# **2024 100 BEST W!SE HIGH SCHOOLS TEACHING PERSONAL FINANCE RANKINGS ANNOUNCED**

**LAKE TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZED AS A “100 BEST” SCHOOL**

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Working in Support of Education (W!se), a national nonprofit, announced the 2024 “100 Best W!se High Schools Teaching Personal Finance” during a ceremony sponsored by Voya Financial®. This year’s first-place school is Council High School in Honaker, Virginia. Richmond Community High School from Virginia, Sampson Early College High School from North Carolina, Academies of West Memphis from Arkansas, and Open High School from Virginia placed second to fifth respectively.

The “100 Best W!se High Schools Teaching Personal Finance” is the first and only national ranking of its type, recognizing excellence in personal finance instruction among W!se’s national network of schools that participate in its Financial Literacy Certification program.

“We are proud to support the 100 Best W!se High Schools Teaching Personal Finance once again to recognize the students and teachers committed to improving young people’s opportunity at a secure financial future,” said Braeden Mayrisch, VP, stakeholder equity and impact and VP, Voya Foundation, “Partners like W!se share our belief that the best way to teach this vital life skill to students of all backgrounds is in a required high school course, taught by a great educator.”

The ceremony was held at the Touro College in Times Square, New York City. Bob Pisani, CNBC Stocks Correspondent, was the keynote speaker.

“We are thrilled to announce the 2024 100 Best schools. These schools exemplify a commitment to empowering students with crucial financial knowledge and skills,” said David Anderson, President and CEO of W!se. “Congratulations to all the schools honored this year for their dedication to financial education.”

The “100 Best” schools participate in W!se’s Financial Literacy Certification program. Through this award winning program, W!se provides instructional resources to support personal finance instruction at schools in 49 states and then administers the W!se Financial Literacy Certification Test. Students passing the Test become Certified Financially Literate™ (CFL), a nationally recognized credential. The “100 Best” schools ranking is based on the average Test score from each school with consideration given to the number of test takers and the socio-economic background of the students at each school.

For the complete list of this year’s 100 Best schools, [click here](https://wise-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-List-of-100-Best-FINAL.pdf).

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