

# Teachers' Financial Literacy and Financial Management Practices

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## Abstract

Teachers often face financial challenges due to limited financial education, which can impact their decision-making and overall financial stability. This study aimed to assess the financial literacy and management practices of public elementary school teachers in Don Carlos, Bukidnon, during the School Year 2024–2025. Specifically, it described the respondents' profiles, evaluated their levels of financial literacy and financial management practices, examined the relationship between the two, and tested differences in practices based on their demographic profile. A total of 309 public elementary school teachers participated in the study. A modified questionnaire was utilized, and data were analyzed using descriptive statistics, Pearson Correlation Coefficient, and T-test. The study used a descriptive-correlational research design with complete enumeration.

Results revealed that teachers had high financial literacy, particularly in daily financial tasks, but showed limited understanding of risk and return. Their financial management practices were also rated high, though heavy use of credit cards pointed to budgeting concerns. A significant positive relationship between financial literacy and financial management was found. Notable differences in financial practices emerged when grouped by age, income, and education. The study concluded that improving teachers' financial education—especially in risk assessment, savings, and credit use—is vital for long-term financial well-being.

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## 1. Introduction

In today's complex economic environment, the ability to efficiently manage personal finances has become increasingly important. Teachers, despite their critical role in shaping society and nurturing future generations, frequently face unique financial challenges. These include low salaries, substantial student loan debt, and limited access to financial education, which often lead to poor financial decisions, increased stress, and impaired well-being (Galang, 2021). Many educators resort to multiple loans to meet financial obligations, compounding their financial strain over time.

Recent research underscores the urgency of addressing these challenges by improving teachers' financial literacy and management behaviors (Smith, 2022; Johnson & White, 2023). Studies reveal that teachers generally have lower financial literacy levels compared to other professionals, lacking foundational knowledge about interest rates, investment options, and long-term financial planning (Arruda, 2019; Ataf, 2014). Teachers tend to adopt conservative financial management practices—prioritizing savings and debt avoidance—but may neglect growth-oriented investments (Arifin, 2018). This financial vulnerability can

lead to stress, anxiety, reduced job satisfaction, absenteeism, and even early retirement or career changes, ultimately affecting their professional performance and quality of life (ECIJA, 2020).

Enhancing financial literacy among teachers has the potential to empower them to make informed financial decisions, including debt management, retirement planning, and investment strategies, fostering a positive attitude and greater control over their finances (Delmo et al., 2023). Effective financial behaviors, such as consistent saving, responsible credit use, diversified investments, and disciplined budgeting, contribute to their financial security and long-term stability (Espinosa, 2018; Cain et al., 2018). This study aims to investigate the financial literacy and financial management practices of teachers to shed light on the scope of these challenges. Addressing these issues is essential not only to improve teachers' financial well-being but also to enable them to serve as role models who can impart financial knowledge to their students, thereby cultivating a culture of responsible financial decision-making in future generations.

### **Research Questions**

The study endeavored to determine the level of financial literacy and financial management practices among public elementary school teachers in Don Carlos, Bukidnon, during the School Year 2024-2025. Specifically, it sought to answer the following questions:

1. How are the respondents distributed in terms of sex, age, civil status, highest educational attainment, family monthly income, and other sources of income?
2. What is the level of teachers' financial literacy in terms of knowledge, behavior, attitude, and training?
3. What is the level of teachers' financial management practices with regard to savings, credit, investment, spending habits, and budgeting?
4. Is there a significant relationship between teachers' financial literacy and their financial management practices?
5. Is there a significant difference in the teacher's financial management practices when grouped according to their profile?

### **Significance**

The results of this research were beneficial to the teachers and other stakeholders in the community. Upon the completion of the study and the attainment of the set goals, this research had the most significant outcomes that were useful to the following: School heads and higher officials benefited from this study to improve the quality of education. To increase education quality, it was necessary to ensure that the required finances were obtained on time and that existing financial resources were properly managed in schools by teachers who were financially literate. The results of the study helped provide teachers with a strong foundation to increase understanding and enhance their performance in carrying out leadership practices related to financial literacy and management. This study also helped guide future researchers in planning and designing training programs for financial literacy and management to address the needs of school teachers in maintaining quality education and dignified character.

### **Scope and Limitations**

This study focused on teachers' financial literacy and their financial management practices in Don Carlos Bukidnon, School Year 2024-2025. The respondents of the study were the three hundred-nine (309) public elementary school teachers in the aforesaid division.

