



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF
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Arizona Diploma Seal of Personal Finance



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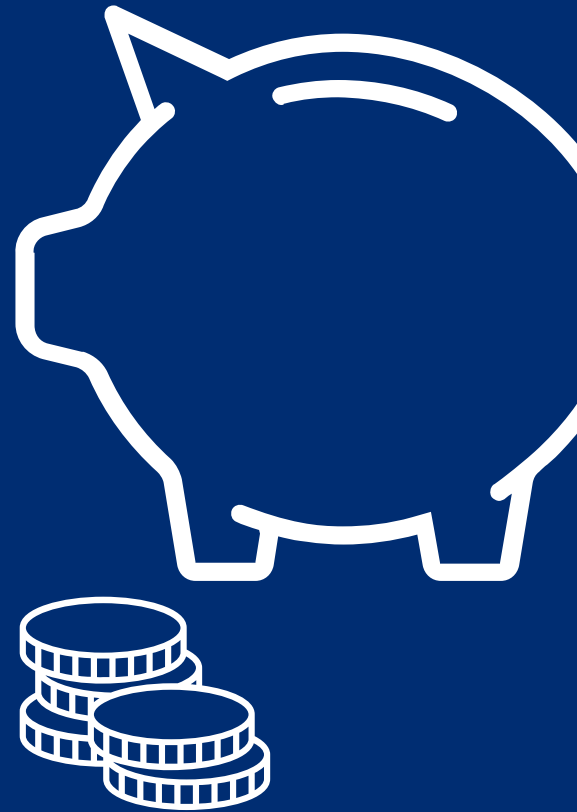
What is the Seal of Personal Finance?

- The Arizona Seal of Personal Finance program recognizes high school students who achieve a high level of proficiency in personal finance.
- Created through the State Board of Education [R7-2-319](#)
- Personal Finance is defined as *exercising the skills and knowledge on financial matters necessary to confidently take effective action that best fulfills an individual's personal, family and global community goals* ([National Financial Educators Council, 2023](#)).



Who can participate?

- The Seal of Personal Finance is available to any high school student attending a public district, school, or charter.
- Districts/schools must designate one individual to serve as the Coordinator of the Program.



How do schools participate?

- The Program Coordinator must complete the Intent to Participate form at the beginning of each school year.
- Districts/schools provide information to educators, parents, and students.
- The Program Coordinator must complete the Reporting Form no later than 90 days after the school year.



How do students earn the Seal of Personal Finance?

Students must complete the following requirements to earn the Seal of Personal Finance:

- Complete all required *social studies* courses with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 out of 4.0
- Completed the requirements in each of the four personal finance categories.



What are the categories required for the Seal of Personal Finance?

Category One: Curriculum or Personal Finance Program (*Other than traditional Economics course*)

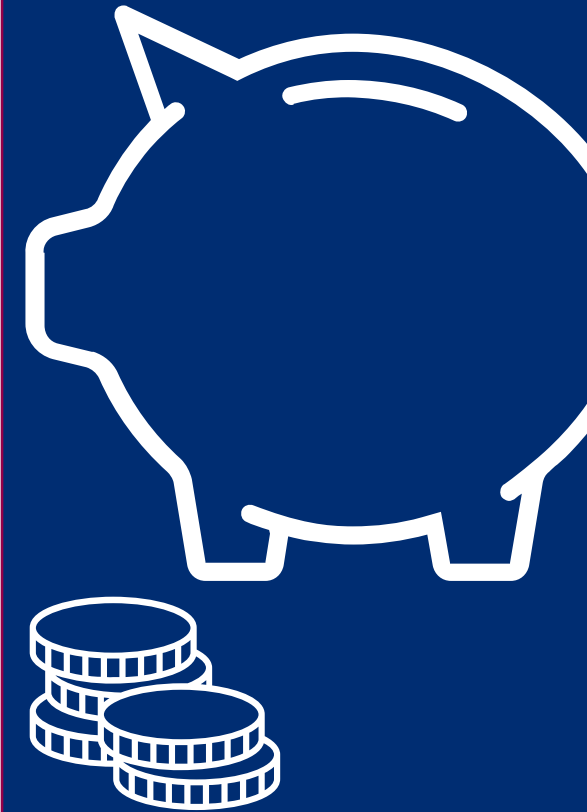
Category Two: Co-Curricular or Extracurricular Program (*Outside of School*)

Category Three: College and Career Readiness (*Including Written Reflection*)

Category Four: Passage of Personal Finance Assessment



NOTE: All activities must be completed in grade 9 through 12



Where can I find potential programs and activities?

The Arizona Department of Education [Seal of Personal Finance website](#) has Board approved programs and activities for each category.

Have a program/activity not on the list? Send it K12Standards@azed.gov for approval.



What are the program outcomes?

- The Seal of Personal Finance is placed on the student's diploma and noted on their transcript.
- School districts or charters may choose to honor students in other ways such as a cord, certificate, medal, ceremony, banner, etc.
- Students who complete the Seal of Personal Finance count towards a school's [A-F Report Card](#).

NOTE: The Arizona Department of Education only supplies the official seals for student diplomas.





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