

## Build: Credit Fundamentals

**FREE DIGITAL LESSONS** 



# **Credit Building Skills for Teens**

In this course, we cover the basics of credit, building creditworthiness, protecting against fraud, interpreting credit reports, and dealing with fraud. As high school students get older, they will be exposed to situations where their credit will be evaluated such as applying for credit cards and loans. Making smart financial decisions early can positively affect a credit score, which can save students a substantial amount of money in interest payments over their lifetime.

**Build: Credit Fundamentals** is a digital program that helps students build knowledge about acquiring credit, growing credit, managing credit and dealing with fraud or inaccuracies with credit in effective ways.

#### THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

- EVERFI's self-graded, interactive lessons help students develop simple, actionable strategies to better manage their finances and protect themselves when using payment applications.
- Real-world scenarios prime students for long-term behavioral change using problem-solving and self-reflection activities.
- Detailed score reports and offline extension activities help teachers maximize their impact across all students.



Grade Level: 9th - 12th

Total Lessons: 5 digital lessons; 5-15

minutes each

Curriculum Fit: Finance, Economics, CTE,

Social Studies, Business, FACS

**Standards Alignment: Jump\$tart** 

National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education, US State Financial

**Literacy Standards** 



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Lisa Meyers, South Doyle High School,
 Tennessee

### LESSON SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

#### 1. What is credit?

 Define credit and situations where credit can be helpful

**Activity:** Watch introductory video on the purpose of credit

#### 2. Acquiring Credit

- Understand the long term impact of credit
- Identify best practices for using credit cards
  Activity: Applying for your first credit card

#### 3. Growing Credit

- Compare and contrast the 3 C's of creditworthiness
- Evaluate potential cosigners
  Activity: Securing car or student loans

#### 4. Managing Credit

- Differentiate between a credit report and a credit score
- Identify factors that increase or decrease a credit score

**Activity:** Adjusting credit utilization to increase credit scores

#### 5.Addressing Issues with Credit

- Identify credit related fraud using a report
- Identify best practices dealing with fraud
  Activity: Apply best practices to freeze credit



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#### **LESSON PREVIEWS:**

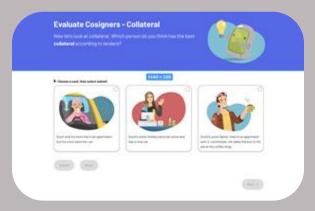
#### What is credit?



#### **Acquiring Credit**



#### **Growing Credit**



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EVERFI, Inc., a Blackbaud company, empowers educators to bring real-world learning into the classroom and equip students with the skills they need for success - now and in the future. 3 of 5 U.S. school districts use EVERFI's digital resources to teach topics like financial literacy, social-emotional learning, career readiness, and prevention education.

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