

**Curriculum Committee Report**  
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Ted Willard and Rebecca Smondrowski met with Erick Lange and other members of the Office of Curriculum and Instruction to discuss MCCPTA's request to offer a course in financial literacy. MCPS now has available a one semester course in Financial Management (4158), although it is currently only at eight high schools (Blair, Blake, Paint Branch, Seneca Valley, Sherwood, Springbrook, Whitman, and Wootton). A separate one semester course in Financial Planning is offered at the six high schools that have National Academy of Finance (Einstein, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Northwest, Paint Branch, and Watkins Mill). That still leaves eleven schools that do not offer any financial literacy courses. While Financial Planning can only be offered at the schools that have National Academies of Finance, the Financial Management course could be offered at any high school provided that there were sufficient student interest. Any schools that might be interested should contact the curriculum committee. In addition, MCPS is considering making Financial Literacy available as an online course.