



INSTRUCTOR: MS. SURRATT

COURSE: MATH 4 HONORS



PROJECT SUMMARY



- Students will individually research the career that they would like to pursue. They will need to determine the schooling required, calculate loan payments, retirement investments, taxes, housing, car, food, etc...to build a budget based on their salary. Students will then be grouped by program area to complete a realistic budget for a "client" that is from their program area.



DRIVING QUESTION

- How can we use our math knowledge to prepare for our life after graduation?



SUSTAINED INQUIRY & AUTHENTICITY

- Students will determine what their life will look like post graduation whether that be from WTCC or a 4 year university. They have to be realistic about their living arrangements, spending and balancing that with loan payments. They will present their information in a presentation format. They will also then become financial advisors and help out a client determine a realistic budget based on a given salary and student loans.



STUDENT VOICE & CHOICE WITH PUBLIC PRODUCTS

- Students shared their findings via a presentation for both components of this project and presented their findings to financial literacy classes or lower classmen in their program areas.



TEACHER REFLECTION

- This was the most fulfilling PBL I have done to date! The students were so intrigued and invested in the project. I will definitely do this again next semester with a few revisions. I would like to add some "spreadsheet" worksheets to put their numbers on from their individual budgets that they create. This would help me in grading and for them to be more organized. I want to add a rubric for their 1-2 page paper they complete to start the project off. Overall, a huge success for us!



STUDENT REFLECTIONS

- "I really learned the value of a dollar and how I shouldn't just spend it on things I don't need."
- "I learned how to pick a school based off its feed, then formulate to pay off student loans, how to properly pick a home and car, and how to pick a career that I will actually be able to survive off its salary."



NOTED SKILLS GAINED

- DOING TAXES
- ADAPTABILITY
- DECISION MAKING
- BUDGETING

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