



2023 NATIONAL
REPORT CARD

District of Columbia

CLASS OF
2023 GRADE



PROJECTED CLASS
OF 2028 GRADE



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Is a high school course with personal finance concepts required to be taken as a graduation requirement?

No, personal finance is not included in the graduation requirements, either as a stand-alone course or embedded in another course. Student are required to complete a total of 24 Carnegie Units for high school graduation. Four units are social studies and must include World History 1 and 2, United States History, United States Government, and District of Columbia History. A total of 3.5 required Carnegie Units are allocated to elective courses.

Sources:

- [District of Columbia High School Graduation Requirements](#)

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION STANDARDS

The D.C. 2006 Social Studies Standards were updated in 2023. There is no personal finance content in the social studies standards; however, economic concepts are included.

Sources:

- [District of Columbia Social Studies Standards](#)

PRE-K TO GRADE 8 EDUCATION STANDARDS

The District of Columbia does not require that personal finance concepts be taught to students during primary grades Pre-K to 8.

PROJECTED GRADE FOR CLASS OF 2028

No policy change is pending that would change the District of Columbia's grade.

EXTRA CREDIT

In 2008, the D.C. City Council passed the District of Columbia Financial Literacy Council Establishment Act of 2008. In 2014, that council released its recommendations for personal finance education in D.C. public schools; they have not been implemented. In 2021, a bill was introduced in D.C. that would have created a two-year pilot program that would require all public high schools to offer a financial literacy course elective to grade 11 and 12 students. The bill was not passed.

Sources:

- [District of Columbia Financial Literacy Recommendations](#)
- [Chapter 7A. Financial Literacy](#)
- [B24-0081 - Financial Literacy Education in Schools Amendment Act of 2021](#)

CAVEAT

Not applicable.