

EDAD 6952 - School Finance and Budget Planning Processes

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Course Description

6952. School Finance and Budget Planning Processes. This course focuses on an analysis of school funding on a state and local level. School budgeting, site-based management, and school business practices are major topics. An action research project is part of the course requirement. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Brimley, V., Verstegen, D., & Garfield, R. (2020). <i>Financing Education in a Climate of Change</i> (13th ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson		

Recommended Texts (Multi-State)

- Maxwell, R.E. & Sweetland S.R. (2013) – *Ohio school finance: A practitioner's guide* (5th ed.). Newark, NJ: Matthew Bender & Co, In.
- Odden, A.R., & Picus, L.O. (2008) – *School finance: A policy perspective* (4th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw- Hill.
- Baker, B. D. (2018). *Educational inequality and school finance: Why money matters for America's students*. Harvard Education Press.
- Verstegen, D. A. (Ed.). (2015). *Financing education: An equity perspective*. Routledge.
- Guthrie, J. W., Springer, M. G., Rolle, R. A., & Houck, E. A. (2007). *Modern education finance and policy*. Pearson.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Brimley Ch. 3 (pp. 61–102) & Ch. 4 (pp. 103–134)	District-level budget structures, revenue sources, and funding allocation systems	8/30
8/31	Brimley Ch. 5 & 6 (pp. 135–228)	School-level expenditures and allocation patterns	9/6
9/7	Brimley Ch. 8 (pp. 229–257)	Alignment of spending to	9/13
9/14	Brimley Ch. 9 & 10 (pp. 258–310)	Staffing scenarios, personnel costs, staffing ratios	9/20

9/21	Brimley Ch. 11 (pp. 311–341)	Operational decisions within contractual constraints	9/27
9/28	Brimley Ch. 12 & 13 (pp. 342–391)	Purchasing procedures and grant compliance	10/4
10/5	Brimley Ch. 14 (pp. 392–460)	Comprehensive school-level financial planning	10/11

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