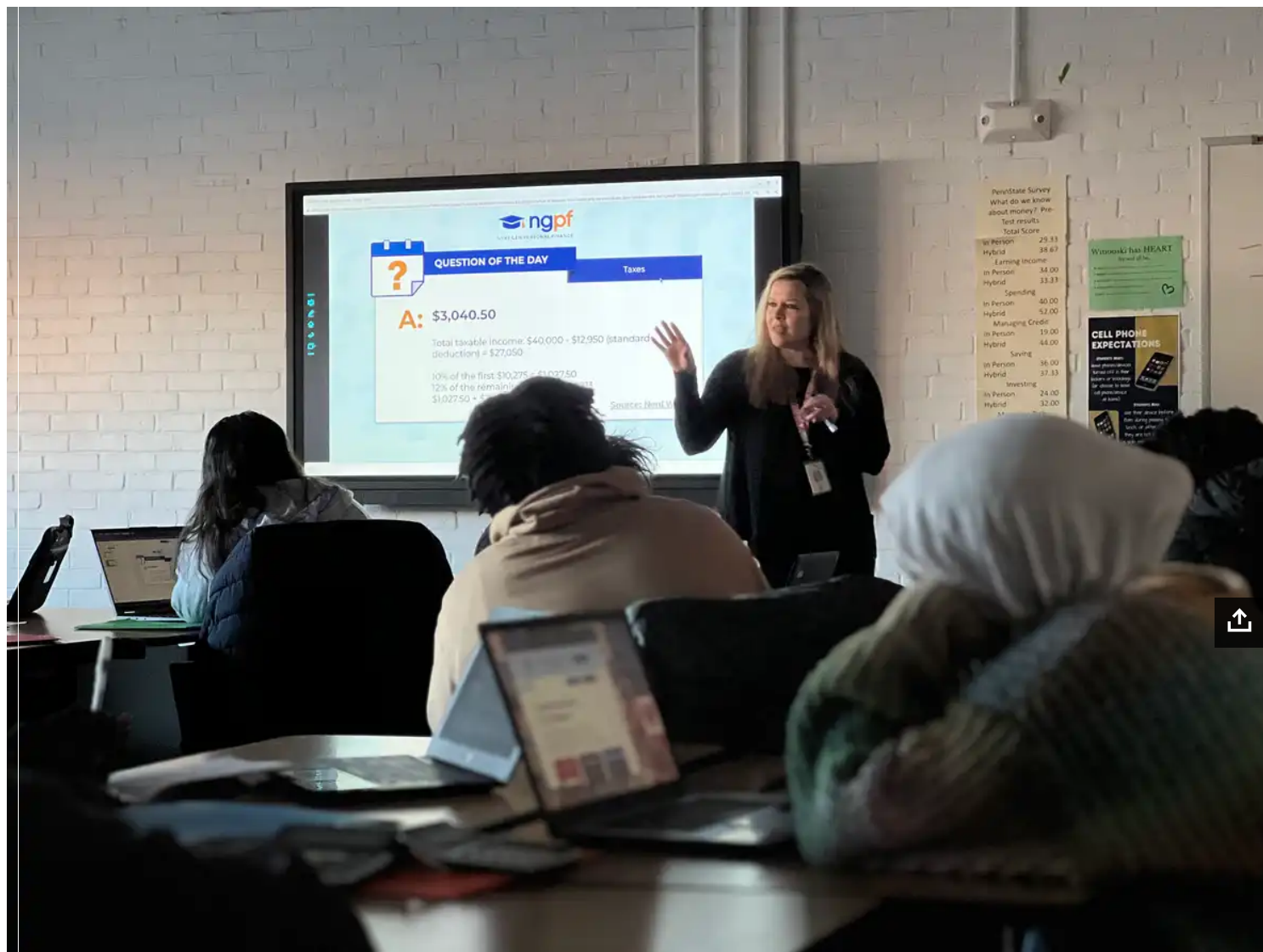
