Califon Public School Curriculum



Subject:	Grade:	Unit #:	Pacing:
21st Century Life & Careers	4th	1	Integrated Throughout

Unit Title: Financial Literacy

OVERVIEW OF UNIT:

This unit outlines the important fiscal knowledge, habits, and skills that must be mastered in order for students to make informed decisions about personal finance. Financial literacy is an integral component of a student's college and career readiness, enabling students to achieve fulfilling, financially-secure, and successful careers.

Big Ideas

- An individual's financial traits and habits affect his/her finances.
- Spending choices and their intended and unintended consequences impact financial outcomes and personal wellbeing.
- Not all financial information is accurate or truthful.
- An individual can give back in areas that matter.
- People can choose to save money in many places such as home in a piggy bank, bank or credit union.
- Taxes are collected on a variety of goods and services at the local, state, and federal levels.
- There is a broader economic system that influences your financial goals.
- There are agencies, laws, and resources to protect individuals as consumers.
- There are specific steps associated with creating a budget.
- Saving money can impact an individual's ability to address emergencies and accomplish their short-and long-term goals.
- Individuals can choose to accept inevitable risk or take steps to protect themselves by avoiding or reducing risk.
- There are benefits to having a positive credit history.

Essential Questions

- How can an individual's financial traits and habits affect his/her finances?
- How do your spending choices affect your financial and personal wellbeing?
- Where and how can people choose to save money?
- Why and where are taxes collected?
- What steps can be taken to create a budget?
- How does saving money impact short and long-term goals?
- What steps can be taken to avoid or reduce risk?

Objectives

- Students will be able to analyze how spending choices can affect one's personal and financial well-being
- Students will be able to create a budget to help improve their financial well-being
- Students will be able to identify potential benefits and consequences of using various forms of credit
- Students will be able to identify strategies for becoming a responsible consumer
- Students will be able to determine criteria to use when purchasing insurance and warranties

Assessment

Formative Assessment:

- Homework assignments
- Classwork
- Skill worksheets
- Class discussions

Summative Assessment:

• Performance Task

Benchmark Assessment:

• Benchmark Assessment

Alternative Assessment:

- Performance Task
- Projects

Key Vocabulary		
 Tax deductions 	 Supply and demand 	
 Income/expense 	Fraud	
• Budget	 Personal assets 	
Investment	Insurance	
• Tax	 Extended warranty 	
• Credit	 Payroll 	
 Consumers 	 Consequences 	
 Credit history 	 Consumer protection 	
	 Consumer assistance 	

Resources & Materials

- TREP\$ Program http://www.trepsed.com/
- Brain Pop https://www.brainpop.com/
- Practical Money Skills for Life https://practicalmoneyskills.com/foreducators/lesson_plans/
- Various fundraising/volunteer projects during the year

Technology Infusion

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- Google Classroom
- Various Internet Sources

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- What Every Educator Should Know About Using Google by Shell Education
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9.1.5.FP.4	Explain the role of spending money and how it affects well-being and happiness.	
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9.1.5.CR.1	Compare various ways to give back and relate them to your strengths, interests, and	
9.1.3.CK.1	other personal factors.	
9.1.5.CP.1	Identify the advantages of maintaining a positive credit history.	
9.1.5.EG.1	Explain and give examples of what is meant by the term "tax".	
9.1.5.EG.2	Describe how tax monies are spent.	
9.1.5.EG.3	Explain the impact of the economic system on one's personal financial goals.	
9.1.5.EG.4	Describe how an individual's financial decisions affect society and contribute to the	
9.1.3.EG.4	overall economy.	
9.1.5.EG.5	Identify sources of consumer protection and assistance.	
9.1.5.FI.1	Identify various types of financial institutions and the services they offer including	
9.1.3.61.1	banks, credit unions, and credit card companies.	
9.1.5.FP.1	Illustrate the impact of financial traits on financial decisions.	
9.1.5.FP.2	Identify the elements of being a good steward of money.	
9.1.5.FP.3	Analyze how spending choices and decision-making can result in positive or negative	
9.1.3.57.3	consequences.	
9.1.5.FP.4	Explain the role of spending money and how it affects well-being and happiness.	
	Illustrate how inaccurate information is disseminated through various external	
9.1.5.FP.5	influencers including the media, advertisers/marketers, friends, educators, and family	
	members.	
9.1.5.PB.1	Develop a personal budget and explain how it reflects spending, saving, and	
9.1.J.FD.1	charitable contributions.	

