

MONTE VISTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
MATH 2321 - Business Finance
Course Syllabus

Course Description:

This course is designed to prepare students for real world situations regarding personal and business finance and teach them how to function in a complex financial world with foundational skills on which to build. Students will learn to use mathematics effectively as a tool in their personal and business lives.

Curricular Mapping:

The content of this course is based primarily on applied Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 skills. A number of resources will be utilized, including but not limited to:

- DECA - www.deca.org
- Feed the pig - www.feedthepig.org
- H&R Block Budget Challenge - <http://www.hrblockdollarsandsense.com/index.php>

Course Objectives and Outline:

Upon the successful completion of this course the student will be able to understand the concepts and vocabulary related to:

1. The Stock Market
2. Credit and Loans
3. Paying For College
4. Employment and taxes
5. Job searching and interviews
6. Owning a car
7. Living independently
8. Planning for retirement
9. Preparing a budget
10. Banking Services
11. Modeling a business

Text:

Your necessary digital texts for this class will be part of a “Required Course Materials Fee” thru the EdTech bookstore. This is a bundle purchase of digital texts for your full schedule of classes and will be available for purchase after 7/18/16. For further instructions please visit the [16-17 School Year](#) icon on the MVCS homepage. Please note: some courses may require additional purchases outside of the course materials fee.

DECA: DECA is an international organization that targets high school students to develop real world business skills. There are many areas of study available, and we are starting the Monte Vista Chapter this year. Each student enrolled in this course will be registered for the MVCS DECA Chapter, and each student will be building towards attending at least one DECA conference during 2nd semester. For more information on DECA, go to www.deca.org.

Grading:

<u>Grade Book Categories</u>		<u>Semester Weighted Grade Configuration</u>	
Tests and Quizzes	40%	Quarter	40%
Projects/Role Plays	30%	Quarter	40%
Homework	20%	Final Exam	20%
Participation	10%		

Homework Expectations- Students may expect 20 minutes of homework daily.

Explanation of Grade Book Categories:

Tests and Quizzes

- Absences the day before a test/quiz does not excuse a student from taking that exam with the rest of the class.
- If absent the day of a test/quiz, that student is expected to make up the exam within 5 school days of the test date, unless prior arrangements are made.
- If a device's primary function is not a calculator, it will not be used as one in class.

Projects/Roleplays

- Projects - Projects are an element of this class we use to help expand learning beyond the classroom in a way few other classes will. If assigned to a group, members of all groups are to be active or they will receive a zero. If assigned individually, then each student is expected to turn in their own, unique work.
- Role plays - Role plays are a critical part of the DECA curriculum and competition. These are scenarios where students will be given the opportunity to practice a 10 minute interview just as they would at a competition. It also provides an alternative assessment.

Homework

- Any homework, unless otherwise instructed, will be completed in pencil on a separate sheet of paper.
- In order to receive full credit on an assignment, a student must
 - Turn it in on time
 - Attempt all problems with work shown as necessary.

- Redo's - A student will be allowed to redo any assignment for full credit if:
 - All problems are shown correct with new work shown.
 - The assignment is clearly identified as a redo of a particular assignment
 - It is turned in by the day of the Unit test or quiz. If a student is absent the day of a test, re-do's will not be accepted.

Participation

- There will be in class work expected to be completed before the end of the period.
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***Please note:** If an assignment is not turned in, it will be taken a day late for half credit, and will be a zero if any later. If an assignment is not turned in by the day it is due, redo's will not be permitted unless prior arrangements are made.*

High School Standard Grading Policy:

Please refer to the policy and procedures posted online in our Parent-Student Handbook.

Class Policies:

- The structure of the class is fairly linear, so missing a day of school may set the student back. Consistent attendance is highly recommended so each student has the best opportunity for success. If a student is absent the day an assignment is due, that student has a day to make it up for each **excused** day from class.
- Tardies - If a student has an unexcused tardy, it may result in a zero on the previous days assignment, as grading of homework generally takes place at the beginning of class.
- Cheating - If a student is caught giving or receiving answers from anyone in any way, it will result in a zero on the assignment/exam and a referral on their permanent record.

School Policies and Expected Student Learning Results (ESLRs):

Students are subject to all academic policies of the school as found in the Parent-Student Handbook. Furthermore, it is each student's responsibility to read and follow all academic policies of Monte Vista Christian School. In addition to addressing each ESLR every year, we target a specific ESLR each academic year for particular focus.

Miscellaneous:

Students will be required to bring the following items to class everyday

- iPad with textbook downloaded.
- A math notebook, preferably a Mead Composition book.
- Colored pen/pencil for correcting homework. If corrections are not done in a colored pen/pencil, a zero will be given for the assignment.
- Pencil for note taking.

- Binder paper

DECA: As stated above, DECA is an opportunity to benefit students not only interested in pursuing business, but other fields as well. It will look great on a college application, and will give students skills and connections that will benefit them well beyond high school. To participate in an event, the cost of attendance can be between \$250 and \$350 per student. Fundraising options and school support may be available. Our class will be joined with the entrepreneurship class in events and fundraising opportunities.