## Financial Literacy

What your students don't know can hurt them.
"Some people ask themselves if they really need it. We ask ourselves if we can do without it."

Advice from my Depression Era In-laws

## but I signed up to tutor English



- Tutors work hard to help students reach educational goals that will bring them better-paying job.
- Incorporating some basic financial literacy can help ensure that hard earned extra pay isn't wasted.
- You may be the only person in the student's life who can do this.



## 10 Things the Student Might Not Know

## 1. All the terms of a loan matter.

## $\$ 2000$ borrowed for 3 years

At

15\%

## Simple vs. Compound Interest

Simple Interest Example
Balance $=$ Principal $\times$ Rate $\times$ Time
$=\$ 2000 \times .15 \times 3 y e a r s$
Year 1 \$2300
Year 2 \$2600
Year 3 \$2900

Compound Interest Example Balance $=P(1 \times .15)^{3}$

## Year 1 \$2300 Year 2 \$2645 <br> Year 3 \$3042

## But it gets worse!

Annual Compounding
$\$ 2000$ loan at $15 \%$ for 3 years =

Daily Compounding
$\$ 2000$ loan at 15\% for 3 years.

## \$3042

## \$3136

## And Worse

- $\$ 2000$ balance on credit card at $24 \%$ compounded daily for 3 years=


## \$4108

## 2. Where you borrow matters.



## Payday Loans

## PAYDAY LOAN PRICE DISCLOSURE <br> CALIFORNIA

FINANCE CHARGES
You will pay $\$ 17.65$ per $\$ 100$ borrowed. The following examples show how finance charges are imposed on our loans.

| ADVANCE AMOUNT <br> (Amount Financed) | FINANCE CHARGE <br> (Cost of Loan) | TOTAL PAYMENT | APR* <br> (Loan Term 14 Days) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 100.00$ | $\$ 17.65$ | $\$ 117.65$ | $460.16 \%$ |
| $\$ 200.00$ | $\$ 35.30$ | $\$ 235.30$ | $460.16 \%$ |

*ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE The APR is the cost of your loan expressed as a yearly rate. The APR will increase if the actual loan term is shorter than this example, and will decrease ifyour loan term is longer.

## Can't pay off the Pay Day loan?

- Roll it over, and over, and over.
- Or take out another to repay it.............
$\$ 200$ @ 461\% for a year = \$917 interest plus principal or


## \$1118



## Emergency Money

Who Will Lend Me Funds?

- Bank / Credit Union
- Family member
- Friend
- Church
- Social media site like "Go Fund Me."

NO

- PAYDAY Ioan / Pawn Shop


## 3. Having an account at a bank or credit union can save time and money.

## Avoid Check Cashing Services

## (\$12 to cash a check)

San Mateo Credit Union offers an account with no monthly fees.
To open an account you must deposit \$50 into checking and \$20 into savings.
There is a $\$ 10$ membership fee. Checks are about $\$ 25$ but many branches will give you some complimentary opening checks.
You will need a form of identification such as a license or consular id.

## 4. Credit cards can hurt....... or help.



## Credit Card Types

Unsecured
Good credit
Search for best terms

## Secured

Poor credit or no credit history
Deposit Required
Important to find one that reports to the credit agencies


## Credit Card Statement

- Thebalance.com

How to understand your credit card statement.
https://www.thebalance.com/how-to-understand-your-credit-card-billing-statement-960246

## MINIMUM PAYMENT CALCULATOR



## What are the components of your minimum payment

## calculation?

Percentage of Balance:
\% 3.5

## Minimum Dollar Amount:

$$
\begin{array}{l|l}
\$ & 25.00
\end{array}
$$

MORE CALCULATORS
What will it take to pay off my current balance?
Which is better: Cash Back or Low Interest Card?
Which is better: Airlines or Low Interest Card?
How much could I save by transferring my balances?

## 5. Co-signing a loan is risky business.

## SO, never, ever co-sign a loan

(unless you'd be happy paying for the whole thing.)

## Because:

The bank thinks of you as the primary borrower not as a reference for your friend.

## 6. Little things matter.

## Starbucks



A muffin and a drink once a week
50 weeks a year
Put on a credit card @ 24\% interest

One year total
Earning minimum wage (\$11)
$=\$ 7$
= \$350
= \$90

One whole weeks pay just for Starbucks

# 7. Checking your credit annually is important. 

(where you check it is important too)

## Checking Your Credit

Https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action

If you don't have a SSN you can use an ITIN by mail.

## Individual Taxpayer Identification Number

ITIN

- https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/general-itininformation


## 8. There is help available.

# Consumer Credit Counseling <br> (NOT A DEBT CONSOLIDATOR) 

- For Profit
- Non Profit

How to choose:
https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0153-choosing-credit-counselor

## Spark Point

- https://www.canadacollege.edu/sparkpoint/about/


## 9. The importance of saving.

## Compounding Can Hurt or Help

## Borrow

Save


## COMPPOUNDING

STARTING EARLY WORKS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE. more powerful that advantage the more powerful that advantage can be.
\$45,500
Becomes
\$186,169

\$52,000
Becomes
\$110,420
$\longrightarrow$ AMBER SAVED OVER $\$ 75,000$ MORE THAN CARLA.
START EARLY - SAVE OFTEN - BE CONSISTENT Maximize the power of compounding.

## Back to Starbucks.

- If you took that $\$ 350$ each year beginning at age 25 and invested it at $5 \%$ APR until you were 65 years old.


## \$53,199.90

## 10. Budgeting is the key to financial security.



## Income \$

- Expenses $=$


## MONTH

My income this month
Income
Paychecks (salary after taxes, benefits, and check cashing fees) Other income (after taxes) for example: child support Total monthly income

My expenses this month
Expenses
Rent or mortgage
$\sum_{2}^{0}$ Renter's insurance or homeowner's insurance
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Untilites (like electricity and gas } \\ \text { 오 } & \text { Internet, cable, and phones }\end{array}$
Other housing expenses (like property taxes)
O. Meals out

- Other food expenses

Public transportation and taxis
ㅇ Gas for car
Car maintenance (like oil changes)
Car insuranc
Carloan
Other transportation expenses

## Budgeting

https://www.consumer.gov/sites/www.consumer.gov/files/pdf-1020-make-budget-worksheet form.pdf

Budgeting apps

- https://www.forbes.com/sites/samanthasharf/2016/03/02/12-free-apps-to-track-your-spending-and-how-to-pick-the-best-one-foryou/\#5a8ad3bb5445


# FINANCIAL SECURITY 

what to know and do

Managing Your
Money

Credit, Loans and Debt

Scams and Identity Theft

## Consumer protection basics... plain and simple.

This is a government website that helps you:

Manage and use your money wisely

Use credit and loans carefully

Protect your identity and money

## Resourses

- www.consumer.gov This is my favorite resource.
- https://www.canadacollege.edu/sparkpoint/about/

Also:

- https://www.consumer.gov/sites/www.consumer.gov/files/pdf-1020-make-budgetworksheet form.pdf
- https://www.forbes.com/sites/samanthasharf/2016/03/02/12-free-apps-to-track-your-spending-and-how-to-pick-the-best-one-for-you/\#5a8ad3bb5445
- https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/general-itin-information
- https://www.investor.gov/additional-resources/free-financial-planning-tools/compound-interestcalculator



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