9.1.5.PB.2	Describe choices consumers have with money (e.g., save, spend, donate).
9.1.5.RMI.1	Identify risks that individuals and households face.
9.1.5.RMI.2	Justify reasons to have insurance.

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- NJDOE resources

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21st Century Life & Careers	4th	2	Integrated Throughout

Unit Title: Career Awareness, Exploration, & Preparation

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OVERVIEW OF UNIT:

This unit outlines the importance of being knowledgeable about one's interests and talents, and being well informed about postsecondary and career options, career planning, and career requirements.

Big Ideas

- An individual's passions, aptitude and skills can affect his/her employment and earning potential.
- Income and benefits can vary depending on the employer and type of job/career.
- There are a variety of factors to consider before starting a business.
- Individuals can choose to accept inevitable risk or take steps to protect themselves by avoiding or reducing risk.
- Collaboration with individuals with diverse perspectives can result in new ways of thinking and/or innovative solutions.
- Curiosity and willingness to try new ideas (intellectual risk taking) contributes to the development of creativity and innovation.
- The ability to solve problems effectively begins with gathering data, seeking resources, and applying critical thinking skills.
- Culture and geography can shape an individual's experiences and perspectives.

Essential Questions

- How can interest and skills affect future employment and careers?
- What factors should be considered before starting a business?
- How can collaboration with individuals with diverse perspectives result in new ways of thinking?
- What steps are needed to effectively solve problems?
- How do culture and geography shape an individual's perspectives?

Objectives

- Students will be able to identify potential areas of interest for future careers
- Students will be able to identify the necessary skills to learn in order to prepare to enter the workforce
- Students will be able to identify key factors of starting a business
- Students will be able to describe steps to avoid and reduce risk
- Students will be able to collaborate with individuals with diverse perspectives

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Key Vocabulary

- Labor market trends
- Traditional careers
- Non-traditional careers
- Risk
- Diverse
- Perspectives
- Point of view
- Problem solving

- Legal requirements
 - State/federal labor market

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- Social media
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Problem Solving
- Career

Resources & Materials

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Activities:

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9.2.5.CAP.8	Identify risks that individuals and households face.
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Practice	Description	
	Students take personal ownership of their own education and career goals, and they	
	regularly act on a plan to attain these goals. They understand their own career	
	interests, preferences, goals, and requirements. They have perspective regarding the	
Plan education and	pathways available to them and the time, effort, experience and other requirements	
career paths aligned to	to pursue each, including a path of entrepreneurship. They recognize the value of	
personal goals.	each step in the education and experiential process, and they recognize that nearly	
	all career paths require ongoing education and experience. They seek counselors,	
	mentors, and other experts to assist in the planning and execution of career and	
	personal goals.	

Standards	
Standard #	Standard Description
9.2.5.CAP.1	Evaluate personal likes and dislikes and identify careers that might be suited to personal likes.
9.2.5.CAP.2	Identify how you might like to earn an income.
9.2.5.CAP.3	Identify qualifications needed to pursue traditional and non-traditional careers and occupations.
9.2.5.CAP.4	Explain the reasons why some jobs and careers require specific training, skills, and certification and examples of these requirements.
9.2.5.CAP.5	Identify various employee benefits, including income, medical, vacation time, and lifestyle benefits provided by different types of jobs and careers.
9.2.5.CAP.6	Compare the characteristics of a successful entrepreneur with the traits of successful employees.
9.2.5.CAP.7	Identify factors to consider before starting a business.
9.2.5.CAP.8	Identify risks that individuals and households face.
9.2.5.CAP.9	Justify the reasons to have insurance.
9.4.5.CI.1	Use appropriate communication technologies to collaborate with individuals with diverse perspectives about a local and/or global climate change issue and deliberate about possible solutions.
9.4.5.CI.2	Investigate a persistent local or global issue, such as climate change, and collaborate with individuals with diverse perspectives to improve upon current actions designed to address the issue.
9.4.5.CI.3	Participate in a brainstorming session with individuals with diverse perspectives to expand one's thinking about a topic of curiosity.
9.4.5.CI.4	Research the development process of a product and identify the role of failure as a part of the creative process.
9.4.5.CT.1	Identify and gather relevant data that will aid in the problem-solving process.

