Wages, Salaries, and Such

Students will learn to compute daily, weekly and yearly wages, given the hourly rate and the number of hours worked.

Materials/Supplies
"Hourly Wages" worksheet, minimum wage information, state income information, paper, pen/pencil, calculators

Activity
- Discuss with students that some people are paid a salary regardless of the number of hours worked per week, and other people are paid an hourly rate for the number of hours worked.
- Distribute the "Hourly Wages" worksheet.
- Ask the students to look at the amount each person makes for every hour they work.
- Have the students compute the daily wages for each of the workers if they work eight hours per day.
- After figuring the daily wages, have the students compute the weekly wages for each of the workers if they work eight hours per day and five days per week.
- Have the students compute the yearly wages for each of the workers if they work eight hours per day, five days per week, and 52 weeks per year.
- Discuss the minimum wage laws in effect now. Information on minimum wage can be found at <http://www.dol.gov/dol/esq/minwage/main.htm> or by contacting your local employment office.
- Discuss the average income in the state as it is provided in the latest data. This information may be found at <http://www.oesd.state.ok.us/lmi/default.htm> for the state of Oklahoma.
- Have the students compare the yearly wages on the worksheet to the average income in the state and summarize how this information relates to lifestyles.

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**Evaluation**
Students will be evaluated on the accuracy of their figures and on their comparison summary.

**Additional Resources**
Hourly Wages Answers

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Hourly Wages

Name ____________________________________________

1. A checker at a grocery store earns $5.65 per hour.

2. A paraprofessional or school teacher’s aide earns $6.75 per hour.

3. An automobile technician earns $17.00 per hour.

4. A commercial bus driver earns $15.50 per hour.

5. A school cook earns $6.00 per hour.

6. A psychologist earns $95.00 per hour.

7. A fast food worker earns $5.15 per hour.

8. A delivery driver earns $8.00 per hour.

9. A retail store clerk earns $5.20 per hour.

10. A manager of a store earns $9.75 per hour.

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