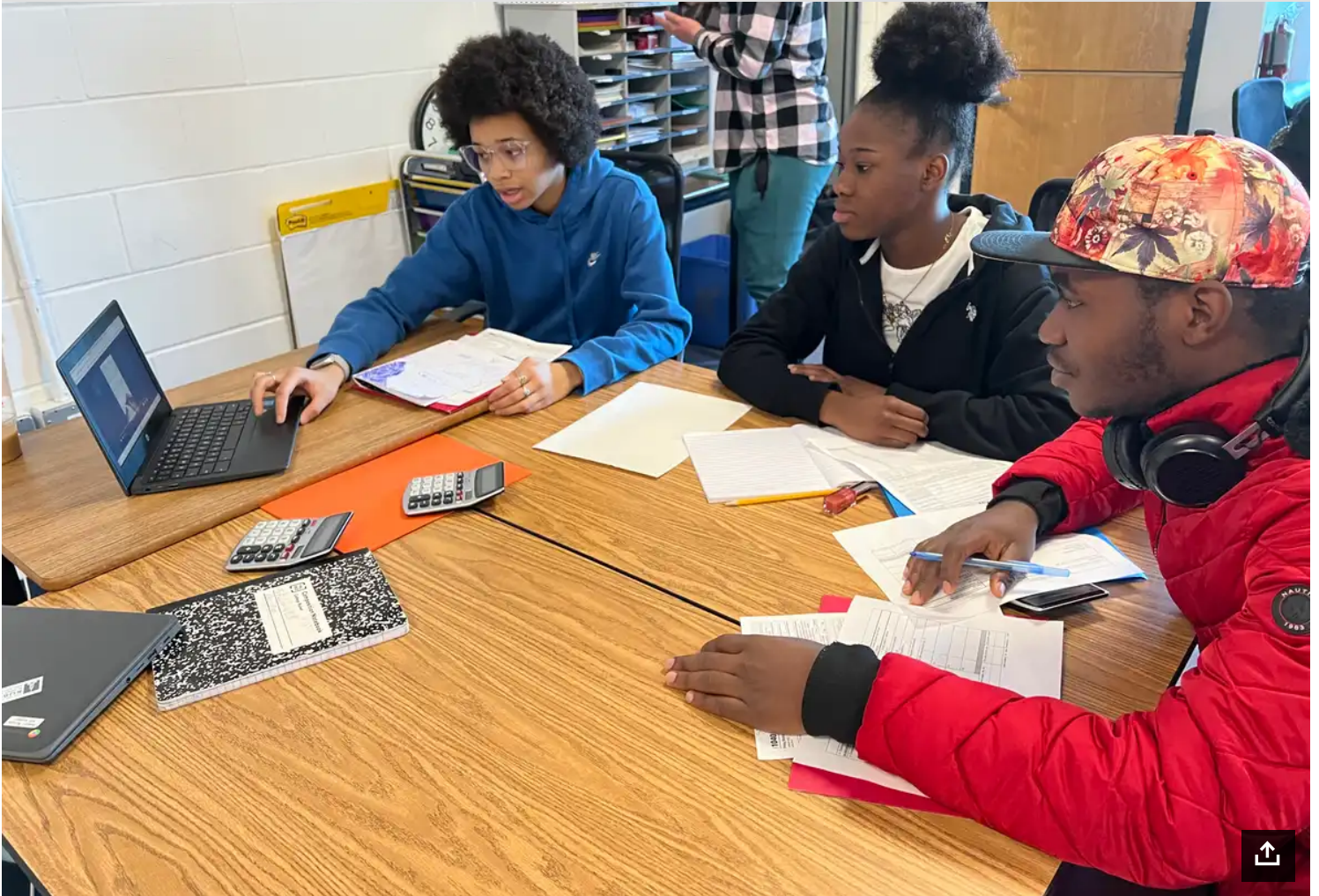


