Financial Literacy GAINS -
How to Use Financial Literacy GAINS

The Financial Literacy GAINS website contains a variety of curriculum-linked resources designed to provide educators with effective strategies to support financial literacy education across the province from Grade 4 to Grade 12. Below are descriptions of some of the major features of the Financial Literacy GAINS site, including the purpose of each feature and suggested uses. Please check back from time to time as the Financial Literacy GAINS site continues to grow as new resources are posted to the site.

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How to Get to Financial Literacy GAINS

To get to the Financial Literacy GAINS site, you can start by visiting the main EduGAINS website by clicking on: http://www.edugains.ca.

Financial Literacy GAINS appears as a clickable link in the left menu, which will take you to Financial Literacy Home: http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/index.html.

Main RSS Feeds - Click on the RSS feed tab on the left menu of the EduGAINS website to sign up for RSS feeds for a number of initiatives identified in a drop down list.

EduGAINS Pulse of the Province - Announcements about new items posted on EduGAINS
RSS Feed and Financial Literacy Pulse of the Province

A feed, also known as an RSS feed, XML feed, syndicated content, or web feed, provides information about recently updated content published by a website. For Financial Literacy GAINS, the RSS Feed is located on Financial Literacy Home; the RSS Feed is a way to have information and updates sent right to your email. Click on this link to register your email, and you will receive an email when new material is posted on Financial Literacy GAINS. The RSS email update includes a link to take you directly to the new content on the Financial Literacy GAINS site. Here is the link to the Financial Literacy GAINS RSS Feed: http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/rsssubscriptionfl.html.

The Financial Literacy Pulse of the Province feature is the news feed for the Financial Literacy GAINS site. As new items are uploaded, and important announcements are made, a Financial Literacy Pulse of the Province update is posted on the Financial Literacy GAINS Home. Please check the Pulse of the Province for recent news about financial literacy education and for information about new resources to support financial literacy education in schools. Click on this link to see the current Financial Literacy Pulse of the Province: http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/index.html.
The **Mega Menu** is the list of items found along the top of the Financial Literacy GAINS site. It is organized by role and has drop down menus for Teachers, Professional Learning Facilitators, and School Administrators. Each contains links to resources specific to those roles. As more materials are added to the site, they will be reflected in the **Mega Menu** to help you identify materials tailored to your specific role. This feature will continue to evolve. Changes will be announced on **Financial Literacy Pulse of the Province** and by the **RSS Feed**.

Clicking on Home on the **Mega Menu** will take you to the main EduGAINS site which contains links to many other education related initiatives such as AER GAINS, ELL GAINS, Literacy GAINS and Math GAINS.
Littératie financière

To access French-language financial literacy education resources, please visit http://edusourceontario.com/.
Financial Literacy Home contains an introduction to Financial Literacy GAINS and hosts the RSS feed and Pulse of the Province. You can also access the French-language resources from Financial Literacy Home. Short video clips (elementary and secondary) which can be used to introduce financial literacy education can also be found on Financial Literacy Home.

Click on this link to go to Financial Literacy Home: http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/index.html.
**Background**

*Background* provides a synopsis of the financial literacy education initiative in Ontario, and contains links to helpful background materials including the financial literacy education report *A Sound Investment: Financial Literacy Education in Ontario Schools*, a link to the Curriculum Council, the Federal Taskforce on Financial Literacy site, FAQs on financial literacy education in Ontario schools and links to news releases by the government on financial literacy education.

Access *Background* by clicking the following link: [http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/background.html](http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/background.html).
Resources - Overview

The Resources drop down menu contains a variety of curriculum-linked resources. Additional resources will be added to this section as they are developed. Please see pages 10-14 for more information on these resources. Resources are found under the following tabs in a drop down menu:

Elementary - This tab hosts the Elementary Financial Literacy Education Videos. In addition, each video is accompanied by viewer guides, professional learning facilitator viewer guides and lesson plans pertaining to each individual video. These videos are intended for use by classroom teachers for professional development and learning.*

Secondary - This tab hosts the Secondary Financial Literacy Education Videos. In addition, each video is accompanied by viewer guides, professional learning facilitator viewer guides and lesson plans pertaining to each individual video. These videos are intended for use by classroom teachers for professional development and learning.*

Highlights Videos - A series of Highlight Videos have been created to introduce financial literacy education to different audiences. These videos are accessible from Financial Literacy GAINS Home and from the elementary and secondary resources sections.*

School Administrators - This tab contains materials and links specifically designed for elementary and secondary school administrators. The resources are intended for school administrators to support professional development for classroom teachers and their school community.

Subject/Division Associations – This tab contains links to resources and materials developed by Subject/Division Associations to support financial literacy education as it relates to a range of specific disciplines and curricula. The resources are intended for use by classroom teachers and for schools to support professional development.

*(See page 15 for information on Video Formats)
Related Links

This section of the Financial Literacy GAINS site provides a preliminary list of links to organizations that are involved in financial literacy education. These links can be used for connecting with other materials and tools that are available on the internet.

