purchasing behavior.
- 6. Describe how to identify and report fraudulent behavior and practices when purchasing goods and services. DOK2

Unit 6: Saving and Investing

- 1. Compare saving and investing and apply principles to make decisions regarding each. DOK2
 - a. Differentiate between saving and investing.
 - b. Identify and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of various savings and investing plans.
 - c. Apply criteria for choosing a savings or investment instrument (e.g., market risk, inflation risk, interest rate risk, liquidity, and minimum amount needed for investment).
- 2. Analyze and apply concepts about simple and compound interest. DOK2
 - a. Compare and contrast simple and compound interest and the impact each have on savings.
 - b. Analyze the power of compounding and the importance of starting early in implementing a plan for savings and investing.
 - c. Calculate and apply the Rule of 72.
 - d. Apply the concept of Time Value of Money.
- 3. Research and describe other considerations and items related to savings and investing. DOK2
 - a. Explain how and why the stock market functions.
 - b. Examine the fundamental workings of the Social Security System and the system's effects on retirement.
 - c. Discuss various items related to a monetary inheritance (e.g., financial implications, investment options, taxation, etc.).

Unit 7: Using Credit

- 1. Investigate credit and the effects one's credit score has on their financial decisions. DOK1
 - a. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using credit.
 - b. Explain the need for a sound credit rating and the importance of annually monitoring one's own credit rating.
 - c. Read and interpret a credit report.
- 2. Research, discuss, and apply principles about loans. DOK2
 - a. Define interest as a cost of credit and explain why it is charged.
 - b. Explain how the amount of principal, the period of the loan, and the interest rate affect the amount of interest charged.
 - c. Calculate a payment schedule for a loan.
 - d. Evaluate various loan scenarios to discern the best option available (e.g., annual percentage rate [APR], cash back, etc.).
- 3. Research and discuss ways to identify and prevent identity theft related to credit cards and loans. DOK2
 - a. Identify the most common and current methods of identity theft to be aware of.
 - b. Analyze various real-life scenarios of identity theft and discuss how they could have been avoided.

Unit 8: Types of Insurance

- 1. Discuss risk and the role of insurance. DOK1
 - a. Identify risks in life and how to protect against the consequences of those risks.
 - b. Explain the role of insurance in financial planning as a wealth-building and wealth preservation tool.
- 2. Identify and discuss the various types of insurance and basic insurance concepts. DOK2
 - a. Define basic insurance terms (e.g., deductible, premium, etc.).
 - b. Identify the various types of insurance and the legal expectations for certain ones.
- 3. Explain how insurance needs vary among individuals, families, seasons of life, and so forth. DOK2
 - a. Discuss the various factors that influence choice of insurance type and amount.
 - b. Develop a recommended insurance coverage for a given scenario with various factors, including family/individual, income, age levels, and so forth.

Appendix: National Business Education Association Standards

	Units	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Standards									
NBEA-PF1		X							
NBEA-PF2			X						
NBEA-PF3					X				
NBEA-PF4							X		
NBEA-PF5						X			
NBEA-PF6				X					
NBEA-PF7								X	
NBEA-PF8									X

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NBEA-PF1 – Personal Decision Making

• Use a data-informed decision-making process as it applies to the roles of citizens, workers, and consumers.

NBEA-PF2 – Earning and Reporting Income

• Identify various forms of income and analyze factors that affect income as a part of the career decision-making process.

NBEA-PF3 - Managing Finances and Budgeting

• Develop and evaluate a spending/savings plan.

NBEA-PF4 – Saving and Investing

• Evaluate savings and investment options to meet short- and long-term goals.

NBEA-PF5 – Buying Goods and Services

• Apply a decision-making model to maximize consumer satisfaction when buying goods and services.

