

# 08 Personal Finance

Content Area: **Math**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Full Year**  
Length: **3-4 weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## **General Overview, Course Description or Course Philosophy**

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Senior Math Analysis CP is designed for seniors who will pursue liberal arts or humanities in college. The main course objective is to strengthen and extend the concepts of algebra, geometry, and problem solving, including modeling and reasoning. The course integrates ideas of functions and trigonometry with explorations in world-life applications. Additionally, students are provided SAT review and exposure to college placement exam experiences.

## **OBJECTIVES, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS, ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

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Objectives: This unit provides students with insight into managing their personal finances as they prepare for college and career. Topics included: renting, buying, and leasing; credit cards and debt; retirement planning; investing; and general budgeting.

Essential Questions:

- How do various factors affect one's financial wellbeing?
- What steps can you take to protect your finances?

Enduring Understandings:

- A person's financial wellbeing depends on many factors specific to that individual.
- There are general ways to minimize debt and maximize income.
- It is extremely important to understand one's financial options.

## **CONTENT AREA STANDARDS**

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| MA.N-Q.A.1 | Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays. |
| MA.N-Q.A.2 | Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling.  |
| MA.N-Q.A.3 | Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting   |

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|             | quantities.  |
| MA.F-BF.A.1 | Write a function that describes a relationship between two quantities.   |
| MA.F-IF.B.4 | For a function that models a relationship between two quantities, interpret key features of graphs and tables in terms of the quantities, and sketch graphs showing key features given a verbal description of the relationship. |
| MA.K-12.2   | Reason abstractly and quantitatively.  |
| MA.K-12.4   | Model with mathematics.  |
| MA.K-12.5   | Use appropriate tools strategically.   |

## **RELATED STANDARDS (Technology, 21st Century Life & Careers, ELA Companion Standards are Required)**

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| CS.K-12.3.a   | Identify complex, interdisciplinary, real-world problems that can be solved computationally.  |
| CS.K-12.3.b   | Decompose complex real-world problems into manageable sub-problems that could integrate existing solutions or procedures.   |
| CS.K-12.3.c   | Evaluate whether it is appropriate and feasible to solve a problem computationally.   |
| LA.RH.9-10.4  | Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history and the social sciences; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone. |
| LA.RH.9-10.7  | Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text, to analyze information presented via different mediums.  |
| LA.RST.9-10.2 | Determine the central ideas, themes, or conclusions of a text; trace the text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of the text.   |
| LA.RST.9-10.3 | Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks, attending to special cases or exceptions defined in the text.   |
| LA.RST.9-10.4 | Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9-10 texts and topics.   |
| LA.RST.9-10.6 | Determine the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text, defining the question the author seeks to address.   |
| WRK.K-12.P.5  | Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.  |

## **STUDENT LEARNING TARGETS**

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### **Declarative Knowledge**

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Students will understand that:

- A person's financial wellbeing depends on many factors specific to that individual.
- There are general ways to minimize debt and maximize income.

- It is extremely important to understand one's financial options.

## **Procedural Knowledge**

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Students will be able to:

- compare and contrast the risks and benefits of various financial decisions such as: rent/leasing vs buying, how to invest funds, borrowing money/accruing debt, etc.

## **EVIDENCE OF LEARNING**

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### **Formative Assessments**

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- Student feedback/questioning/observation
- Exit Ticket
- Error analysis
- Specific skill assessment/questions
- Survey/polling
- Reflection questions
- Scored/evaluated class work or homework
- Task completion

### **Summative Assessments**

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Lesson Quizzes

Unit Test

Performance Tasks

## **RESOURCES (Instructional, Supplemental, Intervention Materials)**

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<https://www.khanacademy.org/college-careers-more/personal-finance>

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS**

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Interdisciplinary connections are frequently addressed through modeling and application problems whereby students solve and analyze situations taken from business, physics, engineering, biology, statistics, geography, and numerous other fields. Examples can be found in topic specific textbook problems and digital resources.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS & MODIFICATIONS FOR SUBGROUPS**

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See link to Accommodations & Modifications document in course folder.