

MADLY PRODUCTIVE PATHWAYS

Unit 1 · Economics & the Consumer · Lesson 1.1

You, Your Family & the Economy

Standards & Skills Map

Florida 8500120 · 01.01-01.02 | National: Economics & Consumer Literacy

Three-layer alignment: Florida benchmark, national skills, and customization notes.

Florida Benchmarks (8500120)

01.01	Identify the importance of financially self-sufficient families to the stability of the American economic system.
01.02	Identify the role and importance of the consumer in the economic system.

National Skill Alignment

Skill Cluster	Competency Demonstrated
Economics	Explain how a market economy produces and distributes goods
Personal Financial Literacy	Connect personal money habits to the wider economy
Consumer Literacy	Describe the power and role of the consumer
Critical Thinking	Trace cause and effect through the circular flow

Learning Objectives -> Evidence

Objective	Where Assessed
Define economy, consumer, circular flow	Guided Notes, Vocabulary, MCQ

Objective	Where Assessed
Explain consumer spending as the engine	Guided Notes, MCQ, Case Study
Explain self-sufficiency and stability	Worksheet, Case Study, MCQ
Identify your own economic roles	Skill Task, Money Simulation kickoff

Key Vocabulary

- **Economy:** a system for producing, distributing, and using goods and services.
- **Consumer:** a person who buys and uses goods and services.
- **Producer:** a person or business that makes goods or provides services.
- **Circular flow:** the movement of money between households and businesses.
- **Consumer spending:** the money households spend, which drives most economic activity.
- **Financial self-sufficiency:** a family meeting its needs from its own resources.

Customization Guide

- This lesson is state-neutral; the Florida code is included for documentation only.
- Swap Maple Street for a local employer or current event to increase relevance.
- All student handouts are editable .docx - adjust reading level or add your LMS branding.

Convert This Lesson to YOUR State's Standards

This lesson teaches universal economics and personal-finance skills, so it aligns to standards in every state - only the code and wording differ. Use the three steps below to map it to your own framework in a few minutes.

Step 1 - Find your equivalent standard

- Open your state's personal finance, economics, or financial literacy framework.
- **Search for the skills this lesson covers:** the economy and circular flow, the role of the consumer, consumer spending, and financial self-sufficiency.
- Note the code(s) and exact wording of the closest standard(s).

Step 2 - Record the match

This Lesson Covers	Your State's Code	Your State's Wording
The economy & circular flow		
Role of the consumer		
Consumer spending as the engine		
Financial self-sufficiency & stability		

Step 3 - Let AI do the crosswalk (optional)

Paste the prompt below into any AI assistant (ChatGPT, Claude, Copilot, Gemini), then add your state's standards text where shown. It will return a ready-to-paste alignment.

COPY-PASTE AI PROMPT

"I teach a high-school personal finance / economics course. Below is a lesson objective and the skills it covers, followed by my state's standards. Create an alignment table that maps each skill to the closest standard code and wording from MY standards, note the match strength (Strong / Partial / Gap), and flag anything my standards require that this lesson does not yet cover.

LESSON: You, Your Family & the Economy. Students learn what an economy is, the circular flow of money, the role and importance of the consumer, and how financially self-sufficient families support a stable economy.

MY STATE'S STANDARDS: [paste your standards text here]"

Always verify AI output against the official framework before submitting it for compliance - treat the crosswalk as a strong first draft, not a final record.