

FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION RESOURCES

Financial Literacy Vision: Ontario students will have the skills and knowledge to take responsibility for managing their personal financial well-being with confidence, competence, and a compassionate awareness of the world around them.

[A Sound Investment: Financial Literacy Education in Ontario Schools](#)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- The goal of the financial literacy initiative is to help students in grades 4-12 acquire the knowledge and skills that will enable them to understand and respond to complex issues regarding their own personal finances and the finances of their families. Students will also develop an understanding of local and global effects of world economic forces and the social, environmental, and ethical implications of their own choices as consumers.
- Through an integrated approach, financial literacy education is a part of every child's learning as financial topics and concepts are enhanced and embedded in the existing curriculum for grades 4-12.
- The Ministry of Education has also moved forward with embedding financial literacy concepts in the revised curriculum as appropriate. Curriculum policy documents released since 2013 include a section in the front matter of each document that makes connections between the subject/discipline area and financial literacy.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION

Ontario Financial Literacy Resources

Curriculum-linked Videos and Supporting Materials: Videos showing teachers implementing financial literacy across a broad range of grades, subjects, courses and pathways are available on [EduGAINS](#). These videos include reflections from teachers, administrators, students, parents, consultants and experts. Each video is accompanied by a viewer guide with reflective questions, a detailed viewer guide for Professional Learning Facilitators, and a lesson plan for the lesson shown in the video.

Lesson plans and resources: Teaching and learning examples for a variety of grades, subjects, courses, and pathways are posted on [EduGAINS](#).

e-Learning Resources

e-Learning Ontario's e-Career Studies Course (2013): Using the theme "Oh, The Places You Will Go" and the game-based interactive digital learning resource "My Personal GPS", e-Learning Ontario has re-energized the Grade 10 Career Studies course for use in the e-learning and blended learning environments. Students take a journey along their chosen pathway(s) to learn more about themselves -- their strengths, their talents, their interests, their learning skills and work habits -- and where these attributes might lead them in their future. It includes opportunities to develop personal and financial plans for life after secondary school.

Lesson plans to support blended learning classrooms: e-Learning Ontario supports teachers and students in the use of interactive digital resources in blended learning environments and e-learning courses. Over 100 lesson plans with financial literacy connections are available for use in blended learning classrooms. To gain access to these resources, contact your board's e-Learning Contact (eLC) <https://resources.elearningontario.ca>

Financial Literacy in the Ontario Curriculum—Professional Learning Module for Educators

In Fall 2014, a professional learning module for elementary and secondary educators was launched in the e-Learning

Ontario learning management system-virtual learning environment (vLe). This interactive professional learning module includes videos clips and an interactive curriculum carousel with sample activities and lesson plans so that educators can access all the resources and videos for financial literacy education in one place. To gain access to these resources, contact your board's e-Learning Contact (eLC).

Subject and Division Association Resources

Subject and Division Associations have developed subject-specific resources using existing curriculum to address financial literacy knowledge and skills. Links to these resources are posted on [EduGAINS](#).

Scope and Sequence Documents

The ministry has developed scope and sequence documents that identify existing expectations in the elementary and secondary curriculum connected to financial literacy. The Scope and Sequence documents are being updated to reflect recently released curriculum.

- [Financial Literacy – Scope and Sequence of Expectations, Grades 4-8](#)
- [Financial Literacy – Scope and Sequence of Expectations, Grades 9-12](#)

Resources for School Leaders

- [Principals Want to Know #23: A Sound Investment: Financial Literacy Education in Ontario Schools](#) outlines all the resources available to support implementation.
- [Memo to Directors of Education and Principals about Financial Literacy Education in Ontario Schools](#) from May 2012.
- The Ontario Principals' Council (OPC), in partnership with the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) and the Association des directions et directions adjointes des écoles franco-ontariennes (ADFO), has developed interactive web conferences to increase awareness for financial literacy education and provide information to elementary and secondary school administrators.
 - [Webinars – September 2011](#)
 - [Webinars – May 2012](#)

Resources for Parents

The financial literacy education page on the Ministry of Education's website includes information for parents and a short video that shows the many ways financial literacy is included in the curriculum. The financial literacy page is available in [English](#) and in [French](#).

Resources for Students

Grades 7-8 Mobile Financial Literacy Digital Learning Resources

E-me: building financial literacy in a digital world: a mobile app for Grades 7-8 students is now available in the google play store. This app was developed in collaboration with e-Learning Ontario and the Centre franco-ontarien de ressources pédagogiques (CFORP).

For more information, please visit www.edugains.ca