



2026 NATIONAL REPORT CARD

Virginia

CLASS OF
2026 GRADE



PROJECTED CLASS
OF 2031 GRADE



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Is a high school course with personal finance concepts required to be taken as a graduation requirement?

Yes, effective with the entering ninth grade class of 2011– 2012 (Class of 2015), an Economics and Personal Finance course is a required course for high school graduation. There are a variety of options that exist to satisfy this requirement: (i) taking a full academic-year (36-week) Economics and Personal Finance course; (ii) taking the following two single-semester (18-week) courses: Finance course along with an Economics course; or (iii) taking other courses that are aligned with the Economics and Personal Finance Standards of Learning. This graduation requirement indicates that a standard unit of credit be awarded, which generally is the successful completion of 140 hours of instruction.

Sources:

- [Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-200.03](#) Economics education and financial literacy required in middle and high school grades
- [8VAC20-132-51](#) Requirements for graduation
- [Graduation](#)
- [Standard Diploma](#) (download the Approved Courses document, pages 15–16)
- [Advanced Studies Diploma](#)
- [Credits for Graduation](#)

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION STANDARDS

Nine of the 18 standards for the Economics and Personal Finance course are personal finance concepts. Based on this information, we estimate that students receive approximately 70 hours of instruction in personal finance in Virginia, which is the equivalent of a one-semester course. The Department of Education has indicated that the endorsement codes a teacher must hold on a license to teach the Finance course include Agriculture, Marketing, Business and IT, Family and Consumer Sciences, History and Social Studies and Mathematics.

Sources:

- [Economics and Personal Finance](#) (see the Standards of Learning document)
- [Endorsement Codes Required by Educators Teaching](#)

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No policy change is pending that would change Virginia's grade.

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PRE-K TO GRADE EIGHT EDUCATION STANDARDS

Virginia's Standards of Learning for History & Social Science include modest personal finance content that is taught in grades K to two and seven. On April 26, 2006, the State Board of Education adopted Economics Education and Financial Literacy: Objectives and Correlations to Mathematics and History and Social Science Standards of Learning and Career and Technical Education Competencies. This document indicates how personal finance topics can be incorporated into a variety of middle school courses. State law requires personal finance education, as part of economics, to be taught in middle school.

Sources:

- [2023 Standards of Learning for History & Social Science](#)
- [Economics Education and Financial Literacy: Objectives and Correlations to Mathematics and History and Social Science Standards of Learning and Career and Technical Education Competencies](#)
- [Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-200.03](#) Economics education and financial literacy required in middle and high school grades

EXTRA CREDIT

The Virginia Department of Education's website has a list of financial literacy resources and professional development opportunities for educators.

Sources:

- [Economics and Personal Finance](#)

CAVEAT

It is not clear how Virginia measures student achievement in financial literacy