

Financial Education Fact Sheet Series: **MAINE**

The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) will help lead the creation of well-paying jobs for Maine residents by working at the nexus of economic and workforce development. Its work in financial education is directly related to its role in helping Maine residents afford education beyond high school.

nast.org/financialwellness/census



Financial Education Resources for K-12 & Beyond

FAME has created a variety of free resources and tools designed to assist students, parents, and educators with understanding the important elements of successful money management.

FAME Tools & Calculators

Created to support students as they pursue education after high school, and to provide information on higher education financing and financial wellness. FAME has also created a series of informational videos on a variety of topics.

Enrich & iGrad Online Financial Wellness

Powered by iGrad® and Enrich®, FAME offers free online financial education to support all Maine people during high school, college, and beyond.

Money Matters for ME Blog

This monthly personal finance blog was created for educators and other professionals. The purpose of the blog is to educate, create conversation, and explore financial topics through storytelling and humor.

Invest in ME Reads

Invest in ME Reads is a free family financial wellness program that can be used at school or at home.

Through Invest in ME Reads, all Maine public school students in grades one through six receive free books or resources designed to support early learning. Families and educators also have access to free resources at InvestinMeReads.com.

Financial Check with FAME

FAME provides FREE virtual sessions on a variety of financial topics, including how to prepare and pay for training beyond high school, become financially savvy, and repay student loans. These webinars are held the first Friday of each month at noon and are recorded for later viewing.

Maine Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy

FAME is a founding supporter of the Maine Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy. Working collaboratively, the coalition focuses its efforts on providing training and support to Maine educators. Maine Jump\$tart has also compiled a number of resources through the Maine Financial Education Services Clearinghouse.

Claim Your Future®

Claim Your Future® is an educational game created for middle and high school students that encourages students to explore career pathways, financial decision making, and the future return on investment of post-secondary education and training. Claim Your Future can be played alone or with a group, online or with the handheld game kit.

BUILD: Steps to Financial Wellness

Free guide designed to provide valuable money management information to high school students, college students, and adults through a step-by-step approach to financial success.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION/ STATE REQUIREMENTS

Instruction in the following subjects must be provided in separate or integrated study programs, and students must complete the following minimum requirements for a high school diploma: English—four years or the equivalent in standards achievement [PL 2019, c. 202, §1 (AMD)]; and social studies and history, including American history, government, civics, and personal finance—two years or the equivalent in standards achievement [PL 2019, c. 202, §1 (AMD)].

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