

**Michigan State
Economics Content Expectations
for
Personal Finance**

**Correlation to
Virtual Business – Personal Finance (VBPF)**

E4 PERSONAL FINANCE:

4.1 Decision Making

Describe and demonstrate how the economic forces of scarcity and opportunity costs impact individual and household choices.

Expectation	Virtual Business – Personal Finance Lessons & Activities
4.1.1 Scarcity and Opportunity Costs – Apply concepts of scarcity and opportunity costs to personal financial decision making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time Management & Health • Finding A Job • Budgeting & Saving • Finding An Apartment • Shopping • Buying A Home • New Career Project • Multiplayer Competitions
4.1.2 Marginal Benefit and Cost – Use examples and case studies to explain and evaluate the impact of marginal benefit and marginal cost of an activity on choices and decisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time Management & Health • Finding An Apartment • Buying A Car • Shopping • Buying A Home • New Career Project • Multiplayer Competitions
4.1.3 Personal Finance Strategy – Develop a personal finance strategy for earning, spending, saving and investing resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding A Job • Budgeting & Saving • Finding An Apartment • Buying A Car • Shopping • Choosing & Balancing A Checking Account • Getting A Credit Card • Fixing Your Credit • Education & Advancement • Using Online Banking • Paying Your Taxes • Intro To Investing • Risk Vs. Return • Diversification • Investing For Retirement • Buying A Home • Insurance • New Career Project • Multiplayer Competitions

<p>4.1.4 Key Components of Personal Finance – Evaluate key components of personal finance including, money management, saving and investment, spending and credit, income, mortgages, retirement, investing (e.g., 401K, IRAs), and insurance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding A Job • Budgeting & Saving • Finding An Apartment • Buying A Car • Shopping • Choosing & Balancing A Checking Account • Getting A Credit Card • Fixing Your Credit • Education & Advancement • Using Online Banking • Paying Your Taxes • Intro To Investing • Risk Vs. Return • Diversification • Investing For Retirement • Buying A Home • Insurance • New Career Project • Multiplayer Competitions
<p>4.1.5 Personal Decisions – Use a decision-making model (e.g., stating a problem, listing alternatives, establishing criteria, weighing options, making the decision, and evaluating the result) to evaluate the different aspects of personal finance including careers, savings and investing tools, and different forms of income generation.</p>	<p>All VBPF lessons allow the student to constantly analyze personal decisions based on available resources and adjust their lifestyle accordingly to reach their goals.</p>
<p>4.1.6 Risk Management Plan – Develop a risk management plan that uses a combination of avoidance, reduction, retention, and transfer (insurance).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro To Investing • Risk Vs. Return • Diversification • Risk Vs. Return • Investing For Retirement • Insurance

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http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SS_HSCE_210739_7.pdf.