



Bloomington High School is a diverse community that supports lifelong learners who are responsible and productive citizens in our global society. Together we will provide a safe environment that guides students to reach their full potential in pursuit of academic and personal fulfillment.

Course Title: Consumer Economics(Semester; ½ credit)

Course Description: This course is designed to enhance the student's consumer decision-making skills as he prepares to enter college or the world of work. Practical topics such as planning a budget, maintaining a checking account, buying a car, buying insurance, using credit, renting an apartment, buying groceries, and paying taxes will be discussed. Students will learn to utilize consumer information to evaluate products and services available to them in the marketplace. This course meets the state consumer education requirement.

Units of Study:

- Introduction to economics concepts
- Career Unit and Interview Skills
- Paychecks and Payroll Taxes
- Federal, State, and Local Taxes
- Begin the Budget Challenge Simulation
- Personal Budgets
- Vacation Budget Project
- E-Banking: managing bank accounts
- Banking Services
- Saving and Investing Money
- Stock Market investment game
- Credit Unit
- Buyer Beware Unit
- Renting an apartment; Buying a house
- Car buying process
- Insurance

Texts and Required Readings:

BHS Grading Scale and Policy:

The semester final grade is obtained from running semester grade (80%) and the semester final exam grade (20%). This means that you will have already earned 80% of your final grade by the time you reach semester exams. Semester exams are required. [BHS Handbook, pg. 17](#)

90-100% = A

80-89% = B

70-79% = C

60-69% = D

Below 60% = F

BHS Makeup Work Policy:

All students are expected to do makeup work in a timely fashion. It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments prior to a pre-arranged absence, and immediately upon return for all other absences. General

rule: one day absence affords one day to complete formative makeup work. For summative, students should expect to complete on the day of return. Failure to complete makeup work by the teacher deadline will result in a zero/missing in Gradebook. [BHS Handbook, pg. 37](#).

Discussing Controversial Issues in the Classroom:

The guidelines set forth by the District 87 Board Policy 6.070 will be used handling controversial issues in the classroom. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions.