

# GUARANTEE A PERSONAL FINANCE COURSE FOR ALL MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOLERS

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## WHAT'S IN THE BILL?

- Requirement for high school students to take semester credit class in personal finance.
- Course can be taught by Agricultural Education, Business, Family and Consumer Science, Math, or Social Studies teachers.
- Credit will replace an elective or math credit other than algebra I, geometry, and statistics and probability.

## WHY NOW?



Only 7% of Minnesota high school students are guaranteed to take a personal finance course of at least one semester prior to graduation. (NGPF 2022 State of Financial Education report: https://www.ngpf.org/state-of-fin-ed-report-2021-2022/)

Surging momentum. 17 states guarantee all high school students take a standalone personal finance course. New personal finance guarantees have been celebrated by Governors of both major parties.

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Urgent need. Buy-now-pay-later, cryptocurrency speculation, and game-like investing apps are the latest trends targeting youth. *Financial education empowers youth* with critical thinking skills, and significantly improves long-term financial behaviors. *Financial literacy is a core literacy.* 

Strong parental demand. Public opinion polls consistently demonstrate 80%+ support for instituting personal finance as a stand-alone requirement for high school graduation. 82% of Minnesota voters think all high school students should be guaranteed a course in personal finance, with 86% believing the legislature should address in urgent manner. (*Public Policy Polling, 2022*)

#### Endorsed by the following organizations:

Minnesota Council on Economic Education (MCEE)



Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF)



Big I Minnesota

Minnesota Bankers Association

Minnesota Credit Union Network (MnCUN)

Minnesota Financial Planning Association

Minnesota Insurance & Financial Services Council

Minnesota Realtors

Moneyweave Academy

National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)-MN

### BENEFITS OF A GUARANTEED PERSONAL FINANCE COURSE

Graduates of high schools with guaranteed financial education use subsidized student loans 13% more often than their peers without guaranteed financial education. <sup>1</sup>

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Graduates of high schools with guaranteed financial education are 21% less likely to carry a balance on a credit card while in college.<sup>1</sup> Financial education concepts have multiple applications and build on each other, students who are exposed to financial education early and repeatedly can achieve financial literacy proficiency.<sup>2</sup>

Saving an average of **\$1,300** in high-interest private debt per student.

Source: 1. Stoddard, C. and Urban, C. (2018). The Effects of K-12 Financial Education Mandates on Student Postsecondary Education Outcomes. 2. The National Endowment for Financial Education® 2016 Summary on Enhancing Retirement Savings with School-Based Financial Education by Annamaria Lusardi, Ph.D.

#### STATE SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Respects local control. Flexible approach keeps decision making local, including decision regarding curriculum, who teachers the course, and what type of credit it counts towards.

Supports College and Career Preparedness. Personal finance instruction enhances and strengthens college and career readiness education. Districts requiring a personal finance course often integrate it seamlessly with college and career readiness.

Implements course at little to no cost. FLCM partners MCEE & NGPF, and also Jump\$tart MN, will provide teacher professional development and access to free curriculum for implementing the required course.

#### Current training footprint in Minnesota:

These organizations have communication networks and resources, and provide professional development workshops to thousands of MN teachers each year.



The Minnesota Council on Economic Education (MCEE) works to teach teachers, engage students, and reach communities across the state with comprehensive and relevant economic and financial literacy education. *www.mcee.umn.edu* 



The Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF) mission is to revolutionize the teaching of personal finance in all schools and to improve the financial lives of the next generation of Americans. *www.ngpf.org*