



FFInvest 457 Retirement Plan

Dear Castleberry ISD Employee,

Right now, you have an opportunity to make a real difference in the future of your retirement. How? By joining the FFINvest 457(b) Plan!

The Plan we offer is a valuable benefit to help you save for the future. Saving now can help you have the income you'll need at retirement. Participating in the Plan is easy. You contribute a portion of your pay to your Plan account each payday through convenient payroll deduction. Contributions are then allocated to the Plan's investment options you select.

There are significant tax advantages, too. For example, if you elect pre-tax deductions, your qualifying contributions and all earnings on your account are not subject to current federal income tax (or, where applicable, state or local taxes) until you take them out of the Plan. This tax deferral gives your retirement savings ability to grow under the most favorable terms possible. Your district's retirement plan also offers Roth (after-tax) deductions. By combining convenience with these special tax benefits, your retirement savings plan offers you one of the best ways to fund your future.

You may contribute \$19,500 or \$26,000 annually if you are age 50 and over.

We are excited to offer you this worthwhile benefit and we hope you will use it to help make your retirement dreams a reality. As with any investment, there are risks involved but FFINvest offers a wide range of choices that allow you to tailor your investments to match your risk tolerance. Get started today and take the first step toward a brighter future.

More information may also be found online at <http://ffinvest.my457account.com> or <http://benefits.ffga.com/castleberryisd> and selecting "[457 Retirement Plan - FFINvest](#)" under Benefit Plans & Premiums/[2020-2021 Plan Year](#).

Sincerely,

Ryan Hancock

Sr. Account Administrator

Registered Representative

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Introducing...



FFInvest 457(b) Retirement Plan

We are excited to announce the FFINvest Retirement Plan that is now available. The FFINvest 457(b) Retirement Plan is a comprehensive plan funded by Net Asset Value Mutual Funds. It is a competitive & simple, yet flexible plan with a 401(k) type of approach.

Plan Highlights:

- **Multiple Investment Options**

The plan provides 21 different investment options to take advantage of changing investment market conditions, including American Funds, Vanguard, Harbor, and Delaware. There are also Bond Funds and Target Date Retirement Funds to choose from.

- **Roth (After-Tax) Deduction Option Available**

- **Rollovers/Transfers**

Rollovers/Transfers are accepted into the plan from other retirement plans, including IRA's

- **Retirement Savings Contributions Credit (Saver's Credit)**

An individual may be able to take a tax credit of up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 if filing jointly) for making eligible contributions to an employer-sponsored retirement plan.

- **NO IRS Penalty**

NO 10% IRS penalty for withdrawals prior to age 59 ½

- **NO Front-End Sales Charge**

There are NO sales charges taken from contributions. This means that 100% of all contributions are invested and start working for you.

- **NO Deferred Sales Charge**

- **Client Friendly Technology & Communication**

- » Retirement Education Center: <http://ffinvest.my457account.com>
- » Toll-free telephone number: 1-866-848-0258
- » Interactive website: www.my457account.com
- » Personalized Benefit Projections
- » Loan Option
- » [Blog / Calculators](#)
- » [Quarterly Newsletter](#)
- » Quarterly eStatement

Contribution Limits for 2021

\$19,500 – under age 50

\$26,000 – age 50
(on or before 12/31) or older

ENROLL NOW

Enroll Online Now!

- » Go to www.my457account.com
- » Select "[Retirement Plan Login](#)"
(upper left hand corner, above InvesTrust logo)
- » Select "[New User](#)"
- » Enter Plan Password (case sensitive): Castle

If you have questions, please contact an InvesTrust Retirement Plan Specialist at 1-866-848-0258, Monday -Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST.

For Questions or Information on how to enroll in the FFINvest 457(b) Retirement Plan, please contact Ryan Hancock at Ryan.Hancock@ffga.com



IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING: All investments involve some degree of risk. The funds are offered by prospectus, which contains more complete information regarding the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses associated with an investment in the fund. Please be sure and review the prospectus at <http://ffinvest.my457account.com> before deciding to invest.

When May I Join?

Eligible employees may join the Plan (Entry date) on the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date on which the eligibility requirement is met, generally Date of Hire (“DOH”).

How Do I Contribute To The Plan?

» Through payroll deduction, you may make elective deferrals up to the maximum allowed by law. The dollar limit is **\$19,500** for calendar year 2021.

» You may also designate your salary deferrals to a Plan account that accepts Roth after-tax contributions. In 2021, you may contribute as much as **\$19,500**, in total, to all accounts (Roth after-tax contributions and pre-tax deferrals). Roth contributions will be included as taxable income to the employee. Earnings on the Roth contribution will accumulate tax free, and retirement withdrawals may be exempt from federal income tax.

» If you have an existing qualified retirement plan (pre-tax), 403(b) tax deferred arrangement or governmental 457 plan with a prior employer or hold a taxable IRA account, you may transfer or roll over that account into the Plan anytime.

May I Make Catchup Contributions To The Plan?

If you are **age 50 or older** (or will be age 50 on or before December 31st) and make the maximum allowable deferral to your Plan, you are entitled to contribute an additional amount as a "catchup contribution." The catchup contribution is intended to help eligible employees make up for smaller (or no contributions) made earlier in their career. The maximum catchup contribution is **\$6,500** for calendar year 2021. See your Benefits Administrator for more details.

May I Stop Or Change My Contributions?

» You may stop your contributions anytime online or by signing a new agreement. Once you discontinue contributions, you may start again at the next available pay period.

» You may increase or decrease the amount of your pre-tax and/or Roth contribution(s) at the next available pay period.

How Do I Become “Vested” In My Plan Account?