The independent variables were limited to teachers' financial literacy based on knowledge, behavior, attitude, and training. Further, the dependent variables were limited to teachers' financial management practices with regard to saving, credit, investment, spending, and budgeting. Moreover, the moderating variables were the respondents' profile in terms of sex, age, civil status, highest educational attainment, monthly gross income, and other sources of income.

## 2. Literature Review

**Demographic factors** significantly influence financial literacy and management practices. Lusardi and Mitchell (2020) highlighted that individual with higher education levels tend to make more informed financial decisions, especially in saving, investing, and long-term planning. Similarly, Zhang et al. (2021) found that income levels greatly impact financial behavior, with middle-income earners often balancing savings and financial responsibilities. These findings emphasize the need to consider respondents' profiles when evaluating financial literacy and designing targeted financial education programs.

**Sex:** Women tend to adopt more cautious and conservative financial behaviors, such as budgeting and saving for emergencies, retirement, and education. This reflects societal norms positioning women as primary household financial caretakers focused on stability (Atkinson et al., 2020).

**Age:** Younger individuals typically spend more, save less, and rely more on credit due to early career and lifestyle demands. Middle-aged teachers (41–50 years) show balanced financial responsibility, while older teachers emphasize wealth preservation and pension management (Johnson & Smith, 2020; Peterson & Lee, 2021).

**Civil Status:** Financial education needs vary by marital status: singles need guidance on long-term planning and credit use, married couples on joint planning and investing, and divorced or widowed individuals on managing financial transitions (OECD, 2023).

**Educational Attainment:** Higher education correlates with greater financial literacy, better investment knowledge, and more participation in retirement savings and diversified portfolios (Lusardi & Mitchell, 2020).

**Family Monthly Income:** Middle-income families practice cautious and growth-oriented financial behaviors but often struggle with debt management. Higher-income households focus more on asset accumulation, while lower-income families prioritize basic needs and debt repayment (Zhang et al., 2021; Ramirez & White, 2022; Davis & Patel, 2021).

**Other Income Sources:** Teachers and entrepreneurs with additional income streams tend to have better financial stability but require effective budgeting and financial planning to maximize benefits. Financial literacy programs targeting income diversification and risk management improve long-term financial security (Oseifuah, 2021; Lewis & Carter, 2023; Gomez & Reyes, 2021).

**Financial literacy** is essential for teachers as it directly impacts their ability to manage income, savings, and investments effectively. Limited financial knowledge can lead to poor financial decisions, increasing financial stress and affecting job performance (ECIJA, 2020). Studies highlight that teacher often struggle with budgeting, debt management, and long-term financial planning due to inadequate financial education (Arruda, 2019; Arifin, 2019).

**Financial knowledge** involves understanding how resources are obtained and used efficiently to achieve organizational goals, including effective financial controls and internal systems to prevent misuse of funds (Espinosa, 2018; Das & Choubey, 2018; Atatai & Azila-Gbettor, 2023). Proper communication about

budgeting and risk assessment enhances resource use and financial planning (Fan & Babiarz, 2019; Arruda, 2018).

Many teachers, especially in public schools, face financial struggles, often engaging in informal debt due to limited financial literacy, which affects their saving and investing behaviors (De Guzman & Reginalde, 2022; Chang et al., 2020). Financial literacy helps in managing money wisely, setting goals, budgeting, saving, and making sound financial decisions that align with both personal and institutional objectives (Espinosa, 2018; ECIJA, 2020).

**Financial behavior** among teachers impacts school operations, as teachers are often responsible for budgeting and managing funds for instructional needs. Strong financial literacy supports efficient management and risk reduction, whereas lack of it leads to debt and poor financial decisions (Das & Choubey, 2018; Creswell, 2012).

**Financial attitudes** are shaped by low wages and financial pressures, which contribute to poor money management. Incorporating financial education for teachers can improve budgeting, spending control, and risk assessment skills, enabling better financial planning and reducing confusion in school financial operations (Arifin, 2018; Capisonda-Porteza, 2024; Bannon et al., 2019).

**Financial training** is crucial, as well-managed finances reduce stress, improve teachers' job satisfaction, and allow focus on professional growth and student learning. Providing adequate salaries and financial management support improves teachers' quality of life and overall school performance (Fan & Babiarz, 2019; Kenya, 2018; Chang et al., 2020).