Get a peek into a personal finance class at Winooski High School



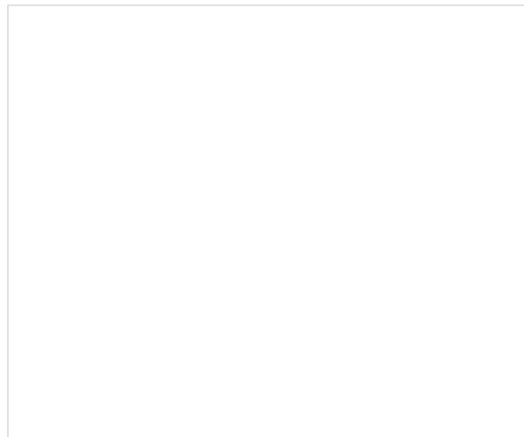
Courney Poquette teaches a personal finance class to Winooski High School sophomores, juniors and seniors. Winooski is one of the 25% of high schools in Vermont that require a financial literacy course for graduation.

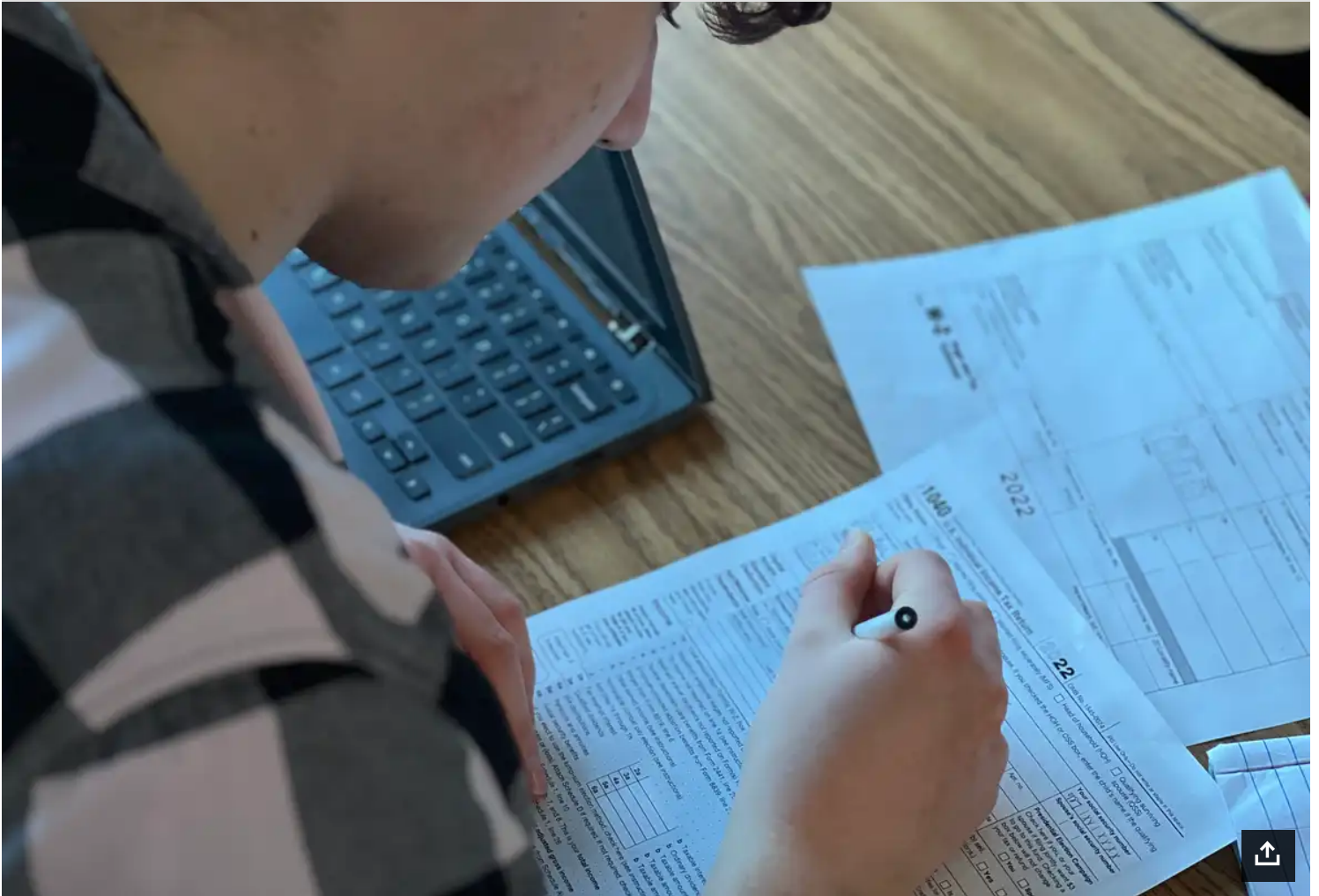
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A group of three students listen to video instructions about how to fill out the 1040 tax form. The Winooski High School students were preparing taxes for three fictional people in a personal finance class on February 21, 2023.

