

ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/AP'S/TEACHERS: Social Studies - The National Financial Capability Challenge

**Category:**

**Audience:** Principals/APs (Senior High), All Teachers

**Due Date:** n/a

**Meeting Date:** n/a

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- The National Financial Capability Challenge is a free awards program designed to increase the financial knowledge and capability of high school aged youth across the United States so they can take control over their financial futures.
  - The program challenges high school teachers and other educators to teach the basics of personal finance to their students, and rewards students, educators, schools, and states for their participation and their success.
  - Information on the National Financial Capability Challenge program is as follows:
    - **Registration:** Educators are encouraged to go to [www.challenge.treas.gov](http://www.challenge.treas.gov) to view the video message from Education Secretary Arne Duncan and sign up as soon as possible. Registration is open through March 14, 2010.
    - **Educator Toolkit:** Once registered, educators will have access to a free Educator Toolkit that includes ready-to-use lesson plans (in PDF format) that cover all the core concepts students need to learn to take the Challenge. Educators are encouraged to use whichever modules they like, use other existing resources, or create their own innovative approaches to teaching these concepts in an effort to help students increase their financial capability.
    - **Challenge Exam:** The Challenge online exam, which is designed to illustrate the relevance of financial topics to students, as well as to assess their learning, will be offered from March 15 - April 9, 2010. It will take the average student less than 30 minutes to complete, and each student should take the exam only once. Educators can decide which day to administer the exam and are expected to treat it just like an official exam.
    - **Awards Program:** The top two scorers at each school, plus all students scoring in the top 20%, will receive National Financial Capability Challenge Award Certificates. All participating educators will receive an official certificate, and educators from schools and states with the highest proportion of participating students will be recognized as well.
  - More information can be found at the National Financial Capability Challenge web site at <http://www.challenge.treas.gov/about.aspx>.

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