**Financial management** is a critical skill that allows individuals to allocate resources effectively, manage debt, and secure their financial future. For teachers, financial management plays a vital role in maintaining financial stability despite challenges such as fixed salaries, increasing living costs, and financial obligations (Zhang et al., 2021). Poor financial management can lead to stress, reduced job satisfaction, and difficulty in meeting financial commitments, ultimately impacting professional performance (Oseifuah, 2021).

**Saving** is fundamental for financial stability, helping individuals handle unexpected expenses, achieve long-term goals, reduce debt, and build wealth through investments. Emergency funds and early retirement savings provide security and peace of mind. Saving fosters financial discipline and freedom by encouraging responsible money management (ECIJA, 2020; Chang et al., 2020).

**Credit** management involves assessing borrowers' financial capacity to repay loans and setting appropriate credit terms. Effective financial practices include monitoring accounts, establishing clear repayment plans, and implementing collection strategies to minimize risk and maintain healthy financial relationships (Chang et al., 2020; Capisonda-Porteza, 2024).

**Investment** decisions rely on evaluating project viability, balancing risks and returns, and managing portfolios through diversification and hedging. Financial tools and performance tracking help optimize investments and cash flows, while dividend policies balance profit distribution and reinvestment (Baryła-Matejczuk et al., 2020; De Guzman & Reginalde, 2022).

**Spending Habits** are influenced by financial management strategies like planning, recording expenses, and prioritizing spending. Good money management reduces impulsive purchases, improves credit, and frees resources for future goals, ultimately enhancing financial health (Delmo et al., 2023).

**Budgeting** requires accurate planning and control of expenditures to provide oversight and prevent chaos in daily operations. A well-prepared budget helps individuals, such as teachers, track spending, forecast

needs, and align financial resources with goals, contributing to effective financial management (Galang, 2021; Espinosa, 2018).

### **3. Methodology**

#### **Research Design**

This study utilized a descriptive correlation method of research. This method is used to determine the relationships between variables without necessarily causation. In this method, researchers observe and describe how variables are naturally related in the real world. It involves collecting data on multiple variables of interest and analyzing the patterns of correlations between them.

This approach aligned with the conclusive quantitative research technique, which aimed to test specific hypotheses and elucidate properties or functions. It is expected to yield an accurate and precise representation of the situation. The study involved collecting, organizing, and analyzing data to derive meaningful insights from the findings. Key variables to be examined include the attributes of teacher respondents, their research competence, and their level of research engagement.

#### **Participants**

The respondents of the study were the three hundred-nine (309) public elementary school teachers in Don Carlos, Bukidnon during the School Year 2024-2025. They were the Kindergarten to Grade 6 teachers who currently teaching in the schools where this study was conducted.

#### **Data Collection**

The instrument used in gathering the necessary data was a questionnaire composed of three (3) sets. Set 1 involved the respondents' profile in terms of age, sex, civil status, highest educational attainment, family monthly income, and other sources of income. Set 2 dealt on teachers' financial literacy as to knowledge, behavior, attitude, and training. This is patterned and modified from Altaf (2014) on the study "Measuring the Level of Financial Literacy among Management Graduates". Set 3 inquired on teachers' financial management practices, namely, saving, credit, investment, spending habits, and budgeting. This was patterned and modified from Galang (2021) on the study titled "Teachers' Financial Literacy and Financial Management Practices". It had ten (10) indicators each for every variable with the option: 4 (Always), 3 (Very Often), 2 (Sometimes), and 1 (Never).

#### **Data Analysis**

Descriptive statistics such as frequency, percentage, mean and standard deviation were used to describe the variables in the study.

Pearson (r) was used to determine the significant relationship between financial literacy and financial management practices.

T-test was used to determine the significant difference in the teachers' financial literacy and financial management practices when grouped according to their characteristics.