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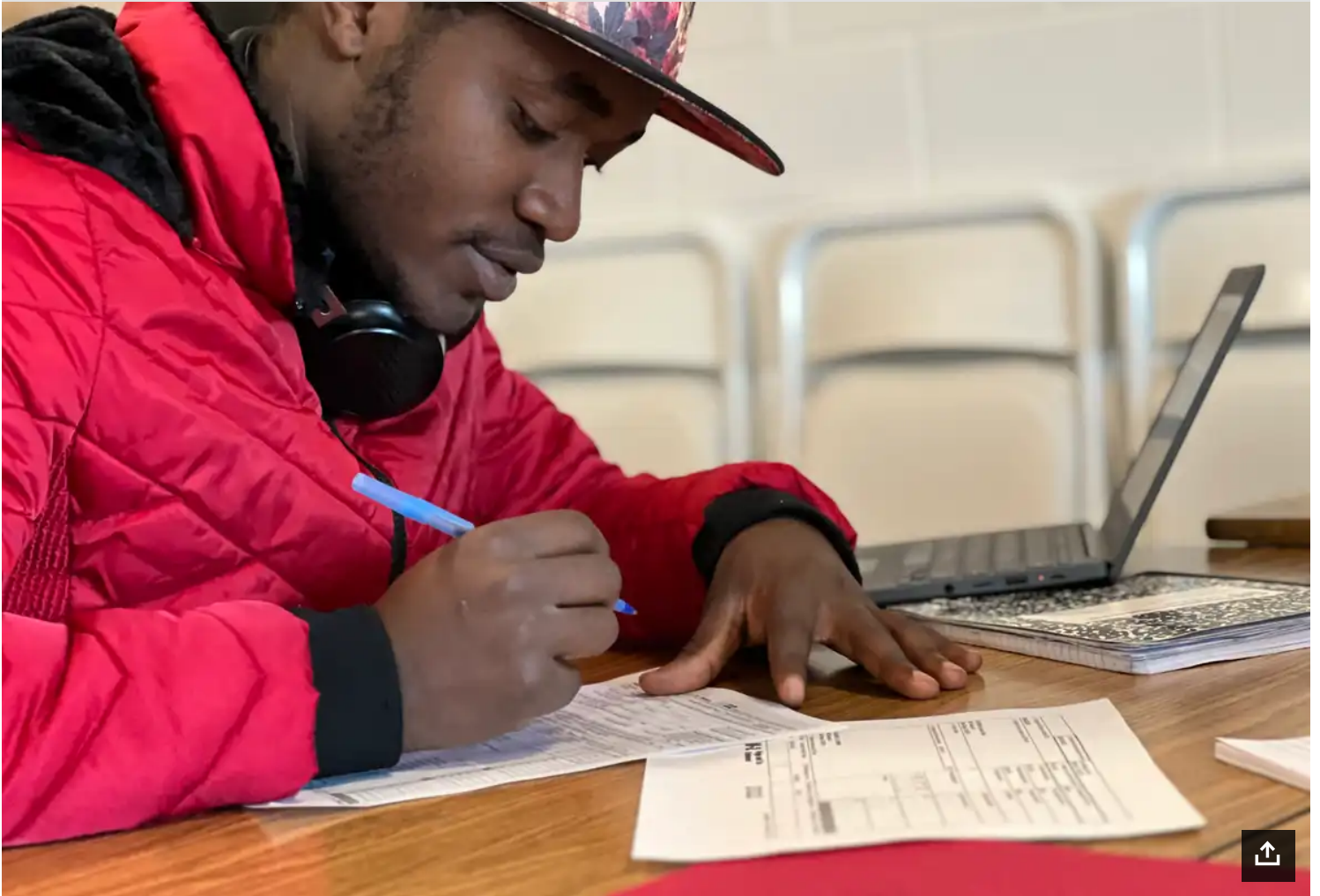
Leo Beebe fills out a 1040 form for fictional student Melinda Flowers who works part-time in an ice cream shop. This example, and two others the class filled out, gives students the skills to prepare their own taxes. Beebe was participating in a personal finance class at Winooski High School on February 21, 2023.

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Winooski High School teacher Courtney Poquette explains how to fill out a tax return to student Zamzam Hassan in a personal finance class on February 21, 2023.

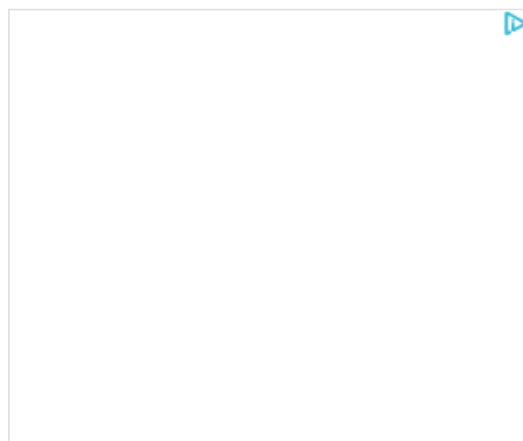
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Shabani Munyugu fills out tax forms in a personal finance class at Winooski High School on February 21, 2023.

