

Personal Finance
Dorman High School
Business Education Department



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Dear Parents and Business Students

Welcome to Dorman High School! In today's world it is very important for all young people to have a strong understanding of financial literacy in order to be successful. Your child is enrolled in Personal Finance, which is designed to help students understand budgeting, maintaining credit and checking accounts, and investing.

Many young people today are finding themselves in serious financial problems very early and finding themselves in a debt cycle that will be hard to reverse. In the meantime, important life goals are not being saved for. The saddest part of this is that it could all have been avoided with some simple and sound money management skills.

Fortunately, learning how to manage money isn't rocket science. If you have a plan for spending, live on less than you bring in, save for things, have an emergency fund, understand credit, protect yourself with insurance, and link your financial plan to your life plan, you'll be well on the way toward financial security.

I hope your child will not be absent. Should your child be absent or need extra instruction or computer time to catch up, I am available before school each day, and in the afternoons by appointment. It is the student's responsibility to make up any incomplete or missing assignments on his/her own time outside of class. All work must be done in the computer lab; no work that is completed outside the lab will be accepted. Announced tests will be made up the day a student returns to class. All due dates are posted on the board; the student is responsible for checking the dates and being prepared.

Attached to this letter is the course syllabus. I am excited about the course material your child will be learning and strongly believe the benefit of learning these skills well will be of value to your child in the years to come. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 864-582-4347 (1210) or you may email me at phillisd@spart6.org.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacie Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacie Phillips
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