NBEA-PF6 – Banking and Financial Institutions

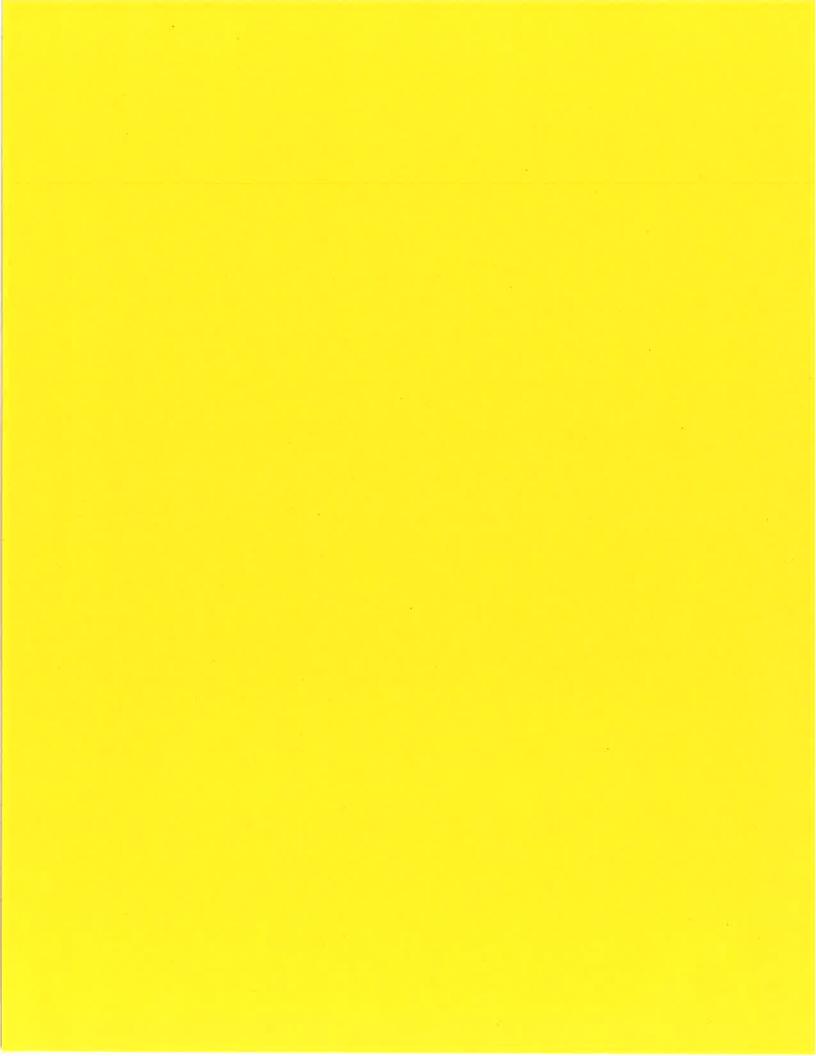
• Evaluate products and services provided by financial deposit institutions to transfer funds.

NBEA-PF7 – Using Credit

• Analyze factors that affect the choice of credit, the cost of credit, and the legal aspects of using credit.

NBEA-PF8 – Protecting Against Risk

 Analyze choices available to consumers for protection against risk and financial loss.



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Competency 1: Explain the fundamental principles of financial exchanges.

Suggested Enduring Understandings

- 1.—Students will learn the exchanges of money and finances in the economy.
- 2. There are legal responsibilities associated with financial exchanges.

- 1. What role does money play in our economy?
- 2. What are the legalities when dealing with money and finances?

Suggested Performance Indicators	Suggested Teaching Strategies	Suggested Assessment Strategies	
a. Explain forms of financial exchange.	a. Define money to include that it consists of currency, checkable deposits, traveler's checks, savings accounts, time deposits, money market mutual fund accounts, debit cards, and electronic money. Have students compare, contrast, and determine relationships between the various types of currency to include legal tender notes and coinage. Describe the three functions of money to include store of value, unit of account, and medium of exchange. Describe the methods of obtaining capital to include equity, capital, retained earnings, and debt capital. Explain the time value of money to include the role of time in demand.	a. Monitor class activity to ensure that all students participate.	
b. Identify types of currency.	b. Have a guest speaker from the Federal Reserve System in New Orleans speak to students about the process of making and distributing money.	b. Evaluate students' understanding by writing five new facts that they learned from the presentation.	
c. Describe functions of money.	c. Hold a classroom discussion on the benefits of credit to include convenience, protection, emergencies, opportunity to build credit, quicker gratification, special offers, and bonuses. Be sure to include the potential risks of credit to include interest, overspending, debt, and identity theft.	c. Assess students' knowledge through a summative assessment using a classroom response system and/or Blackboard.	
d. Describe sources of income.	d. View a video on personal finance. Have each- student complete a fill-in-the-blank quiz while they watch the video.	d. Assess student understanding by reviewing the fill-in-the-blank quiz.	
e. Explain the time value of money.	e. Hold a classroom discussion on opportunity costs- and the part that it plays in marketing.	e. Assess student- understanding based- on participation in class discussion.	

f. Explain the purposes	f. Hold a classroom discussion about the four (or six)	f. Use a checklist to
and importance of	Cs of credit that include character, capacity,	evaluate the list
credit.	capital, and conditions/circumstances and	created by students.
	sometimes include collateral, coverage, and	
	capability. List why each is important and why	
	banks would need to know the four (or six) Cs of	
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g. Explain legal	g. View the "The American Currency Exhibit,"	g. Evaluate student
responsibilities	"Mutual Funds," and "The Money Connection"	examples and
associated with	that can be ordered from the Federal Reserve	scenarios based on a
financial exchanges.	System with no cost. From the teacher's guide-	rubric.
_	from "Savers and Borrowers," have students	
	complete practical examples and realistic	
	scenarios that will assist students in making crucial	
	financial decisions.	

