

About Econ Illinois

Econ Illinois was founded in 1951 to help K-12 schools integrate the teaching of economics and personal finance across the curriculum at all grade levels. As effective participants in the economy, all students must learn and apply the knowledge and skills that will enable them to become:

- Productive members of the work force, as employees or entrepreneurs
- Knowledgeable consumers in the global marketplace
- Responsible citizens
- Prudent savers and investors
- Competent decision makers throughout their lives.



We accomplish these goals through:

- Aligning state and common core standards to robust curriculum*
- Supplying teachers with curriculum, programs and services
- Preparing teachers to integrate the economic way of thinking
- Providing avenues to measure student understanding of economics and its real world application

Our resources are designed to develop a comprehensive skill set that fosters critical thinking and problem solving - helping K-12 teachers prepare students to be college ready or to successfully transition into the workforce.

**Curriculum materials are geared to help schools meet state and national academic standards, while supporting the integration of the Common Core Standards in Math and English-Language Arts.*

Our services:

Econ Illinois and its University-based Centers:



- Offer instructional materials for **all grade levels and across content areas** for integration of economic and personal finance concepts within the existing curriculum;
- Assist schools in meeting the state and common core standards for lang. arts, math, and economics;
- Involve more than 26,000 students annually in The Stock Market Game™, a media-blended simulation that teaches students about markets and the role of personal savings and investment in our economy;
- Sponsor competitions/awards programs for students, teachers, and schools that promote excellence;
- Provide comprehensive professional development programs for K-12 teachers, through both credit and non-credit workshops (with CEUs or CPDUs) and courses.

For specific program information, see Key Programs/Teacher Programs on our website.

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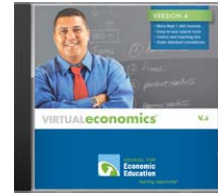
Teaching Dollars and Sense

Econ Illinois Programs/Services

Programs offered to Illinois schools (K-12) by Econ Illinois and its affiliated university-based Centers include:



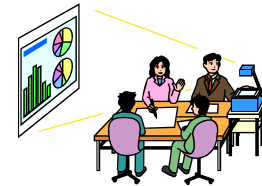
Economics Poster Contest



Financial Fitness for Life

Creating Wise Consumers and Savers

Virtual Economics 4.0



Resources for Teachers/Schools:

- Curriculum consulting/assistance with state and common core standards
- Curriculum materials (catalog online)
- ECONED web site: www.econedlink.org (downloadable classroom resources)
- *Virtual Economics 4.0* (CD-ROM curriculum library for teachers)
- Professional development programs in economics & personal finance
- Tuesday Tips Resource E-Communication

State-Wide Programs for Students:

- The Stock Market Game™ (Gr. 4-12) (a media-blended, STEM program)
- InvestWrite (a SMG language arts competition)
- The Capitol Challenge (a legislator "sponsored" competition)
- The SMG Corporate Challenge (businesses participate in competition)
- Economics Poster Contest (Gr. 1-8)
- Economics Challenge (9-12)
- Personal Finance Challenge (9-12)

State-Wide Programs for Teachers:

- 3M Economic Educator Awards (K-12)
- Illinois Association of School Economics Teachers (IASSET)

National Programs for Teachers:

- Global Association of Teachers of Economics (GATE)

For more information on how Econ Illinois can provide solutions for your school or district:

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