## 4. Results and Discussions

**Problem 1. How are the respondents distributed in terms of sex, civil status, educational attainment, age, family monthly income, and other sources of income?**

Table 1

Distribution of Respondents' Profile

Variable	Category	Frequency	Percentage
Age	60 years old and above	36	11.64
	51-59 years old	76	24.60
	41-50 years old	98	31.72
	31-40 years old	57	18.45
	21-30 years old	42	13.59
	Total	309	100.00
Sex	Male	99	32.04
	Female	210	67.96
	Total	309	100.00
Civil Status	Single	25	8.09
	Married	276	89.32
	Widowed	8	2.59
	Total	309	100.00
Highest Educational Attainment	Doctorate Degree	11	3.56
	Master's Degree with Ph.D. Units	29	9.38
	Master's Degree	76	24.60
	Bachelor's Degree with MA Units	68	22.01
	Bachelor's Degree	125	40.45
	Total	309	100.00
Family Monthly Income	₱55,000 and above	20	6.47
	₱50,000-₱54,999	42	13.59
	₱45,000-₱49,999	69	22.33
	₱40,000-₱44,999	56	18.12
	₱35,000-₱39,999	45	14.56
	₱30,000-₱34,999	44	14.24
	₱29,999 and below	33	10.68
	Total	309	100.00
Other Sources of Income	Allotment from OFW	15	4.85
	Business	144	46.60
	Tutorial	46	14.89
	Others	104	33.66
	Total	309	100.00



Table 1 presents a detailed distribution of the respondents' characteristics, revealing important insights into their financial literacy and management practices. The largest age group among the respondents is those aged 41 to 50 years old, comprising 31.72% of the sample. This group is likely to have substantial teaching experience and financial responsibilities, making them a crucial demographic for focusing on long-term financial security and retirement planning. In contrast, only 11.64% of respondents are 60 years old and above, suggesting fewer teachers continue working into later stages of their careers, possibly due to retirement. This older group faces unique financial challenges such as managing fixed incomes, healthcare costs, and estate planning, emphasizing the need for tailored financial education programs. Regarding gender, the majority of respondents are female, accounting for 67.96%, which reflects the predominance of women in the teaching profession within the study. Female teachers tend to be more proactive in financial planning but also face distinctive challenges related to balancing household and career responsibilities. Meanwhile, male respondents make up 32.04% of the sample, indicating underrepresentation and potentially differing financial literacy needs and behaviors that require attention in financial education initiatives.

In terms of educational attainment, most teachers hold a Bachelor's Degree (40.45%), suggesting that the typical teacher has a foundational academic background that shapes their financial behaviors. Only a small portion (3.56%) have earned a Doctorate Degree, representing a minority who may exhibit more advanced and strategic financial management practices due to their higher education level.

Income distribution shows that the majority of respondents earn between ₱45,000 and ₱49,999 monthly (22.33%), pointing to a relatively stable financial situation aligned with salary structures and years of service. Conversely, only 6.47% earn ₱55,000 and above, highlighting limited opportunities for higher salary brackets and possible income disparities within the teaching profession.

Finally, when examining other sources of income, nearly half of the respondents (46.60%) supplement their earnings through business ventures, demonstrating a common strategy among teachers to diversify their income and improve financial stability. In contrast, only 4.85% receive allotments from Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), indicating that remittances are a less significant financial resource for most teachers. This distribution highlights the varied financial contexts within the teaching workforce and the importance of developing financial literacy programs that address diverse needs based on age, gender, education, income, and secondary income sources.

## **Problem 2. What is the level of teachers' financial literacy in terms of financial knowledge, financial behavior, financial attitude, and financial training?**

Table 2

Summary of the Level of Teachers' Financial Literacy

Variable	Mean	SD	Interpretation
Knowledge	2.71	0.74	High
Behavior	2.64	0.73	High
Attitude	2.60	0.72	High
Training	3.17	0.78	High
Overall	2.78	0.74	High

Table 2 summarizes teachers' financial literacy with an overall high mean of 2.78 (SD = 0.74), indicating that teachers generally understand and manage financial concepts well. This suggests that current financial training programs are effective in equipping teachers with the necessary skills to manage their finances. The high literacy level reflects teachers' proactive engagement in financial education and positive financial behaviors. According to Lusardi and Mitchell (2019), financial literacy is crucial for effective money management, including budgeting, saving, and investing, which enhances teachers' financial stability.

Financial training received the highest mean of 3.17 (SD = 0.78), showing it plays a key role in improving financial literacy. Teachers value ongoing financial education, which helps them apply financial concepts effectively. Brown and Martin (2020) also emphasize that financial training significantly improves teachers' understanding and management of personal finances.

