



## 2023 NATIONAL REPORT CARD

# Montana

CLASS OF 2023 GRADE



PROJECTED CLASS OF 2028 GRADE



### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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#### 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, and schools are not required to offer financial literacy courses.

**Sources:**

- [Montana High School Graduation Requirements](#)

### HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION STANDARDS

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Montana content standards indicate what all students should know when they graduate. Montana requires students to take two years of social studies but does not identify specific social studies courses to be taken. The social studies standards consist of four content standards that are made up of 43 skill standards. The economics content standards consist of nine skill standards. One of these skills (or 2% of all social studies skill standards) includes modest personal finance concepts. Montana requires students to take one year of career and technical education. The career and technical education standards consist of 12 content standards. One of these skills (or 8% of the standards) includes instruction on preparing for postsecondary education and career paths.

**Sources:**

- [Social Studies Content Standards](#)
- [Career and Technical Education Content Standards](#)

### PROJECTED GRADE FOR CLASS OF 2028

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No policy change is pending that would change Montana's grade.

### PRE-K TO GRADE 8 EDUCATION STANDARDS

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The K to 8 social studies and career and technical education standards include modest levels of personal finance concepts.

### EXTRA CREDIT

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In 2023, HB 535 became law in Montana. This bill is aspirational in nature. It added the following to an existing statute: "Legislative goals for public elementary and secondary schools. It is the goal of the legislature that Montana's public elementary and secondary school system, in cooperation with parents or guardians, create a learning environment for each student that: (9) **supports instruction of financial literacy, where students obtain the knowledge and skills required to succeed financially.**" (The words in bold were added to the existing law.) The law does not require that any action be taken by any state board or agency or local school districts.

**Sources:**

- [HB 535](#)

### CAVEAT

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It is not clear how Montana measures student achievement in financial literacy or how the state monitors local school district implementation of these very modest financial literacy education requirements.