



Brenda Dumler is a career Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and FCCLA Advisor at Lee's Summit West High School in Lee's Summit, MO. Brenda received her Masters, plus 46 credit hours, in Home Economics Education from the University of Missouri, Columbia. Brenda uses the Family Economics and Financial Education curriculum in the class entitled "Personal Finance for Independent Living" which is offered to junior and seniors. In addition to this semester long course, Brenda integrates the curriculum into the Fashion Design and Merchandising, Clothing classes, Culinary classes, and Personal Image classes that she teaches in Lee's Summit.

Brenda has completed one year in the Family Economics and Financial Education Project. Additionally, she is a Missouri Teacher Mentor, has helped develop and pilot the state test for Personal Finance and has introduced the FEFE curriculum to many teachers in her district and surrounding area. Brenda attended the Take Charge of Your Finances Training in Montana because she was transferring to a new high school in her district and would be teaching Personal Finance for the first time. She was so impressed with the curriculum that she literally jumped at the chance to become more involved in the program.

Throughout her career Brenda has been active in several professional organizations including MSTA, ACTE, MOACTE, MoEFACS, AAFCS, NATFACS and has served in leadership positions by making curriculum and technology presentations at both state and national meetings. She participated in a public radio program that spread the word about Missouri's new Personal Finance graduation requirement and the curriculum she would be using to teach it.

Always seeking to bring innovation and improvement into her classroom, Brenda has also written two cookbooks which she uses in her foods classes in Lee's Summit.

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