

# Make sense of the new financial literacy standards...



The new K-12 Illinois Social Science Standards, which include financial literacy for the first time, make their debut in the 2017-2018 school year. The new standards feature inquiry skills and disciplinary concepts working in tandem to guide student outcomes for college and career readiness.

Whether your district is well on its way or just starting to integrate these standards, Econ Illinois and the Illinois State Treasurer's Office help your K-12 students meet key learning outcomes and answer essential questions by equipping you with engaging, hands-on activities and assessments tools ready to immediately use in your classroom. Contact Econ Illinois or the Illinois State Treasurer's Office for an informational presentation or a teacher workshop on how to implement the new standards!



Econ Illinois provides hands-on, engaging activities to use in your classroom.



Econ Illinois supports a variety of academic programs to help foster your students' understanding of economic and personal finance concepts.



Econ Illinois provides curriculum consultation and professional development to K-12 educators throughout the state.

## THE ULTIMATE GOAL

Provide Illinois students the skills they need to be functional citizens. Using the C3 Framework as a guide, the new skill-based standards are designed to produce graduates who are:

- civically engaged
- socially responsible
- culturally aware
- financially literate

## WHAT'S FOR YOU

Econ Illinois, a statewide organization, in partnership with ISBE and the Illinois State Treasurer's Office, provides essential resources, curriculum consultation, and professional development to K-12 educators, across disciplines, to integrate the new economic and financial literacy standards. Learn to engage your students through inquiry. Get to the 'why' things happen.

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In the subject line:  
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# 9-12 Teacher Workshops

## How to Implement New Standards



The NEW high school Social Science Economic and Financial Literacy Standards incorporate questioning, investigating, reasoning, and responding skills that prepare students for college, career, and civic life. The standards provide overarching themes of what students should know upon completion of the required social science courses (history, civics, geography, and economics).

Contact Econ Illinois or the Illinois State Treasurer's Office for an informational presentation or a teacher workshop on how to implement the new standards and to learn about Econ Illinois' programming that supports financial literacy! The programs provide assessment for student understanding.

**with lessons to reinforce standards and programs to assess learning.**



### THE STOCK MARKET GAME™ PROGRAM

This real life investment simulation offers an innovative approach to teaching the fundamentals of personal finance and long-term saving & investing. In teams, students research and apply critical thinking and problem solving skills as they build and manage a \$100,000 investment portfolio. Throughout the game, students explore the impact of their financial choices and develop smart skills for their future.

- Fall, spring & full school-year sessions offer flexibility for teachers in scheduling & time commitment
- Teacher Support Center, a teacher-friendly, searchable resource library, provides lessons, activities, and more
- InvestWrite Essay Contest reinforces concepts learned throughout the session
- *Invest It Forward* connects classroom classrooms with financial industry professionals to promote financial capability

### ILLINOIS PERSONAL FINANCE CHALLENGE

Engage your students in this online competition available to all high school students! A perfect assessment tool to measure student understanding of personal finance content, the program recognizes those who demonstrate high levels of comprehension and application. Top scoring teams advance to a state finals event where business volunteers interact with student teams during case study presentations. The team that earns first place at the state finals qualifies to represent Illinois in the National Personal Finance Challenge.

- Spring online competition with flexible scheduling
- Online curriculum resources and activities to use in the classroom
- Practice tests and sample case studies support student preparation



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### ILLINOIS ECONOMICS CHALLENGE

**Limited to AP Economics level** – The ILEC brings the excitement of an athletic competition to academic excellence, by encouraging students to work in teams applying their knowledge of econ in a group competition. Top scoring teams advance to state finals where business volunteers interact with students during case study presentations. The team earning first place at state qualifies to represent Illinois in the online national semi-finals. The four highest scoring finalist teams advance to the National Economics Challenge.

- Spring online competition
- Online curriculum resources and activities
- Practice tests and sample case studies to support student preparation



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