9.4.5.CT.2	Identify a problem and list the types of individuals and resources that can aid in
	solving the problem.
9.4.5.CT.3	Describe how digital tools and technology may be used to solve problems.
9.4.5.CT.4	Apply critical thinking and problem-solving strategies to different types of problems
	such as personal, academic, community and global.
9.4.5.GCA.1	Analyze how culture shapes individual and community perspectives and points of
	view.

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Subject:	Grade:	Unit #:	Pacing:
21st Century Life & Careers	4th Grade	3	Integrated Throughout

Unit Title: Digital Literacy

OVERVIEW OF UNIT:

This unit outlines finding and maximizing the productive value of existing and new technology to accomplish workplace tasks and solve workplace problems. Students are flexible and adaptive in acquiring new technology. They are proficient with ubiquitous technology applications.

Big Ideas

- Intellectual property rights exist to protect the original works of individuals. It is allowable to use other people's ideas in one's own work provided that proper credit is given to the original source.
- Sending and receiving copies of media on the internet creates the opportunity for unauthorized use of data, such as personally owned video, photos, and music.
- Digital identities must be managed in order to create a positive digital footprint.
- Digital tools have positively and negatively changed the way people interact socially.
- Digital engagement can improve the planning and delivery of climate change actions.
- Digital tools and media resources provide access to vast stores of information, but the information can be biased or inaccurate.
- Digital tools can be used to modify and display data in various ways that can be organized to communicate ideas.
- Accurate and comprehensive information comes in a variety of platforms and formats and is the basis for effective decision making.
- Specific situations require the use of relevant sources of information.
- Different digital tools have different purposes.
- Collaborating digitally as a team can often develop a better artifact than an individual working alone.

Essential Questions

- Why do intellectual property rights exist?
- What are unauthorized uses of data?
- How do you manage a digital identity?
- What are the positive and negative ways digital tools have changed social interaction?
- How can digital information be biased or inaccurate?
- How can you use accurate digital information for effective decision-making?
- What are the different purposes that varying digital tools can fill?
- How does collaborating digitally as a team improve a finished product?

Objectives

- Students will be able to describe why giving proper credit is important
- Students will be able to identify unauthorized use of data
- Students will be able to evaluate ways to maintain a positive digital footprint
- Students will be able to categorize the positive and negative impacts of digital tools
- Students will be able to modify and display data in various ways to communicate ideas
- Students will be able to identify the purpose of various digital tools
- Students will be able to collaborate digitally

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- Original
- Copies
- Owner
- Data
- Digital Identity

- Digital footprint
 - Information
 - Bias
 - Format
 - Digital tools
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9.4.5.DC.4	Model safe, legal, and ethical behavior when using online or offline technology.
9.4.5.DC.5	Identify the characteristics of a positive and negative online identity and the lasting implications of online activity.
9.4.5.DC.6	Compare and contrast how digital tools have changed social interactions.
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9.4.5.IML.1	Evaluate digital sources for accuracy, perspective, credibility and relevance.
9.4.5.IML.2	Create a visual representation to organize information about a problem or issue.
9.4.5.IML.3	Represent the same data in multiple visual formats in order to tell a story about the
	data.
9.4.5.IML.4	Determine the impact of the implicit and explicit media messages on individuals,
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9.4.5.IML.5	Distinguish how media are used by individuals, groups, and organizations for varying
	purposes.

9.4.5.IML.6	Use appropriate sources of information from diverse sources, contexts, disciplines,
	and cultures to answer questions.
9.4.5.IML.7	Evaluate the degree to which information meets a need including social emotional
	learning, academic, and social.
9.4.5.TL.1	Compare the common uses of at least two different digital tools and identify the
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9.4.5.TL.2	Sort and filter data in a spreadsheet to analyze findings.
9.4.5.TL.3	Format a document using a word processing application to enhance text, change page
	formatting, and include appropriate images, graphics, or symbols.
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