

Unit Title: Life After High School (Doing What Matters Most)

Grade Level: Seniors

Subject Area: Senior Focus-Personal Finance

Duration/Length/Number of class periods: 5 Class Periods

Description:

For most of us, a career is the way we earn most of our income. This unit will begin by looking at how career/education choices affect future earning potential. The value of the employee benefits package so students will be able to make accurate evaluations of job offers, when they contemplate new jobs.

Established Goals (National, State, Local):

Analyze factors that affect net income. (JumpStart Coalition National Standards, Employment and Income: Standard 3).
Explore career options. (JumpStart Coalition National Standards, Employment and Income: Standard 1).

What Enduring Understandings are desired?

Understand how one's career choice and education affect one's financial future?
High school graduates have the knowledge, skills, and competencies to successfully pursue a career pathway.
Technology is a tool that can be used for collecting, organizing, creating, and presenting information.

What Essential Questions will be considered?

What is the value and cost of career preparation?
Why do people work?
How do employment benefits enhance earning potential?

Students will know / be able to:

Calculate the cost of attending college.
Investigate the cost of living in different geographic locations (San Francisco compared to Thief River Falls) and between the different decades (1980's compared to 2020's)
Calculate the net pay (take home pay) of one's paycheck.
Investigate the odds of "making it big" in the work world for a specific career/field.

Description <i>Units must include at least one of each formative, summative, introductory activity and learning activity. Check the appropriate box; one per row.</i>	Formative	Summative	Introductory Activity	Learning Activity	Student Technology Used	Teacher Technology Used	ISTE Standards
Day 1: Introduce Unit: Life After High School (Doing What Matters Most) a. Class Discussion Questions-Nearpod a. How much do you think you would need to earn biweekly to support yourself? b. What are some important skills one should have before starting one's career? c. How much would a 20 year need to invest each month to become a millionaire by the age of 60? d. Where can you go to find college scholarships? b. Demonstrate how to use the different resources needed for the assignments in this unit.			x			x	
Day 2: Future Paycheck Assignment-Google Sheets a. Find the biweekly earnings for 3 different occupations you would be interested in pursuing after high school using the Bureau of Labor website. b. Calculate the total earnings. c. Calculate tax (Federal, State, OASDI, Medicare) deductions from the total earnings. d. Calculate the employee retirement deduction (401k, 403b, 457) from the total earnings. Using a savings calculator , calculate the growth this retirement account could grow to over 40 years at ___ rate of return. e. Calculate the employee health insurance deduction from the company options. f. Calculate total deductions and net pay.	x			x	x		1.c
Day 3: Time Capsule a. Create a time capsule that tells about the cost of living over a period of decades or from different geographic areas. b. Include in the following areas in your time capsule: minimum wage or average salary; average cost of home, a new vehicle, or college tuition; cost of some essential items (milk, bread, or gas). c. Include a few more items in each of your time capsules.	x			x	x		3.c

Day 4: Education Plan-Google Sheets - Find the education cost (tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, personal expense, transportation expense) to attend 3 different colleges using the College Board website. - Investigate the personal investment (parent contribution, personal savings, grants (FAFSA), scholarships, future employment) that you and your family can make to pay for college. - Calculate the amount of money you will need to borrow to attend your college choice. - Calculate the loan payment you will have after attending your college choice. Using a loan calculator, calculate the loan payment for the next 10 years at ___ interest rate.	x			x			1.c
Day 5: Trading Card-BigHugeLabs - Using BigHugeLabs create a trading card about an occupation. - Include the following: Name, Job Title, upload a photo of oneself, include 3 different facts about an occupation from the following categories (wages and trends; knowledge, skills, abilities; tasks and activities; tools and technology; education and training; related occupations, available jobs) - Upload your trading card into the class board for other students to see (padlet)	x			x	x		3.c

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