Competency 2: Manage personal finances to achieve financial goals.

Suggested Enduring Understandings

1. It is imperative to manage your personal finances in today's economy.

2. Protecting your credit is vital to a healthy financial profile.

- 1. Why should I keep up with my spending?
- 2. What difference does it make if my credit rating is good or bad?

Suggested Performance Indicators	Suggested Teaching Strategies	Suggested Assessment Strategies
a. Discuss financial	a. View the video "Needs and Wants" provided by	a. Evaluate the Needs
needs.	United Streaming. Upon completion, have-	and Wants
	students list all of the items they can think of that	presentation for
	they purchased over the past month. Divide-	content and
	students into groups of three to four in order to	appearance using the
	determine which items were wants and which-	Presentation Rubric.
	items were needs. The group must come to a	
	consensus. The group will present to the class its	
	findings via an electronic slide presentation. Have	
	each of the other groups use a presentation rubric	
	to determine grading for the presenting group.	
b. Set financial goals.	b. Have students use the NEFE High School Planning	b. Evaluate the
	Program that can be ordered from the National	completed exercises
	Endowment for Financial Education	for accuracy and
	(http://www.nefe.org) free of charge and	completion.
	complete the exercises in the book.	
c. Develop personal	c. Use budgeting software to create a personal	c. Evaluate the
budgets.	budget.	completed personal
		budget by using a
		checklist.
d. Discuss tax liabilities.	d. Discuss the information that is on the W-2 and the	d. Monitor class activity
	Form 1040EZ and the legal reason to save	to ensure that all
	documentation for 10 years. Discuss Social	students participate.

	Security taxes, Medicare taxes, and Mississippi taxes.	
e. Interpret a pay stub.	e. Review a pay stub, and discuss the various- benefits that are not included on that pay stub- that add value to pay to include paid leave, health insurance, retirement plans, life insurance, disability insurance, and education assistance.	e. Monitor class activity to ensure that all students participate.
F. Read and reconcile bank statements.	f. Use the Banking on Your Future books from the Young Banker's at http://www.msbankers.com (free resource) or http://www.nefe.org (another free resource) to allow students to go through the process of personal banking.	f. Monitor class activity to ensure that all students participate.
records.	g. View the video "What is Financial Future" at http://www.unitedstreaming.com. Use the Blackline master posted at the same Web site as student guided notes.	g. Using the Blackline-master of "What is-Financial Future," create a quiz using Blackboard on the need for financial planning. The original quiz is located at http://www.unitedstreaming.com.
n. Discuss strategies for the wise use of credit.	h. Have students participate in a mock- automobile purchase where they research the car of their dreams and calculate the total cost of purchasing that car with the features wanted. They are then to research various loans to determine the total cost of paying for the car including interest rates over a 36, 48, and 60 month period. After the total cost is determined, students are to research the cost of insurance, tag, tax, and title of the vehicle and present the total costs to the class using an Excel spreadsheet and graph of those costs.	h. Evaluate the Venn diagram and presentation for content and appearance.
Explain the importance of maintaining a positive credit history.	i. Introduce Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion asthe three main credit-reporting agencies, and describe how the credit score is used by lenders and potential employers. Hold a classroom debate on the ethical uses of credit-reporting agencies in determining employment. Use a teacher-created debate rubric in determining proper procedures.	i. Assess students' knowledge through a summative assessment using a classroom response system and/or Blackboard.
Protect against identity theft.	j. Have students view a video and/or a movie about identity theft and hold a classroom discussion on how to prevent identity theft.	j. Monitor class activity to ensure that all students participate.
:. Prepare personal income tax forms.	k. Download the 1040EZ from http://www.irs.gov , and have students complete a tax form with teacher-created mock information and W-2. Also, have students prepare a Mississippi tax form using the same mock documentation.	k. Evaluate the tax form for correctness.

Competency 3: Recognize the role of financial services providers in achieving financial goals.

Suggested Enduring Understandings

- 1. Many types of financial service providers exist for our use.
- When selecting a financial service provider, you should consider the attributes of each.

Suggested Essential Questions

- 1. What are some of the different types of financial service providers?
- 2. When selecting a financial services provider, what attributes are important for consideration?

