

Illinois Personal Finance Challenge

TOOLS & RESOURCES



ONLINE Resources:

- **Illinois State Board of Education – Consumer Education mandate:**
 - descriptor: http://www.isbe.net/ils/social_science/mandates_2.htm#consumer
 - student assessment: <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/icept.htm>
 - proficiency test sample: <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/ICEPTSampleItems.pdf>
 - CONSUMER EDUCATION IN ILLINOIS SCHOOLS: http://www.isbe.net/curriculum/pdf/consumer_ed09.pdf
- **Office of the State Treasurer – Financial Education page:** <http://www.treasurer.il.gov/programs/financial-education/financial-education.aspx>
- **Illinois Personal Finance Challenge Online Flashcard Quiz:** http://www.stlouisfed.org/education_resources/personal_finance_quiz.cfm
- **Learning, Earning & Investing (LEI):** <http://lei.councilforeconed.org>

This site provides tools centered around the LEI curriculum. Downloadable personal finance lessons for grades 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12 are available as well as manipulatives, a calculator, glossary and more.

- **It All Adds Up:** www.italladdsup.org

"It All Adds Up" is a Web-based, interactive program designed to help high school teachers and students understand responsible personal finance management skills and the proper care and use of credit.

- **The Mint:** www.themint.org

This site is designed to help you teach 6-12 graders how to manage money wisely. If you teach at a school that does not offer a full or partial course in money management or economics, we urge you to incorporate lessons into your social studies or math classes.

- **The Stock Market Game™:** 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 and activities across the curriculum to support your classroom unit.

- **EconEdLink:** www.econedlink.org

A program of the national Council for Economic Education and the MarcoPolo project, this site has a multitude of classroom lessons related to current economic events and other topics.

- **Federal Reserve Bank Resources** - A listing of resources provided by individual Federal Reserve Banks are housed under the EconEdLink section called "Weblinks".

- **ECONnections:** <http://www.e-connections.org/>

A social studies site containing standards-based lesson plans adapted from the Council for Economic Education printed materials for the Internet with interactive activities for students.

- **Money Math:** http://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 in 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.



Organizational Links:

Illinois Council on Economic Education (now dba Econ Illinois)

www.econed-il.org

Economic Education programs, teacher opportunities, teacher award program, professional development, and links to teaching resources.

Council for Economic Education

<http://www.councilforeconed.org>

From the home page, click on **Resources** and then click on **Council for Economic Education On-Line Lessons** and search for lessons by title, concept, grade level, or standard.

-OR-

Recommended CEE Curricula-

- Financial Fitness For Life
- Financing Your Future
- Hands on Banking
- Learning, Earning and Investing
- Risky Business

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

<http://www.chicagofed.org/webpages/education/index.cfm>

The **Education** section has lots of good material on banking, finance and economics in general. It also has MANY FREE PUBLICATIONS you can order on-line or by phone.

Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis

http://stlouisfed.org/education_resources

This **Education** section has curriculum, online lessons, lending library, links to other resource sites and a two-day online course for high-school students (designed for use in the classroom).

Federal Reserve Education

www.federalreserveeducation.org

Here you can find links to instructional materials and tools that can increase your understanding of the Federal Reserve, economics and financial education. All of the Fed web sites, curriculum, newsletters, booklets and other resources are free.

Illinois Jump\$tart

www.iljumpstart.org

Illinois Jump\$tart is a coalition of organizations which provide resources for financial literacy education. Site provides great information and links to other resources.

Jump\$tart Coalition

<http://www.jumpstartcoalition.org>

The National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education delineate knowledge and skills students would benefit from processing.

Wall Street Journal Classroom Edition

<http://classroomedition.com/cre>

This combines timely articles from the *Wall Street Journal* with colorful graphics and interdisciplinary lesson plans to help teachers prepare teenagers for the real world.

U.S. Financial Literacy and Education Commission:

<http://www.mymoney.gov/kids.shtml>

A variety of outstanding financial education resources including a curriculum with four comprehensive activity-based lessons that have multiple engaging parts for maximum interaction in the classroom.