



# FREEDOM PROJECT ACADEMY

## Course Syllabus

### Consumer Math

#### Course Description:

Making mathematics relevant to daily life, this course illustrates how financial concepts relate to everyday decisions. The American free-enterprise system is portrayed in a positive light as the student studies such topics as personal budgeting, banking, investing, keeping tax records, and purchasing necessities.

More specifically, students will discover the many costs involved to owning a vehicle and home, going on a vacation, and budgeting for food, clothing, and housing expenses. Students will learn how to maintain bank records, calculate income & property taxes, and in April they will generate multiple tax returns. This excellent real-world math course will show students how to budget their finances for the life beyond their childhood. Students from past years have shared these comments in class: “Wow, I didn’t know xxxxx was that expensive!” “Now I understand why Mom/Dad say no to #eating out, #shopping, #vacations...!” “It’s good to have a plan.”

#### Major Topics of Study:

Buying a Car

Travel

Income

Budgeting

Housing

Food

Clothing

Leisure Time

Taxes

Banking

Investments

Small Business

#### Text/Required Materials:

*Abeka Consumer Mathematics*

*Abeka Consumer Mathematics Skills & Review*

## Grading:

General Assignments (answers) 35%

General Assignments (written work) 25%

Other Assignments 10%

Unit Quizzes 15%

Tests & Projects 15%

The lowest three scores will be dropped each semester. The teacher spreads out the dropped grades throughout the various categories. Some categories will not have a dropped grade, even if it is the lowest.

## Attendance/Participation:

Classroom discussion and instruction will prove invaluable to your understanding on the current lesson. We will share ideas on how the math concepts relate to real-world situations, and solve problems together. Attendance to both weekly class sessions is expected. If an absence is expected or occurred, a parent needs to promptly email the teacher an explanation.

Q. During a live-class session, what does “participation” mean?

A. Students respond verbally when called upon, answer poll questions, solve problems on the board, post Q & A or Chat messages, etc.

Q. What happens when a student doesn't participate (respond when called on)?

A. They will be removed from that live-class session. The student logs back-in, types in a quick Q & A note to the teacher, then proceeds to participate. Additional removals will result in parent/teacher communications.

## Expectations/Guidelines:

1. Assignment Sheets: You must read the Assignment Sheet at the start of every week. It will list what is due and when. Specific instructions will be stated in the Canvas assignment link.

2. Class Etiquette: You must be respectful of other people. Everyone must feel free to participate and learn. Do not mock or give negative feedback on someone's answers/responses unless it is constructive/helpful.

3. Submitting Assignments: You MUST submit your assignments through Canvas. Assignments cannot be accepted via email. Some of the written assignments need to be in cursive. All scanned pages need to be merged and saved as one pdf file.

4. Preparation: You MUST come to class ready to share. This means you need a working headset/microphone, textbooks, note paper, and a readiness to participate when called on.

5. Grades: All grades will appear in your Consumer Math grade book in Canvas. Pictured icons indicate you have completed the assignment and it is waiting to be graded. All scores that are less than a 100% will have feedback in either an overall instructor comment, corrections/comments directly written on the submitted pdf, comment inside the grading rubric, or a comment listed below a specific question(s) within the quiz.

6. Due Dates: All due dates are listed on the Assignment Sheets located in the Announcements section. There are two dates you need to be aware of: the due date and the close date. You must complete the assignment before the DUE date. All late or missing assignments will receive a zero. If an assignment is open (meaning: no close date is posted) then only students, whose parents have cleared an extension with the teacher, can go past the due date. Late assignments will not be graded unless an extension has been granted. All quizzes will close on their due dates, and will only be reopened for approved extensions.