Suggested Performance Indicators	Suggested Teaching Strategies	Suggested Assessment Strategies
a. Describe types of financial services providers.	a. Have students use the Internet to research types of financial services providers. Define for them a financial services provider as a retailer that provides personal services that relate to money or other financial matters. Explain the types of financial services providers to include banks, credit unions, accounting firms, tax preparation firms, insurance companies, and stock-brokerage firms. Have students present findings to the class.	a. Monitor class activity to ensure that all students participate.
b. Discuss considerations for selecting a financial services provider.	b. Have students discuss considerations in selecting a financial services provider to include the original cost of obtaining the financial service, the interestrate, and the power that the financial services providers will have to influence business operations. Have students post comments and ideas on a Wiki/discussion board in Blackboard.	b. Evaluate students' Wiki/discussion board postings for correctness.

Competency 4: Apply investment strategies to ensure financial well-being.

Suggested Enduring Understandings

- 1. Many types of investments exist for our financial well-being.
- 2. Businesses need financial resources.

- 1. What are some of the different types of investments?
- 2. What is the nature of capital investments?
- 3. Why do businesses need financial resources to meet the needs of the business?
- 4. What are some of your investment goals for the future?

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Suggested Performance Indicators	Suggested Teaching Strategies	Suggested Assessment Strategies
a. Explain types of	a. Have students use the Internet to research types	a. Monitor class activity to
investments.	of investments to include the most common	ensure that all students
	financial investments such as interest-bearing	participate.
	checking accounts, savings accounts, savings	
	bonds, certificates of deposit, money market	
	accounts, mutual funds, and treasury instruments.	
	Have students present findings to the class.	=
b. Explain the nature of	b. Discuss the nature of capital investment to include	b. Evaluate students'
capital investment.	the fact that businesses need financial resources	Wiki/discussion board
	in order to meet needs of the business. Capital	postings for correctness.
	investment allows the business to be provided	=

			with the money needed to grow the business. Have students post comments and ideas on a Wiki/discussion board in Blackboard.		
€.	Establish investment goals and objectives.	с.	Have students use the Internet to research- investment goals and objectives to include the importance of investors setting investment goals based on the amount of liquidity, safety, and growth. Have students present findings to the class.	c.	Evaluate research for content and appearance.

Suggested Enduring Understandings

- Different types of pay schedules are used when calculating employee payroll.
- 2. When calculating hourly wages, employee's overtime pay, piece rate pay, salary, straight, and variable commission must all be used.
- Time worked can be calculated per day, week, or pay period.
- 4. Tax tables are used to determine federal income tax withheld.
- 5. The percentage method is used to determine federal income tax withheld.
- Each state uses a certain percentage to calculate state income tax.
- Some states use a variable tax base to calculate state income tax.
- 8. Social Security taxes are calculated and withheld from employee earnings.
- 9. Medicare taxes are calculated and withheld from employee earnings.
- 10. The legislative has a history of its role in the creation of the federal income tax, Social-Security tax, and Medicare tax.
- 11. Health insurances are deducted from employees' earnings.
- 12. An employee's net earnings are determined after all deductions have been calculated.
- 13. An earnings statement must be completed when computing payroll.
- 14. Completing a W-4 form demonstrates the practices of citizenship for participation in a democratic society.
- 15. A 1040EZ is used when preparing an income tax return.

- How are schedules used when calculating employee payroll?
- 2. What must be used to calculate employee hourly
- 3. How can time worked be calculated?
- What is used to determine federal income tax withheld?
- How are percentages used to determine federal income tax withheld?
- 6. How does each state calculate state income tax?
- 7. How are variable tax bases used to calculate state income tax?
- 8. How are Social Security taxes calculated?
- 9. How are Medicare taxes calculated?
- 10. What role has the legislative played in the creation of federal income tax, Social Security tax. and Medicare tax?
- 11. How are health insurances deducted from employees' earnings?
- 12. How is an employee's net earnings calculated?
- 13. What is the purpose of an earnings statement?
- 14. What is the purpose of completing a W-4 form?
- 15. When is a 1040EZ form used?

