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| **Math of Finance**  Syllabus, Spring 2017 | |  |
| **Course Description** | This course concentrates on the mathematics necessary to understand and make informed decisions related to personal finance. The mathematics in the course will be based on many topics in prior courses; however, the specific applications will extend the student’s understanding of when and how to use these topics. **This course is not accepted as a 4th Math credit at many 4-year colleges.** | |
| **Format**  **Daily Materials** | * There will be several projects in addition to traditional Math lessons * Emphasis will be placed on topics that students will deal with while in high school and in the short-term after high school * Technology such as calculators and computers will be used as support tools during the course   Notebook/binder; pencils; issued textbook (Financial Algebra) | |
| **Units** | |  | | --- | | Banking Services | | Consumer Credit | | Vehicle Ownership | | Employment Basics | | Income Taxes | | Independent Living  Preparing a Budget | | |
| **Evaluation** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Category** | **Weight** | | Assignments:  Drills: | 15  5 | | Quizzes: | 20 | | Tests:  Projects: | 25  25 | | Final Exam | 10 | | Total: | 100% |   Note: There is no EOCT for this class. | |
| **Quizzes** | Quizzes will be given throughout units to assess for student understanding before the unit tests. Quizzes will be given frequently and will sometimes be unannounced. | |
| **Unit Tests**  **Notebooks** | Will be given at the end of each unit. Test dates will be announced in advance. If you are absent on the day of a test, you will be responsible for making up that test **the day you return to school**.  **All tests and quizzes are open notes and open book.**  Each student is expected to keep a binder with their notes, homework assignments, tasks, quizzes, and tests. These notebooks will not be graded but are a great resource when preparing for assessments. | |
| **Tutoring** | Tutoring will be available before school upon student request and after school on days designated by teacher. | |

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| **Student Behavior**  **Expectations** | * It is the student’s responsibility to be prepared for class daily. Textbook, notebook, paper and pencils are required in class every day. You will not be allowed to leave class to retrieve any necessary materials (including homework). * Students are expected to be active participants in class by taking notes, completing all assignments, participating in class discussions, and collaborating with other students as necessary. * Students are expected to show respect to the teacher, other students, and school property at all times. |

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| **Tardy Policy** | Students who miss the first several minutes of class will miss the daily review time. The school tardy policy will be followed. |
| **Cellphone/Electronics**  **Policy** | Permissible times for using cellphones and other electronic device will be designated by a green or red card displayed at the front of the class. Use of these devices outside of designated times will have the following consequences:  1. Warning to student  2. Phone call home  3. Written detention signed by parent  4. Phone call home  5. Parent/Teacher Conference |
| **Passes Out of Class** | School passes will be used. Absences from class longer than 5 minutes may result in a loss of pass privileges. |
| **Communication** | A blog will be maintained at nicolohs.weebly.com. It will contain information about upcoming tests/quizzes, daily assignments and downloadable resources.  Please feel free to email team members at any time. Email addresses are: [Bruce.Nicol@cobbk12.org](mailto:Bruce.Nicol@cobbk12.org)  Joseph.Rice@cobbk12.org |