In contrast, financial attitude scored the lowest at 2.60 (SD = 0.72), suggesting teachers' attitudes toward money management are less developed despite good knowledge and training. This gap points to the need for programs that not only teach financial skills but also foster positive financial mindsets. Lusardi and Mitchell (2020) highlight that a positive financial attitude strongly influences wise financial behaviors, affecting overall financial well-being.

### **Problem 3. What is the level of teachers' financial management practices with regard to savings practices, credit practices, investment practices, spending habits, and budgeting practices?**

Table 3

Summary of the Level of Teachers' Financial Management Practices

Variable	Mean	SD	Interpretation
Savings	3.02	0.75	Practiced
Credit	2.86	0.61	Practiced
Investment	2.61	0.70	Practiced
Spending Habits	3.31	0.79	Highly Practiced
Budgeting	3.10	0.75	Practiced
Overall	2.98	0.72	Practiced

Table 3 summarizes teachers' financial management practices with an overall mean of 2.98 (SD = 0.72), interpreted as "Practiced." This indicates that teachers regularly engage in financial management activities, showing moderate discipline and awareness, though there is room for improvement. Their financial habits are generally consistent but not always maximized, suggesting a stable but improvable pattern.

Spending habits received the highest mean of 3.31 (SD = 0.79), indicating that teachers frequently practice mindful and controlled spending. This reflects a strong awareness and deliberate approach to managing expenses, which helps maintain financial stability. Research by Davis and Wilson (2022) supports that higher financial literacy leads to better spending habits among teachers.

Conversely, investment practices had the lowest mean of 2.61 (SD = 0.70), meaning teachers engage less in investing compared to other financial activities. This lower engagement may be due to cautiousness, limited knowledge, or financial constraints. Roberts and Martinez (2021) emphasize that teachers with higher financial literacy are more likely to invest strategically, suggesting the need for further education to boost confidence and participation in investments.



Overall, teachers show consistent financial management, with strong spending discipline but less focus on investing, highlighting areas for targeted support and training.

## **Problem 4. Is there a significant relationship between teachers' financial literacy and their financial management practices?**

Table 4

Result of the Test on Relationship Between Teachers' Financial Literacy and their Financial Management Practices

Financial Literacy	Financial Management Practices					
	Savings	Credit	Investment	Spending Habits	Budgeting	Overall
	r-value p-value	r-value p-value	r-value p-value	r-value p-value	r-value p-value	r-value p-value
Knowledge	0.54	0.43	0.67	0.69	0.53	<b>0.57</b>
	<b>0.0020</b>	<b>0.0069</b>	<b>0.0134</b>	<b>0.0200</b>	<b>0.0235</b>	<b>0.0132</b>
	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>
Behavior	0.50	0.41	0.62	0.60	0.68	<b>0.56</b>
	0.0646	<b>0.0203</b>	0.0674	0.0795	0.0710	<b>0.0606</b>
	NS	<b>S</b>	NS	NS	NS	<b>NS</b>
Attitude	0.39	0.45	0.60	0.53	0.50	<b>0.49</b>
	<b>0.0113</b>	<b>0.0213</b>	0.0712	<b>0.0214</b>	<b>0.0273</b>	<b>0.0305</b>
	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	NS	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>
Training	0.61	0.46	0.66	0.44	0.55	<b>0.54</b>
	<b>0.0303</b>	<b>0.0362</b>	<b>0.0329</b>	<b>0.0255</b>	<b>0.0390</b>	<b>0.0328</b>
	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>

Table 4 reveals a significant positive relationship between teachers' financial literacy and their financial management practices. With an overall correlation ( $r = 0.54$ ,  $p = 0.0305$ ), the findings show that teachers with higher financial literacy—covering knowledge, behavior, and attitude—are more likely to demonstrate responsible financial practices, including saving, budgeting, investing, and credit management. Notably, investment ( $r = 0.67$ ), savings ( $r = 0.54$ ), and budgeting ( $r = 0.53$ ) showed strong correlations, emphasizing the value of financial education.

These results support rejecting the null hypothesis and affirm that financial literacy significantly influences teachers' financial behaviors. However, some areas, such as training and attitudes toward credit and spending, showed no significant correlation, possibly due to inconsistent education or external economic factors.

Miller and Thompson (2020) reinforce these findings, noting that financially literate teachers are more skilled at managing budgets, planning for retirement, and making informed investment decisions. The study highlights the need for targeted financial education programs to address gaps and enhance teachers' financial stability.

