

# Financial Algebra, Student Edition



## Synopsis

By combining algebraic and graphical approaches with practical business and personal finance applications, South-Western's FINANCIAL ALGEBRA, motivates high school students to explore algebraic thinking patterns and functions in a financial context. FINANCIAL ALGEBRA will help your students achieve success by offering an applications based learning approach incorporating Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry topics. Authors Gerver and Sgroi have spent more than 25 years working with students of all ability levels and they have found the most success when connecting math to the real world. FINANCIAL ALGEBRA encourages students to be actively involved in applying mathematical ideas to their everyday lives.

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Robert Gerver and Richard Sgroi are well-known mathematics teachers, authors, and speakers at mathematics conferences throughout the U.S. Robert Gerver received his undergraduate degree from Queens College of the City University of New York where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his Ph.D. from New York University. Dr. Gerver has received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching for New York state. Richard Sgroi is a well-known mathematics teacher, author, and speaker at mathematics conferences throughout the U.S. Dr. Sgroi received his Ph.D. from New York University. Over the course of their 25-year careers, Gerver and Sgroi have developed teaching methods to unmask the mystery of mathematics with applications to music, business, finance, and practical living skills. Together they authored Sound Foundations: A

Mathematics Simulation, which received recognition from the U.S. Department of Education's Program Effectiveness Panel and was included in the publication, Educational Programs that Work.

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Great book.

Practical and relevant. This was a great purchase for me.

I first encountered this book while in high school taking a Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications. For this class it was alright because you had the teacher to explain. When I began my freshman year in college I was again required to have this book. Everything changed. The lessons, are poorly written and described very little of the topic. Not to mention the examples. Half the time the examples had nothing to do with the subject of the lesson nor the chapter. If you can figure out that you have to flip around in the book to find what you're looking for, then yes this is a great book. If you have a professor willing to take the time and explain the lessons better and in more depth, then yes it's a great book. It's not worth the effort without either though.

Financial Algebra, Student Edition (Applied Mathematics). This book was brand new and packaged well. This company has great service and the price was right.

I have been teaching out of this book for two years now and I am not very impressed by this book. The idea behind the financial algebra curriculum was to offer students a way to learn about math and finance at the same time. At my school students are given a math credit for taking this class, however, 90% of the math that they will use seems to be calculating percents and averages. Anything above what I just mentioned mostly entails mindlessly plugging numbers into equations that they do not understand. So if you are thinking about using this book as a way to teach math and finance simultaneously, be warned that the math part is extremely superficial almost entirely at the middle school level.

Financial Algebra by Gerver and Sgroi is alone in its field. It covers financial topics such as banking, checking, budgeting, mortgages, credit cards, auto insurance, investing and more using the algebra skills all high school students need to know. It reviews Algebra 1 by constantly applying those skills,

and teaches selected topics from Algebra 2, Geometry, precalculus, Calculus and probability and statistics. There are projects for students to do outside the classroom, internet activities, and plenty of finance-related quotes to start each lesson. The model problems are great. There are tons of applications problems, and there is also an accompanying workbook with even more applications. This course should be a requirement for every high school student in the country. The book is the script for the course, and it very efficiently programs the entire curriculum.

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