You can access Related Links by clicking the following link: http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/relatedlinks.html.
Resources - Elementary

This section contains the elementary scope and sequence document which identifies opportunities within existing curriculum expectations for educators to help students acquire skills and knowledge related to financial literacy education. It includes a selection of video clips and viewer guides, viewer guides for professional learning facilitators and lesson plans designed to support elementary classroom teachers in implementing financial literacy education into their teaching in an integrated way using the current curriculum. See pages 15 and 16 for more information about the different viewer guides and the video formats. Additional lesson plans provide strategies for integrating financial literacy education across a range of grades and subject areas will be posted in the coming weeks.

You can access Elementary resources by clicking the following link:
http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/elementary.html.
Resources - Secondary

This section contains the secondary scope and sequence document which identifies opportunities within existing curriculum expectations for educators to help students acquire skills and knowledge related to financial literacy education. It includes a selection of video clips and viewer guides, viewer guides for professional learning facilitators and lesson plans designed to support secondary classroom teachers in implementing financial literacy education into the courses they teach. See pages 15 and 16 for more information about the different viewer guides and the video formats. Additional lesson plans provide strategies for integrating financial literacy education across a range of grades and subject areas will be posted in the coming weeks.

You can access Secondary resources by clicking the following link: http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/secondary.html.
Resources - Highlights Videos

A series of highlight videos have been created to introduce financial literacy education to different audiences. These videos are accessible from Financial Literacy GAINS Home and from the elementary and secondary resources sections.

The short highlights videos can be used with a general audience – parents, administrators, educators or anyone interested in financial literacy education. The videos provide an overview of financial literacy education in Ontario, highlighting Ontario’s vision, approach and the resources available. They provide a short introduction and preview of some of the video resources available to show how educators can support students in learning about financial literacy in an integrated way with current Ontario curriculum.

The longer highlights videos can also be used with any audience but are targeted most directly at an educator audience. While sharing a brief overview of financial literacy education in Ontario, these videos provide a more in depth look at the video resources. Highlights videos could be used by teachers independently or by professional learning facilitators to introduce educators to the wide resources available across a range of grades, subjects, courses and pathways.

All highlights videos are available in FLV (quickview) format or for high quality downloads in MOV and MP4 formats. For public viewing, it is highly recommended that the video be downloaded for viewing. See “Video Formats” on page 16 for more information.
The **School Administrators** tab contains materials and links specifically designed for elementary and secondary school administrators. The materials available include links to:

- The report *A Sound Investment: Financial Literacy Education in Ontario Schools*, which contains background information about the initiative.
- The elementary and secondary Scope and Sequence documents which identify opportunities within existing curriculum expectations for educators to help students acquire skills and knowledge related to financial literacy education.
- Webinars and materials developed by the Ontario Principals’ Council (OPC), the Catholic Principals’ Council of Ontario (CPCO) and the Association des directions et directions adjointes des écoles franco-ontariennes (ADFO).
- A series of guides developed for both elementary and secondary administrators to help administrators identify specific video clips which could be used for different audiences. The guides include Selected Video Highlights, Voices of School Administrators and Leaders, and Introducing Financial Literacy to Parents: Clips from the Financial Literacy Videos.

The items found on this page can be used by principals to support their own professional learning, and can be used to share with teachers, parents and others in their school community.

You can access **School Administrators** resources by clicking the following link: [http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/schooladministrators.html](http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/schooladministrators.html).
Resources - Subject/Division Associations

Subject/Division Associations have developed lesson plans and learning resources to demonstrate connections between financial literacy knowledge and skills and various curricula. This page has descriptions of, and links to, these resources.

You can access Subject/Division Associations resources by clicking the following link: http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/financialLiteracy/subjectdivisionassociations.html.
Viewer Guides and Viewer Guides for Professional Learning Facilitators

**Viewer Guides** are included with the Financial Literacy Videos to provide background information about each video and reflective questions for before, during and after viewing to help guide and stimulate thinking for viewers. The viewer guides are designed to strengthen the impact of the videos on classroom instruction related to financial literacy education.

**Viewer Guides for Professional Learning Facilitators** are specifically designed for elementary and secondary professional learning facilitators and school administrators to help highlight specific content and speakers throughout each video. Time codes are provided to help pinpoint clips from each video which could be used to support professional development related to a number of key topics (e.g., examples of critical thinking, differentiated instruction, parent partnerships, student engagement, reflections about considering bias before teaching, and cross-curricular links such as environmental education).
Video Formats

Videos posted on the Financial Literacy GAINS site can be viewed as Play All versions, or as individual segments, and are posted in three formats:

**FLV (Flash)** - This format is for quick playing and viewing on your screen while exploring Financial Literacy GAINS.

**MOV** - This format is for higher resolution video and download. The program QuickTime® is required for playback.

**MP4** - Also for higher resolution video and download. This format can be played on a variety of video players.

![Diagram of Video Formats](image-url)
Site Search

Use this space to search content on EduGAINS for financial literacy education related items.

Contact Us

Click here to send a question, comment or request to Financial Literacy GAINS. You will receive a response by email.