



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Instructional Leaders
Career and Technical Education Directors
Personnel Administrators
School Counselors

FROM: Quincie L. Moore, Ph.D.
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DATE: May 9, 2023

RE: Personal Finance one-half (0.5) unit Graduation Requirement

This memorandum is a follow up to the February 13, 2023 memorandum regarding Personal Finance one-half (0.5) unit Graduation Requirement. On May 9, 2023, upon the second reading, the State Board of Education approved the standards for the Personal Finance one-half (0.5) unit Graduation Requirement. The new one-half unit course will be available through multiple formats: face-to-face instruction, virtual, and hybrid. Personal Finance course standards are located on the Finance Course Standards [webpage](#) and resources are in the [Instruction Hub](#).

Courses Approved to Meet the Personal Finance Graduation Requirement

In addition to the required one-half unit, one-unit state-approved courses have been approved to meet the graduation requirement.

<u>Activity Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Credit (Unit)</u>
5131	Advanced Personal Finance (formerly Personal Finance)	1.0
5141	Personal Finance	.5
5271	Banking Services	1.0
5273	Business Finance	1.0
5400	Entrepreneurship	1.0
5812	Financial Fitness	1.0
5277	Securities and Investments	1.0

If a school district is interested in using a post-secondary course to align with one of the approved one-unit high school courses, submit the Dual Credit for Completer Status Application to Dr. Eleanor Glover, eglover@ed.sc.gov.

Acceptable Certification Fields to Teach a Personal Finance Course

Teachers certified in one of the following fields may teach a Personal Finance course without additional preparation being required; however, teachers are strongly encouraged to participate in professional development offerings related to Personal Finance.

Certification Code	Certification Field
4H	Business and Marketing Education
35	Family and Consumer Science
4B	Business/Marketing/Computer Technology*
44	Accounting and Related Business*
48	Accounting and Related Economics*
47	Business Education*
40	Commerce/Office Occupations*
46	Data/Information Processing*
32	Distributive Education*

*Certification fields denoted by an asterisk are no longer issued; however, these fields are acceptable so long as the educator holds a current, valid certificate.

Acceptable Certification Fields with Additional Preparation

Teachers certified in one of the following fields must complete approved training in order to teach a Personal Finance course for graduation credit.

Certification Code	Certification Field
23	Economics +
10	Mathematics +
GLC	Grade Level Certification +

The designation GLC refers to any certification fields that is appropriate for the grade level; the plus sign denotes that approved training in addition to the certification field is required.

SCDE Approved Personal Finance Professional Development

As mentioned in the February 3, 2023 memorandum, the Personal Finance Symposium is available at the Education and Business Summit, June 26-28, in Greenville, S.C. Teachers in the designated certification fields can teach Personal Finance 5141 and the other approved courses without additional preparation but it is strongly recommended. Teachers in the GLC+ fields must complete approved PD to teach one of the courses, the Personal Finance Symposium is the first

training to be offered. The Symposium includes seven sessions aligned with the seven key concepts: Managing Personal Finance, Understanding Insurance and Risk, Utilizing Banking Services, Managing Credit, Financing Education and Training, Understanding Taxes, and Building Financial Security. In addition, the Wise Teacher Certification prep and test administration will be offered. Vendor demonstrations and resources (e.g., EverFi, NextGen Personal Finance, and Personal Finance Track) will also be available at the Education and Business Summit.

Registration for the Symposium is found at the Education and Business Summit website (EBSummit.info). On the registration form select “Participation in the Personal Finance Track”. The professional development is geared to new personal finance teachers focused on the one-half unit Personal Finance course.

Announcements will be made regarding additional training opportunities as a follow-up to this memorandum. Additional information is found in the [Personal Finance Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

Please contact Dr. Quincie Moore, qmoore@ed.sc.gov, 803-734-1426, Dana Depew, ddepew@ed.sc.gov, 803-734-2828, or Dr. Eleanor Glover, eglover@ed.sc.gov, 803-734-3826, if you have questions regarding this information. For related teacher certification questions, contact Sherry Schneider, sschneider@ed.sc.gov, 803-896-0394.