

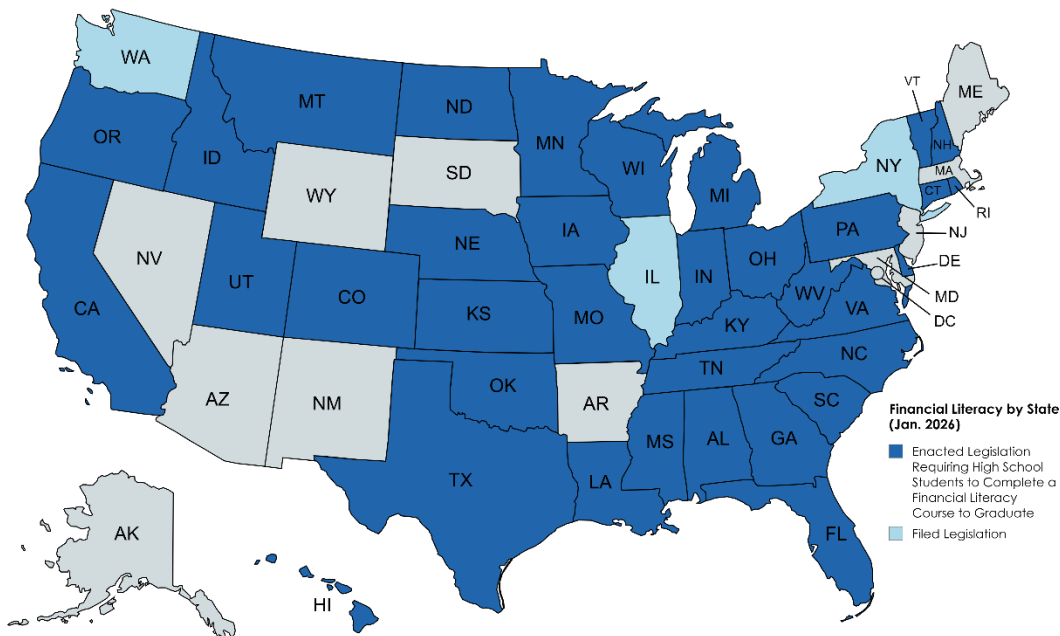
# Personal Finance by State

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## NAIFA Position

NAIFA strongly supports state requirements for public high school students to complete personal finance coursework prior to graduation. Starting financial education in high school gives students a leg up and will help them make better financial decisions when they enter the workforce. High school personal finance courses may also inspire some students to pursue financial services as a career.

NAIFA chapters are actively promoting financial curriculum requirements in their states. Currently, 36 states have passed measures to require public high school students to take a one-credit personal finance course prior to graduation. Fifteen (15) states have requirements in place, and 21 have begun the implementation process. So far in 2026, 3 states have filed legislation to add a standalone semester-long personal finance course to high school graduation requirements.



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