

**Section 2--Budgets****Title of Lesson/Subject:** *Spending Plan Worksheet***Prepared by:****Contact Information****E-mail address:****Phone:****Time Allotment:****Grade Level:****ND Standards Competencies:****Key Economic Concepts:****Brief Description:****Learner Objectives:****Introduction:****Materials Needed:****Audio/Visual Equipment Needed:****Lesson Outline:**

“Spending Plan Worksheet” is attached for use as an in-class activity or assignment.

**Resources:****Activities:**

A Spending Plan (attached)

**Application/Assignment:****Evaluation Plan:**

## A SPENDING PLAN

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Does your money disappear the moment it enters your hands? Meanwhile, are you yearning for something special—maybe a new car or money for college? It's time to set priorities. You need to set up a spending plan so your money goes where it will make you happiest. First, you need to keep track of where your money is going now. Write down everything you spend for a few weeks. Then eliminate or cut back on the unessential expenses (things you want rather than need). In order to put away some money each week toward your financial goal, you'll have to make a few trade-offs. For example, you might go to one movie a week, instead of two—or watch TV instead—so you can put some money in your car fund. Try to avoid impulse purchases; wait a day or two to see if they still seem important.

Are you saving for any special goals? If so, what?

Have you ever set up a spending plan? Why or why not?

What would be the advantages and disadvantages?

Do you do any unnecessary spending? If so, for what?

What tempts you into spending when it might not actually be a good idea (e.g., big sales, a pitch from a salesperson, etc.)?

If you were going to cut back on your spending, where would you start?

Would you like to get a credit card someday?

What would be the pros and cons?

Are there any dangers to credit cards?

Do you know anyone who got into trouble with one?

Imagine that your goal is buying a used car. Look through the paper to see how much the type of car you'd like to have might actually cost. If you put away \$25 a week, how long would it take you to save the money? If you put away \$50? \$100?