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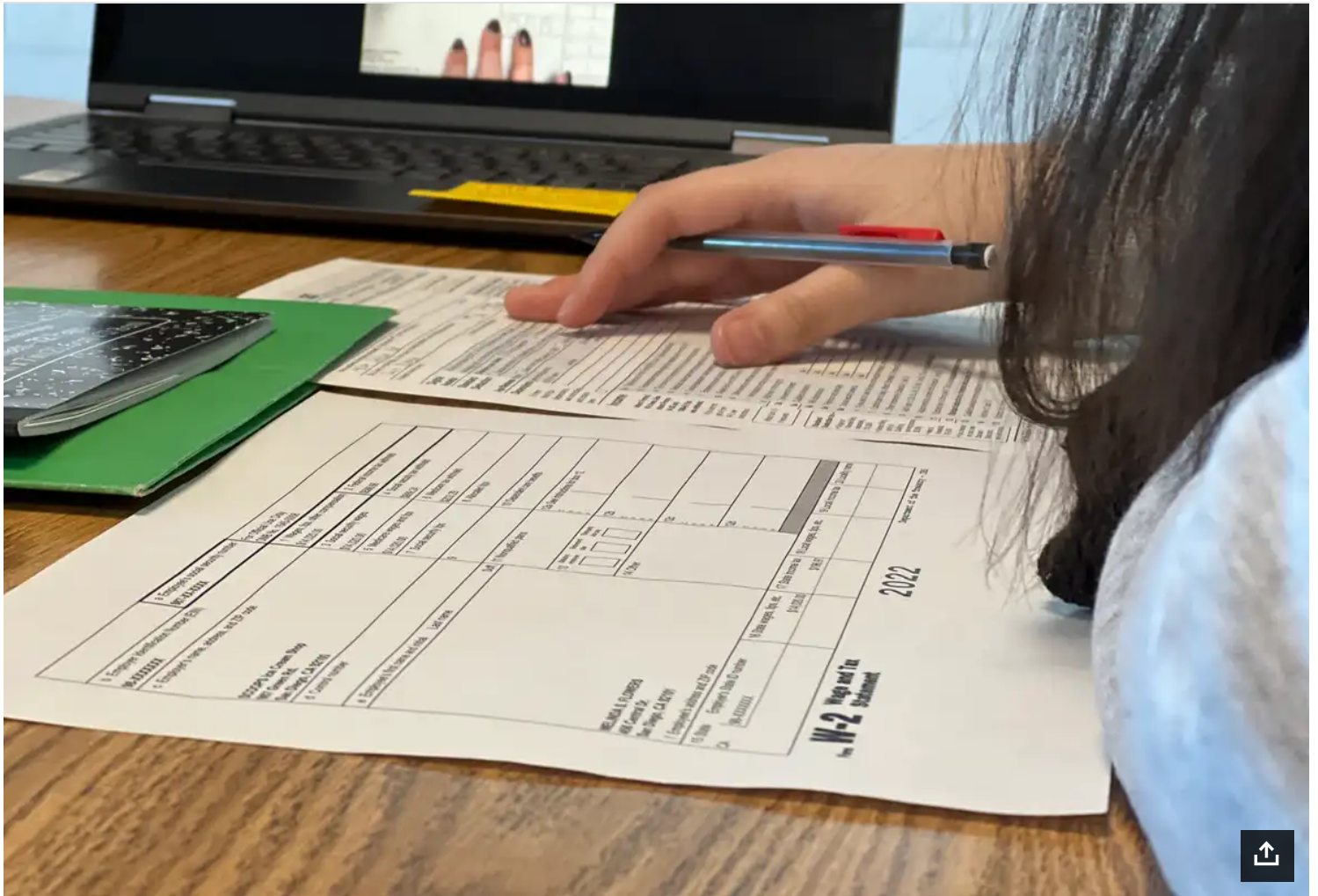
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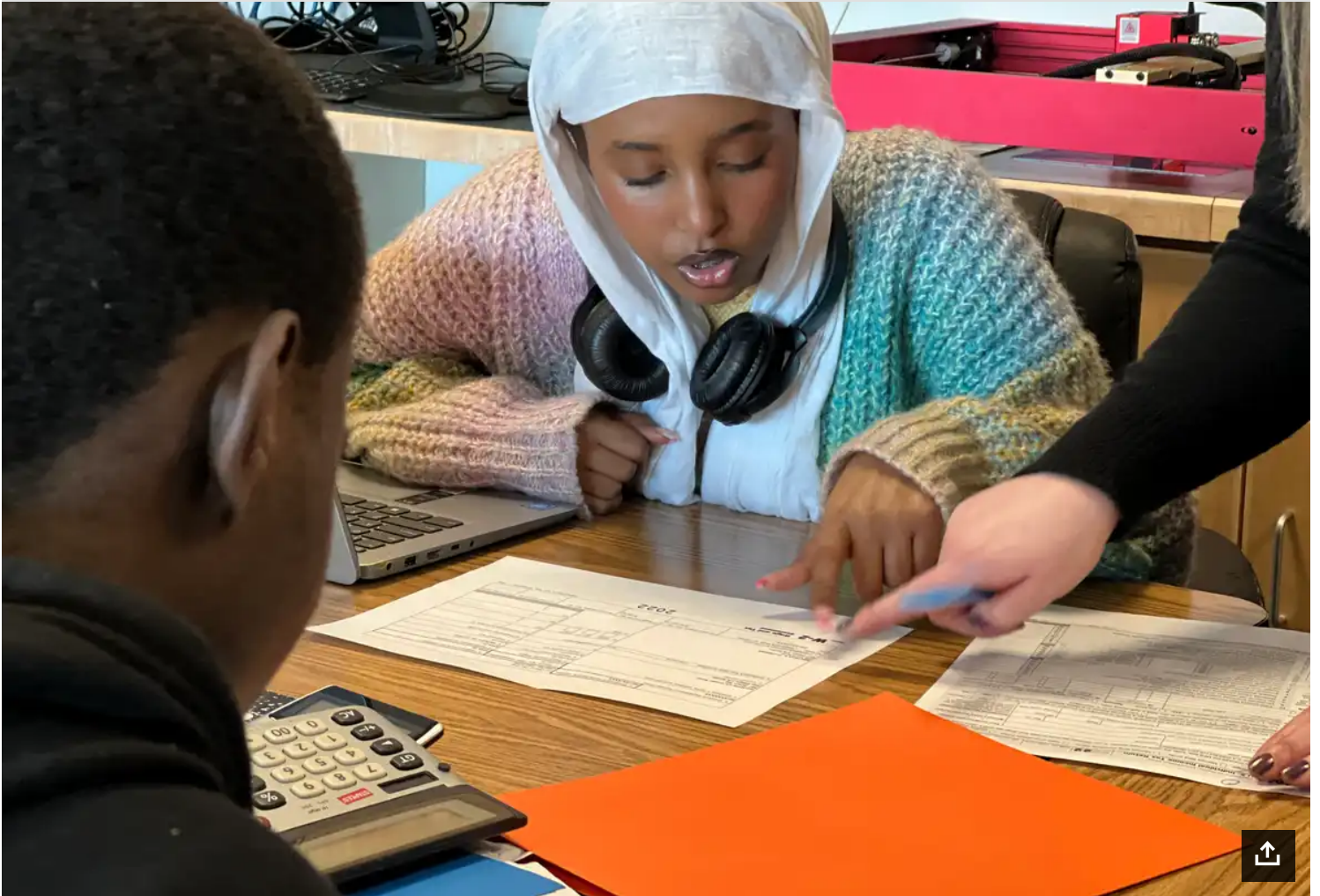
Alexis Blend (right) discusses filling out taxes for the first time in a personal finance class at Winooski High School on February 21, 2023. She has a part time job and has been able to use the skills she has learned in class to help her maximize her paycheck.