## Problem 5. Is there a significant difference in the teacher's financial management practices when grouped according to their profile?

Table 5

Test of Difference in the Teachers' Financial Management Practices when Grouped According to their Profile

Respondents Profile	Financial Management Practices				
	Savings	Credit	Investment	Spending Habits	Budgeting
	t-value p-value	t-value p-value	t-value p-value	t-value p-value	t-value p-value
Sex	0.67	0.93	0.78	0.85	0.87
	0.0706	0.0782	0.0790	0.0701	0.0684
	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Age	0.60	0.70	0.73	0.75	0.72
	0.0792	0.0731	0.0864	0.0810	0.0880
	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Civil Status	0.78	0.69	0.62	0.66	0.70
	0.0890	0.0608	0.0614	0.0767	0.0680
	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Highest Educational Attainment	0.70	0.61	0.56	0.61	0.58
	0.0610	<b>0.0290</b>	<b>0.0201</b>	0.0620	0.0672
	NS	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	NS	NS
Family Monthly Income	0.70	0.72	0.60	0.76	0.65
	<b>0.0043</b>	<b>0.0110</b>	<b>0.0181</b>	<b>0.0107</b>	<b>0.0109</b>
	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>
Other Source of income	0.64	0.62	0.62	0.56	0.66
	<b>0.0103</b>	<b>0.0310</b>	<b>0.0201</b>	<b>0.0181</b>	<b>0.0137</b>
	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>
Overall	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.70</b>
	<b>0.0524</b>	<b>0.0472</b>	<b>0.0475</b>	<b>0.0531</b>	<b>0.0527</b>
	NS	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	NS	NS

Table 5 summarizes the differences in teachers' financial management practices based on their profiles (sex, age, civil status, education, income, and additional income). Significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ) were found in practices based on educational attainment, monthly income, and having other income sources. Teachers with higher education levels showed better credit and investment habits, likely due to greater exposure to financial concepts. Those with higher monthly incomes managed finances more effectively, as they faced less strain meeting basic needs. Similarly, teachers with other income sources had more flexibility to save and plan financially, highlighting the need for multiple income streams in the profession. No significant differences were found based on sex, age, or civil status, suggesting shared professional experiences influence financial behavior more than personal demographics.

These findings point to the need for targeted financial education that considers income and education disparities. Brown and Evans (2021) support this, noting that teachers' financial practices vary by profile, with education and income strongly linked to more effective financial management.

## **5. Conclusion and Recommendations**

### **Conclusion**

In terms of financial literacy, financial training stood out as the highest indicator, reflecting that those teachers generally possess a foundational understanding of essential financial concepts. For financial management practices, spending habits was the top indicator, highlighting that those teachers are relatively consistent in how they manage their expenditures. The significant relationship between financial literacy and financial management practices suggests that teachers who have better financial knowledge tend to exhibit more effective financial management behaviors.

Moreover, significant differences were noted when comparing financial management practices based on certain demographic factors. These differences underline the importance of tailored financial education programs to address the unique needs of teachers with varying profiles, such as age, income level, and educational background. The implications of these findings stress the need for continuous improvement in financial literacy programs to ensure teachers are well-equipped to manage their finances effectively, ultimately enhancing their well-being and professional satisfaction.

### **Recommendations**

School administrators and education program planners are encouraged to implement targeted support programs for specific groups of teachers, particularly those with lower income levels and those approaching retirement. Providing accessible financial counseling services will help address the unique financial challenges faced by these groups and promote better financial well-being among educators.

Education program supervisors and school administrators may provide workshops and training programs that focus on fostering a positive financial attitude among teachers. This includes promoting confidence and proactive financial decision-making by teaching the benefits of long-term financial planning and responsible credit use. Interactive sessions that simulate real-life financial scenarios could enhance teachers' comfort levels in managing complex financial situations.

Teachers should have access to investment literacy programs that cover the basics of different investment options, risk assessment, and portfolio management. Educational institutions could partner with financial experts to provide guidance on strategic investments tailored to the needs of educators.

Future researchers should recognize the significant relationship between financial literacy and financial management practices, such as behavior. Financial education programs and strategies need to address additional elements beyond behavior to support teachers' financial well-being.

Future researchers should recognize the significant differences in financial management practices based on respondents' profiles, such as income or educational background. Tailor interventions to address these disparities to ensure inclusive financial growth among all teachers.

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