



Bridges Career Academy

Finance

Pillager Area Charter School

Understand careers in finance. Gain basic skills in the areas of financing, accounting, insurance and personal financing methods. Participate in a community service project and learn the basic financing principles related to starting their own business. Learn skills necessary to handle personal finances and an understanding of the economic practices of state and local government.

Academic Courses

- Economics
- Business English
- Business Math/Personal Finance
- Entrepreneurship

Career Experiences

- Listen to industry speakers
- Tour local businesses
- Attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day or other regional career fairs
- Participate in a finance simulation

Completion Standards

COMPLETE

ALL courses

GRADES **1.5** ↑

Earn a **certificate** and **green cord** at graduation



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Job Skills

In addition to having technical skills, employers expect workers in this industry to have these skills:

- Listening skills
- Be an active member of a team
- Use critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Effectively communicate
- Work precisely with data and reports



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The Finance Academy provides students the knowledge needed to understand the variety of careers available in the business world of finance. Students will gain basic skills in the areas of financing, accounting, insurance and personal financing methods. Students participate in a community service project and learn the basic financing principles related to starting their own business. When completing the Academy, students will have basic skills necessary to handle not only their personal finances and an understanding of the economic practices of state and local government.

ACADEMY COURSES

Economics Course — 22 Hours

Introduction and a descriptive survey of the principles of a market economy. Micro economic areas such as supply and demand, growth and productivity, business operation, and problems of the market economy will be examined. Macroeconomic issues such as money and banking, inflation, recession and government policies will also be studied.

Business English Course — 22 Hours

Students will understand the communication process. Reading, proofreading, editing and word identification and references, as well as writing and grammar skills are taught. Students learn to write business letters, complete business forms, write resumes and complete job applications. Students will gain and understanding of the communication process; reading, proofreading, editing and word identification and references as well as writing and grammar skills are taught in this course. Students will learn to write business letters, complete business forms, write resumes and complete job applications

Business Math/Personal Finance — 22 Hours

Students will learn and apply skills that will help make them financially self-sufficient. Focus begins with the basics of financial planning which includes career options, calculating salary and benefits, calculating taxes, creating a budget and financial records, beginning a savings account and investing in different investment alternatives, opening and operating a checking account, understanding the credit and loan process, and the basics of insurance.

Entrepreneurship — 33 Hours

Students learn the essential attributes of an entrepreneur and the stages in taking an idea and growing it into a successful business. It takes more than a good business plan and money to succeed, this course teaches entrepreneurs the key business elements and practical applications that lead to success by providing practical insights into the development, design and operation of a small business.

COMPLETION STANDARD

Students wishing to receive a certification must complete all academy courses while maintaining 1.5 least or better average score in all courses.

CAREER EXPERIENCES

Students will explore and research careers with industry speakers, complete a finance simulation, participate in business tour experience and attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day event and other regional career fairs.

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