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A close up of a W-2 and 1040 form that Winooski High School students were using to fill out tax returns for fictional people on February 21, 2023 in personal finance class.

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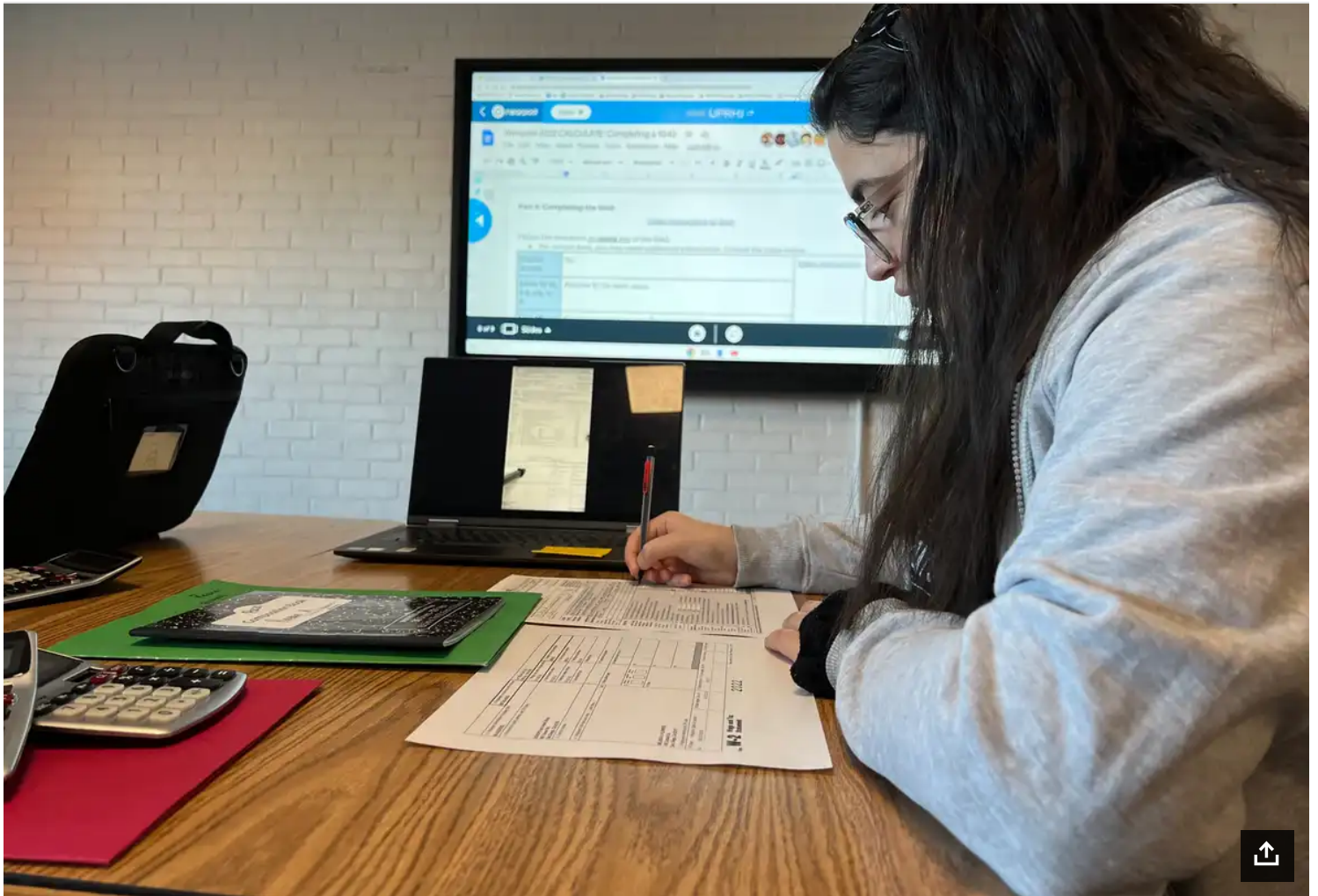
Zamzam Hassan receives instruction using a W-2 and 1040 form to fill out a tax return in a personal finance class on February 21, 2022 at Winooski High School.

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Sanii Stewart-McIver makes her way through three tax returns utilizing an instructional video and an IRS document for reference in order to fill out 1040 forms in a personal finance class at Winooski High School on February 21, 2023.

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Winooski High School student Razan Alrubaii fills out a 1040 form for the first time on February 21, 2023. She shares the skills she gains from her personal finance class with her mother and expects the knowledge she gains in class will be useful as she finds ways to pay for college.

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Having seen tax forms for the first time in a personal finance class on February 21, 2023, by the end of class Dahlia Maynard was able to fill out three complete tax returns, including calculating taxable income and tax return amount. She felt it was helpful practice filling out tax forms in class before needing to do them on her own one day. Winooski High School is one of two schools in Chittenden County that requires a financial literacy course in order to graduate.

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