

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 assessment 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.

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.

Please email **Nikki Giancola** directly at FinancialEd@illinoistreasurer.gov

In the subject line:
Include a Request category & Grade Band from the lists below.

Request

- Questions
- Intro Presentation Requests
- Teacher Training Requests

Grade Band

- Elem School
- Middle School
- High School
- Mixed Grades



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.



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6-8 Teacher Workshops

How to Implement New Standards



The NEW Social Science Economic and Financial Literacy Standards for middle school are banded by levels of complexity rather than grade levels, allowing educators to employ approaches that use the appropriate amount of guidance and scaffolding necessary to help develop and sharpen students' inquiry skills while they learn disciplinary concepts.

Inquiry skills involve questioning, investigating, reasoning, and responsible action. Disciplinary concepts make use of social science ideas, principles, and content to pursue answers to questions generated by student inquiries.

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with lessons to reinforce standards and programs to assess learning.

ILLINOIS PERSONAL FINANCE CHALLENGE

Engage your students in this online competition available to all middle school students! An effective assessment tool to measure student understanding of personal finance content, the top scoring three teams and their teachers are recognized.

- Spring online competition
- Online curriculum resources and activities available
- Reinforces new social science standards



ECONOMICS CONCEPTS POSTER CONTEST

Students use their creativity and art skills to demonstrate their understanding of a basic economic or finance concept in a colorful drawing. Students are recognized at the regional and state levels.

- Fall competition, entries due by December 31
- Contest concepts align to grade level essential questions
- Creative assessment tool for the new social science economics & financial literacy standards



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



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