Suggested Performance Indicators	Suggested Teaching Strategies	Suggested Assessment Strategies
a. Compare and calculate	a. Ask students the following questions: How many	a. Assess student
the various types of	of you are currently working to earn a paycheck?	understanding by
pay schedules.	Have you actually looked closely at your pay stub?	observing contributions
	Do you know for sure that you are being haid	to class discussions and

	properly? Do you get to keep all the money you earn?	participation in activities.
b. Calculate pay for- hourly wage- employees including overtime pay, piece- rate pay, salary, straight and variable (graduated) commission, and salary plus commission.	b. Have students calculate hourly wages according to a given scenario.	b. Evaluate completed forms for accuracy and completeness.
c. Calculate time worked per day, week, and pay period (including overtime).	c. Have students calculate time worked according to a given scenario.	c. Evaluate completed forms for accuracy and completeness.
d. Use tax tables to- determine federal income tax withheld.	d. Have students review a tax table and determine the federal income tax withheld.	d. Evaluate completed forms for accuracy and completeness.
e. Use the percentage method to determine federal income tax withheld.	e. Provide students with a federal tax schedule. Have students calculate the federal income tax withheld from an employee's earning.	e. Evaluate completed- forms for accuracy and completeness.
f. Use a given percent to calculate state income tax.	f. Have students use the Internet to research their state's income tax rate. Instruct the students to calculate the state income tax withheld according to a given scenario.	f. Have students self- assess research using the Web Page Evaluation Checklist.
g. Use a variable tax base (graduated income-basis) to calculate state income tax.	g. Have students use a tax base to calculate a state- income tax.	g. Assess student- understanding by observing contributions to class discussions and participation in activities.
h. Calculate Social Security taxes to bewithheld.	h. Have students calculate Social Security taxes according to a given scenario.	h. Assess student- understanding by observing contributions to class discussions and participation in activities.
i. Calculate Medicare- taxes to be withheld.	i. Have students calculate Medicare taxes to be withheld according to a given scenario.	i. Assess student- understanding by observing contributions to class discussions and participation in activities.
j. Analyze legislative history and the presidential role in the creation of the federal income tax, Social Security, and Medicare.	j. Have students use the Internet to research the legislative history and presidential role in the creation of the federal income tax, Social Security, and Medicare. What were the reasons behind the creation of the federal income tax, Social Security, and Medicare? What is the current status of these systems? (History of the U.S. tax system: http://www.treasury.gov/education/fact-sheets/taxes/ustax.shtml; Social Security history: http://www.ssa.gov/history/history.html; and	j. Evaluate the brochure using the Sources of Government Funding Brochure Checklist.

history of Medicare: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/History/)

Have students use their historical knowledge toassess the current status of the federal incometax, Social Security, and Medicare. Have studentsdebate each topic.

Classroom debate how to's may be found at the following Web sites:

http://712educators.about.com/library/howto/ht-debate.htm-

http://web.archive.org/web/20060503194518/http://w3.tvi.edu/~cgulick/roles.htmhttp://web.archive.org/web/20060502021955/http://www.occdsb.on.ca/~proj1615/debate.htm

Access the IRS Web site at http://www.irs.gov/, and lead the class in a discussion in which students evaluate the United States taxation system.

Have students use Internet resources to definethe characteristics of capitalism and evaluate the role of the U.S. taxation system in a capitalistic society.

Have students use Internet resources to compareand contrast the sources of government funding of the United States (i.e., taxation) to France, Germany, Russia, and China.

Provide information related to design principles. http://desktoppub.about.com/cs/basics/f/dtp_rules.htm

http://desktoppub.about.com/od/designprinciples/Principles of Design.htm

Have students create a brochure that lists and describes sources of government funding for France, Germany, Russia, and China. Include an analytical section under each country describing the pros and cons of the funding sources. Have students present their findings to the class.

- Calculate employee's share of health insurance deductions.
- k. Have students research the Internet to find cost of different types of health insurance.
- Have students selfassess research using the Web Page Evaluation Checklist.

- I. Calculate net pay.
- I. Demonstrate how to calculate employee net earnings.
- I. Evaluate completed forms for accuracy and completeness.

- m. Complete an earnings
- m. Demonstrate the steps to complete an earnings
- m. Evaluate completed

statement.	statement.	forms for accuracy and completeness.
n. Complete a payroll register.	n. Demonstrate payroll procedures using a data- projector and spreadsheet software. Have students develop a spreadsheet with formulas and then input payroll information for 10 employees.	n. Evaluate the payroll- spreadsheet for accuracy and completeness.
o. Prepare Form W-4 to- demonstrate the practices of citizenship- for participation in a- democratic society.	o. Demonstrate how to prepare Form W-4 and a 1040EZ income tax return. Have students complete the forms (http://taxes.about.com/od/preparingyourtaxes/h-t/W4.htm and http://www.irs.gov/).	o. Evaluate completed forms for accuracy and completeness.
p. Prepare a 1040EZ- income tax return.	p. Obtain copies of a 1040EZ form from the Internet or local post office. Have students complete the 1040EZ.	p. Evaluate completed forms for accuracy and completeness.

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