

Unit 04: Investing in Funds

Content Area: **Business**
Course(s): **Generic Course**
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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.3	Construct a plan to accumulate emergency “rainy day” funds.
PFL.9.1.12.B.4	Analyze how income and spending plans are affected by age, needs, and resources.
PFL.9.1.12.B.5	Analyze how changes in taxes, inflation, and personal circumstances can affect a personal budget.
PFL.9.1.12.B.6	Design and utilize a simulated budget to monitor progress of financial plans.
PFL.9.1.12.B.8	Describe and calculate interest and fees that are applied to various forms of spending, debt, and saving.
PFL.9.1.12.B.10	Develop a plan that uses the services of various financial institutions to meet personal and family financial goals.
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.C.2	Compare and compute interest and compound interest and develop an amortization table using business tools.
PFL.9.1.12.D	Planning, Saving, and Investing
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.2	Assess the impact of inflation on economic decisions and lifestyles.
PFL.9.1.12.D.3	Summarize how investing builds wealth and assists in meeting long- and short-term financial goals.
PFL.9.1.12.D.4	Assess factors that influence financial planning.
PFL.9.1.12.D.5	Justify the use of savings and investment options to meet targeted goals.
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.9	Relate savings and investment results to achievement of 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.
PFL.9.1.12.D.15	Analyze how savings, retirement plans, and other investment options help to shift current income for purposes of tax reporting and filing.

Enduring Understanding

A mutual fund is a professionally managed group of investments bought using a pool of money from many investors.

They are operated by professional fund managers who purchase stocks, bonds and other securities based on market research.

Essential Questions

Why are mutual funds a good investment for certain investors?

How do you determine appropriate mutual funds that are well-suited to a particular investment objective.

Knowledge and Skills

Discuss characteristics and options of mutual funds as an investment.

Explain how to buy and sell mutual funds.

Interpret data in mutual funds listings.

Evaluate mutual fund performance.

Explain advantages of mutual fund investing.

Calculate mutual fund costs and fees.

Transfer Goal

Evaluate mutual fund performance and objectives and fee structure to determine appropriate fits for specific investment goals.

Demonstrate good money management and financial decision making abilities that help build wealth.

Resources

Textbook

Yahoo Finance

StockMarketGame.org

Morningstar

Investopedia

Youtube