

# Illinois Economics Challenge

## TOOLS & RESOURCES



### Sample Tests:

**National Economics Challenge:** [www.councilforeconed.org/sample-tests](http://www.councilforeconed.org/sample-tests)

*Use the CEE Assessment Center to assign Adam Smith & Critical thinking practice tests*

**Minnesota Council on Economic Education:**

[www.mcee.umn.edu/students/economics-challenge/resources](http://www.mcee.umn.edu/students/economics-challenge/resources)

### ONLINE Resources:

**NEW! Revised IL Social Science Learning Standards (K-12):**

[www.isbe.net/Documents/K-12-SS-Standards.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/Documents/K-12-SS-Standards.pdf) pgs. 17 & 18

**National Economics Standards (K-12):**

[www.councilforeconed.org/resource/voluntary-national-content-standards-in-economics](http://www.councilforeconed.org/resource/voluntary-national-content-standards-in-economics)

**Council for Economic Education (CEE):**

- **National Economics Challenge** – The NEC is the nation’s only high school economics competition. Each year, over 11,000 students across the U.S. participate in the competition. The Challenge recognizes exceptional high school students for their knowledge of economic principles and their ability to apply problem-solving and critical-thinking skills to real-world events.

➤ **Preparing Your Teams:** [www.councilforeconed.org/preparing-your-team](http://www.councilforeconed.org/preparing-your-team)

*The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the 2018-2019 NASSP List of Approved Contests, Programs, and Activities for Students.*

- **Classroom Resources:**

<https://store.councilforeconed.org/> - A collection of searchable econ related curriculum and resources for use in the classroom.

➤ **Capstone** - Capstone: Exemplary Lessons for High School Economics is a supplemental program that uses hands-on activities, exercises, simulations and projects to teach your students the ins- and-outs of high school economics. Combined with your primary source curriculum, Capstone enhances your economics, business and marketing courses.

- **Virtual Economics (VE)** - Over 1,400 activity-based searchable lessons from more than 75 publications, 51 key economic concepts, and a glossary with over 500 terms. This is a resource every economics teacher should have. In addition, these boredom-proof resources give your students an active learning approach with interactive simulations, role playing activities and multimedia clips. Here is a [list of publications](#) on the flashdrive, featuring links to the content summaries.

➤ **AP Economics** - The 4th edition of AP Economics reflects the adjustments in the AP Course Outlines and Exams in the years since the publication of the 3rd edition. By dividing the macroeconomics and microeconomics teacher’s manuals into two separate entities and compartmentalizing various elements, such as student activities solutions and sample multiple- choice question answer keys, the materials provide a more intuitive structure and easier navigation of content.

- **Teaching Ethical Foundations of Economics** – These lessons do more than illustrate how ethical conduct improves an economy. They actively involve the students through simulations, group decision making, problem solving, classroom demonstrations and role playing. The lessons encourage students to think critically about ethical dilemmas.
- **EconEdLink:** [www.econedlink.org](http://www.econedlink.org) - EconEdLink is a leading source of online economic & personal finance lessons & resources for educators, students and afterschool providers. This site has a multitude of classroom lessons related to current economic events and other topics.
  - Featured Lessons, Current Events, Data Resources, Weblinks, Newsletter, Calendar of Historical Events, and Interactive Tools.
- **Online Assessment Center** – [www.councilforeconed.org/resources/online-assessment-center/](http://www.councilforeconed.org/resources/online-assessment-center/) - A free service where teachers can securely administer assessments, gain real-time data, and measure student knowledge and understanding of economic and personal finance concepts. Easy to use and serves to analyze the efficacy of instruction and approach.

**Fed Challenge:** [www.chicagofed.org/education/econ-classroom/fed-challenge/index](http://www.chicagofed.org/education/econ-classroom/fed-challenge/index) - This academic competition provides students grades 9–12 the opportunity to study the U.S. economy through the lens of the U.S. central bank. The program is designed to encourage students to learn more about economics and about the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC).

**Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis** - [www.stlouisfed.org/education](http://www.stlouisfed.org/education) A comprehensive collection of K-12 lesson plans, activities, and multi-media resources for use in the classroom and beyond.

**Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** - [www.chicagofed.org/education/econ-classroom](http://www.chicagofed.org/education/econ-classroom) - A variety of resources. Many of the free publications can be ordered online or by phone.

**College Board:** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) - College Board AP Econ Resources page provides a list of resources. College Board promotes excellence and equity in education through programs for K–12 and higher education institutions, and by providing students a path to college opportunities, including financial support and scholarships.

**Foundation for Teaching Economics (FTE)** – [www.fte.org](http://www.fte.org) Blended learning economics resources, teacher professional learning programs, activity-based lesson plans, and hot topics for discussion and debate in the classroom. *There is also a student "Economics for Leaders" program available for current sophomores and juniors in high school. Applications are accepted until March 15<sup>th</sup>!*

**Khan Academy:** [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) - A not-for-profit with the goal of changing education for the better by providing free world-class educational resources for anyone anywhere. Be sure to scroll down to the "Economics & Finance" section toward the bottom of the webpage.