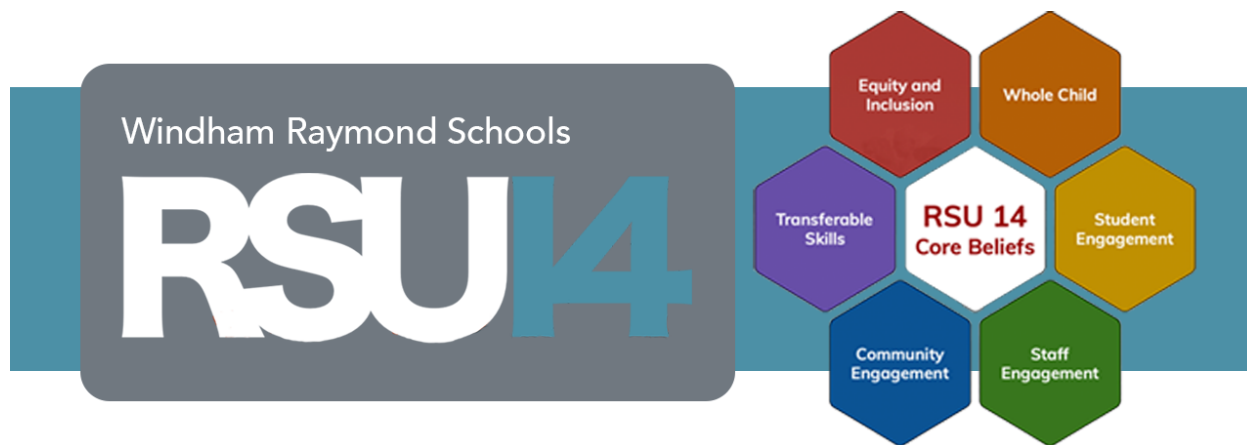




Curriculum Guide

Department: Social Studies

Course Name: Senior Personal Finance and Citizenship - Academic

Students will explore the basic concepts of personal finance such as income, interest, credit, budgeting, investments and more. Students will also explore the rights and duties of US citizenship including the pathways to citizenship, paying taxes, voting and election processes and participating in civil discussion around many current event topics.

The academic course is designed for students who are reading close to or at grade level. Students in this course will work on advancing basic skills to meet standards. Students are working towards learning independently. The objective is to prepare students for a range of post-secondary options.

Semester/1/2 Credit

[Maine Learning Results - Social Studies Standards](#)

RSU14 staff use the Maine State Learning Results to craft each course of study. The below standards and targets are aligned and are updated when changes are made at the state level.

Graduation Standards for course:

- ☐ **Civic Engagement: Students will apply the attributes of a responsible and involved citizen to affect a real world issue.**
 - I can describe how people influence government and work for the common good, including voting, writing to legislators, performing community service, and engaging in civil disobedience
- ☐ **Economics: Students will understand and apply the concepts and processes of economics to understand issues of personal finance and issues of production, distribution, and consumption in the community.**

- I can apply and evaluate different strategies for managing money and responsible use of credit.

21st Century Skills/Guiding Principles for course:

- **A clear and effective communicator**
- **A self-directed and lifelong learner**
 - Research projects personal finance topics
- **A creative and practical problem solver**
 - Research projects personal finance topics
- **A responsible involved citizen**
 - Classroom discussions on topics related to civic engagement
 - Assignments on areas of public policy and personal finance
- **An integrative and informed thinker**

Curriculum Activities may include:

Curriculum Materials may include:

- Activities from online curricula for personal finance and civic education
- Selected readings from online curricula, government documents, personal finance websites, and news sources
- Selected educational videos and documentaries