



MEMO

TO: Superintendent Jeff Stephens, Board President Jon Ritchie, WSD Board Members

FROM: Sheri Heiter and Dr. Rod Belnap

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SUBJECT: Course Change from *Adult Roles and Financial Literacy* to *Individual Relationships and Family Finance*

In 2019, the Utah State Board of Education Career and Technical Education office announced that the Family and Consumer Science courses of *Adult Roles and Responsibilities* (ARR) and *Adult Roles and Financial Literacy* (ARFL) would be discontinued for the 2022-23 year. The courses no longer align with a specific career pathway. Weber District has taught both ARR and ARFL for many years. The courses have always attracted a steady number of students and the need to replace them is critical.

Two new courses, *Individual and Family Relationships* and *Personal and Family Finance*, are being introduced in 2022-23. Both of these courses are part of the Human Services career cluster. ARFL has historically been taught as a yearlong course and has included the *General Financial Literacy* course as part of the curriculum. In this case, students have received the *General Financial Literacy* credit for graduation.

The Weber School District Curriculum Director, a CTE Coordinator and a team of teachers met to review the *Personal and Family Finance* course, noting standards from *General Financial Literacy* that needed to be added in order to cover both sets of Utah Core Standards. These standards were then incorporated into the Standards document for the *Personal and Family Finance* course.

In order to ensure we have support from the Utah State Board of Education, we reached out to Thalea Longhurst, the Director of CTE. She endorsed the plan as written with the guidance that students would need to complete the assessments aligned with both courses. We are confident that the new course, as written, will appropriately address each identified Standard from both *Personal and Family Finance* and *General Financial Literacy*. Therefore, we propose that students who take the yearlong *Individual and Family Relationships* and *Personal and Family Finance* receive the attached CTE credit as well as the *General Financial Literacy* credit necessary for graduation. No changes will be made to the traditional *General Financial Literacy* course.