Unit 03: Bond Investing

Content Area: **Business**
Course(s): **Generic Course**
Time Period: **Semester 1 & 2**
Length: **3 weeks**
Status: **Published**

Standards

PFL.9.1.12.B.1	Prioritize financial decisions by systematically considering alternatives and possible consequences.
PFL.9.1.12.B.2	Compare strategies for saving and investing and the factors that influence how much should be saved or invested to meet financial goals.
PFL.9.1.12.B.4	Analyze how income and spending plans are affected by age, needs, and resources.
PFL.9.1.12.C.1	Compare and contrast the financial benefits of different products and services offered by a variety of financial institutions.
PFL.9.1.12.D.1	Calculate short- and long-term returns on various investments (e.g., stocks, bonds, mutual funds, IRAs, deferred pension plans, and so on).
PFL.9.1.12.D.8	Explain how government and independent financial services and products are used to achieve personal financial goals.
PFL.9.1.12.D.10	Differentiate among various investment products and savings vehicles and how to use them most effectively.
PFL.9.1.12.D.12	Compare and contrast the past and present role of government in the financial industry and in the regulation of financial markets.
PFL.9.1.12.D.13	Determine the impact of various market events on stock market prices and on other savings and investments.
PFL.9.1.12.D.14	Evaluate how taxes affect the rate of return on savings and investments.

Enduring Understanding

Students will understand that adding bonds to their investment portfolio will add diversity and can help during equity market downturns.

Essential Questions

- What is a bond, and how does an investor make money investing in bonds?
- What are the risks with bond investing?
- What is the importance of diversifying my investment portfolio?

Knowledge and Skills

Students will be able to:

- Describe what it means to own individual bonds
- Explain how investors make or lose money through owning bonds
- Describe the main types of bonds
- Identify factors that can influence bond prices such as interest rates
- Identify key terms related to bond investing then practice calculating bond coupon rates and rates of return
- Know the value of having an investment portfolio containing both stocks and bonds

Transfer Goal

Students will be able to discern the significance of economic, market and world news events as it relates to their own finances.

Students will apply their knowledge of investing fundamentals to meet their future life goals.

Resources

Curriculum is based on resources from NexGen Personal Finance (NGPF), along with online resources such as Yahoo Finance, Investopedia, The Stock Market Game, and How The Market Works.