

Illinois Personal Finance Challenge

TOOLS & RESOURCES 2019



Sample Tests:

National Economics Challenge: www.councilforeconed.org/sample-tests

Use the CEE Assessment Center to assign David Ricardo consumer econ practice tests & Critical thinking practice tests

Minnesota Council on Economic Education:

www.mcee.umn.edu/students/personal-finance-decathlon/resources *A variety of Personal Finance Decathlon resources.*

Nebraska Council for Economic Education: financechallenge.unl.edu/Illinois/Nationals

National Personal Finance Challenge handbook & Sample Case Study with Rubric

ONLINE Resources:

IL Social Science Learning Standards: (K-12):

www.isbe.net/Documents/K-12-SS-Standards.pdf *pgs. 17 & 18*

National Standards for Financial Literacy: (K-12):

www.councilforeconed.org/resource/national-standards-for-financial-literacy

Use the standards to build a financial literacy framework or a unit of study.

Personal Finance Flashcards (6-12):

www.stlouisfed.org/education/flash-cards

Council for Economic Education (CEE) Classroom Resources: www.councilforeconed.org

- **Webinars:** (K-12): www.councilforeconed.org/webinars Variety of topics
- **EconEdLink:** (K-12): www.econedlink.org
Searchable classroom-tested, internet-based economic and personal finance lesson materials for K-12 teachers and their students. Includes *Teaching the News, This Day in Economic History, Calculators, Interactive Tools, Videos, and archived Webinars* that can be watched on demand.
- **Gen i Revolution:** (9-12): www.councilforeconed.org/resources/gen-i-revolution
This online game gives students the chance to learn important personal finance skills as they play and compete against fellow classmates. Interactive missions have students complete a variety of activities to help them learn important personal finance concepts. Combined with the [Learning, Earning and Investing® print materials](#) (*also found on the Virtual Economics Flashdrive*), the Gen i Revolution provides a comprehensive investor education program that students love.

Financial Literacy Certification Test ([Test alignment to Gen i Missions](#))

- **Online Assessment Center** (K-12): www.councilforeconed.org/resources/online-assessment-center - A free resource where teachers can securely administer assessments, gain real-time data, and measure student knowledge and understanding of personal finance and economics concepts. In four easy steps teachers can use this service to analyze the efficacy of their instruction and modify their approach.

The Stock Market Game™ program (4-12): www.stockmarketgame.org

FREE to Illinois Teachers! This excellent market simulation engages students in how the stock market works, through activity-based learning. A Teacher Support Center provides economic and personal finance lessons, activities, and projects across the curriculum to support your classroom unit.

Money Smart Week MS Essay Competition & Teacher Resources: (6-8): www.moneysmartweek.org
Regional essay competition for students to see if they are "Money Smart." Teacher Resources include videos.

Navigate: Exploring College and Careers: (6-12+): www.dallasfed.org/educate/navigate.aspx
Offered by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, this publication set introduces students to the investigation of careers and college. Interactive and graphically engaging, also examined are the costs and benefits associated with a variety of applicable life decisions. Teacher Guides and Student Workbooks can be ordered and shipped without cost.

Money Math (7-9+): www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/tools/tools_moneymath.htm
A four-lesson curriculum supplement for grades 7-9 math classes, providing real-life examples using personal finance concepts. Ideal for modification to support classroom use throughout high school, the engaging activities are free for teachers to download. This book is a teacher's guide with lesson plans, reproducible activity pages, and teaching tips.

The Mint (6-12): www.themint.org:
Designed to help educators teach 6-12 graders how to manage money wisely.

PwC Earn Your Future™ Digital Lab (3-12): app.pwcfdearnyourfuture.org
Interactive curricula designed to empower young minds with financial and economic knowledge. A comprehensive financial literacy program designed to engage students with concepts through innovative self-paced modules featuring custom videos, animations, and interactive activities. Educators are supported with embedded student assessment tools and real-time feedback, educator guides, and module resource guides.

COUNTRY Financial® Money Matters materials (K-12): www.countryfinancial.com
Financial education materials that allow young people to make better-informed choices enabling them to pursue their goals. The activity-based materials are organized by grade level.

Budget Challenge (9-12): hrblock.budgetchallenge.com
Students have the opportunity to learn and practice many real-world money management skills: Paying bills, managing expenses, saving money, investing in retirement and more.

Hands on Banking (K-12): handsonbanking.org

- [Educator resources](#) that include free instructor guides with classroom lessons and activities that help guide students through real-life scenarios and group discussions.
- [Personal Finance Resources](#)

Organization Links:

Econ Illinois (Illinois Council on Economic Education) - www.econillinois.org
Support for teaching the financial literacy standards through Inquiry. Also economic education programs, professional development, curriculum support & resources, student competitions, teacher opportunities, and more.

Missouri Council on Economic Education - missouri.councilforeconed.org/resources
Classroom lessons and teaching tools, organized by topic, that link to supporting lessons online from resources sites listed elsewhere on this Tools & Resources document. A convenient place to start!

Council for Economic Education – www.councilforeconed.org
CEE is the leading non-profit organization in the U.S. that focuses on personal finance and economic education for students K-12. By providing kids with the knowledge and vocabulary of money, CEE's national affiliated network provides the essential tools to create financial stability and opportunity for themselves, their families and their communities.

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago - www.chicagofed.org/education/index
This **Education** section of the bank's website offers good material on banking, finance, and economics. It also has [free publications](#) you can order online or by phone.

Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis – www.stlouisfed.org/education
This **Education** section has curriculum, online lessons, lending library, links to other resource sites and online courses for students (designed for use in K-12 and college classrooms).