Vesting refers to your "ownership" of a benefit from the Plan. You are always 100% vested in your Plan contributions and your rollover contributions, plus any earnings they generate.

How Are Plan Contributions Invested?

You give investment directions for your 457(b) Plan account by selecting from investment choices provided under the Plan, as determined by FFIInvest 457(b) Plan.

Investment Options

Money Market and Fixed Income	Symbol	Expense
Invesco Treasury Portfolio Shrt-Trm Inv Trust (Instl)	TRPXX	0.18
Vanguard GNMA Fund (Admiral (Adm))	VFIJX	0.11
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index (Adm)	VBTLX	0.05
Large Cap Equity		
American Funds American Mutual Fund (R6)	RMFGX	0.28
Delaware Value (R6)	DDZRX	0.58
American Funds Growth Fund of America (R6)	RGAGX	0.30
Harbor Capital Appreciation Fund (Retirement)	HNACX	0.59
Vanguard 500 Index Fund (Adm)	VFIAX	0.04
Mid Cap Equity / Small Cap Equity		
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund (Adm)	VIMAX	0.05
Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Fund (Adm)	VSIAX	0.07
Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index (Adm)	VSGAX	0.07
International Equity		
Harbor International Fund (Retirement Class)	HNINX	0.69
Brandes International Equity (R6)	BIERX	0.75
Artisan International Fund (Institutional)	APHIX	0.97
American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund (R6)	RERGX	0.46
Asset Allocation Funds / Balanced		
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund (Inv)	VTINX	0.12
Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund (Inv)	VTXVX	0.13
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund (Inv)	VTTVX	0.13
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund (Inv)	VTTHX	0.14
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund (Inv)	VTIVX	0.15
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund (Inv)	VFFVX	0.15
Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund (Inv)	VLXVX	0.15
American Funds American Balanced (R6)	RLBGX	0.26

» If you do not choose investment option(s), your account will be invested in the fund listed below most applicable to your current age. You may change investment options at any time.

Investment Option Name	From Age	To Age
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund (Inv)	68	99
Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund (Inv)	58	67
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund (Inv)	48	57
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund (Inv)	38	47
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund (Inv)	28	37
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund (Inv)	23	27
Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund (Inv)	18	22

When May Money Be Withdrawn From My 457(b) Account?

Money may be withdrawn from your Plan account in these events:

- Death
- Termination of Employment
- The Participant's attaining age 70 1/2.

To receive favorable tax treatment, distributions of Roth contributions must be made after the participant reaches age 59½, or on account of the participant's death or disability, and must be made at least 5 years after the date the first Roth contribution was made. Be sure to talk with your tax advisor before withdrawing any money from your Plan account.

May I Withdraw Money In Case of Unforeseeable Emergency?

If you have an immediate and heavy financial need created by an unforeseeable emergency and you lack other reasonably available resources to meet that need, you may be eligible to receive an unforeseeable emergency withdrawal from your account. If you feel you are facing an unforeseeable emergency as defined by the Plan (Reg. Section 1.457-6(c)(2)), you should contact an InvesTrust Retirement Plan Specialist at 1-866-848-0258, M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for more details.

May I Borrow Money From My Account?

The Plan is intended to help you put aside money for your retirement; however, the FFIInvest 457(b) Plan includes a Plan feature that lets you borrow money from the Plan.

» The amount the Plan may loan to you is limited by rules under the tax law. In general, all loans will be limited to the **lesser** of: one-half of your vested account balance or \$50,000.

» The minimum loan amount is \$1,000.

» All loans must generally be repaid within five years.

» A longer term may be available if the loan is to be used to purchase your principal residence.

» You may have 1 loan outstanding at a time.

» **You pay interest back to your account.** The interest rate on your loan will be the Prime Rate plus 2.00%.

» A \$50 processing fee for all new loans is charged to your account.

Other requirements and limits must be met, and certain fees may apply. Please contact an InvesTrust Retirement Plan Specialist at 1-866-848-0258, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. for more details about this participant loan feature.

What are the Plan Administration Fees?

Fee Description	Amount
Annual Per Participant Fee*	\$18 (\$4.50 per quarter)
Annual Market Value Fee	0.85%
QDRO (Divorce) Processing	\$100/each
Loan Processing	\$50/each

*Inclusive of participants with balances

How Do I Obtain Information About my Account?

» You will receive a quarterly email notification that your personalized account eStatement is available online. The eStatement shows your account balance as well as any contributions and earnings credited to your account during the reporting period.

» You will also have access to an Internet Site (www.my457account.com)/Retirement Plan Login which is designed to give you current information about your Plan account. You may get up-to-date information about your account balance, contributions, investment choices, and other Plan data. You will receive additional information on how to use the Internet Site.

As a Plan participant, you may request certain information from **InvesTrust Retirement Specialists**,

5100 N. Classen Blvd. Suite 620

Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Phone: 1-866-848-0258, M-F 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

This information includes: annual operating expenses of the Plan investments; copies of prospectuses, financial statements, reports, or other materials relating to Plan investments provided to the Plan; a list of assets contained in each Plan investment portfolio; the value of those assets and fund units or shares; and the past and current performance of each Plan investment. More information may also be found online at <http://ffinvest.my457account.com>

How Do I Enroll? Simply complete the enrollment forms provided and return them to the person designated or fax to First Financial Group of America: **1-855-300-7454**

May I Enroll Online?

Yes! Go to www.my457account.com

Select "[Retirement Plan Login](#)" (upper left hand corner, above InvesTrust logo)

Select "[New User](#)"

Enter Plan Password (case sensitive): **Castle**

If you have questions during online enrollment, Please contact InvesTrust: 1-866-848-0258.

