

2019 Preview: Get Your Students Pumped Up for Personal Finance & Economics!

Don't Be Jack Student Edition: An award-winning, free financial education game for your classroom

More than ever, students must leave high school aware of basic financial terms and concepts, common financial pitfalls and how to avoid them, as well as solutions and resources to help them become financially independent. Don't Be Jack, a fun and interactive board game, brings to life real-world principles that stress the importance of spending less than you earn, having a prepared budget, building an emergency fund, saving for the future and understanding insurance and future benefits associated with employment. Eight years ago, Member Benefits launched our financial learning game—*Don't Be Jack*—as part of our financial education program for Wisconsin public school employees. Over the years, we've received many requests from Wisconsin Educators for us to create a student version for the classroom.

With the help of subject matter experts, Erich Utrie (Jefferson Middle School) and Julie Woletz (UW-Whitewater), the game content has been modified to align with the Wisconsin Academic Standards for Personal Financial Literacy for grades 9-12. The game, facilitator's guide, and materials have been evaluated and tweaked to provide optimum flexibility to accommodate varying class schedules and educator styles. Attendees will sample the game and will be provided with access to a free copy of the game.

Next Gen Personal Finance (two sessions)

Next Gen Personal Finance was founded with busy teachers in mind—to help you find free, ready-to-implement resources online, enabling you to plan less and teach more. In this session, you'll learn about NGPF's comprehensive set of resources, varied professional development opportunities, and its supportive community of educators ... and you'll hear it from NGPF team members, Laura and Dan.

Money Path: Free to Wisconsin High School Educators and Students

Don't miss the opportunity to learn about Money Path, SecureFutures' innovative and game-changing new app. This cutting-edge, web-based simulation software allows teens to explore how their decisions about college, career, budgeting, and saving will affect their long-term goals and lifelong financial success. High school students preparing to graduate and move into adulthood are faced with a series of complex questions. What will my starting income be based on the path I choose? How will student loans affect my future budget? How much does it cost to live on my own? How long will it take me to save for important financial goals? Money Path allows them to build a personal plan, comparing and contrasting the effects of their choices to see a realistic picture of their financial future. In its first year, 2,500 students benefitted from Money Path, and the feedback from students and educators makes clear the profound impact the app is having on student futures. Join us to see Money Path in action and learn how you can bring this high impact tool to your classroom for free! Visit securefutures.org/money-path to learn more.

Morality, Free Markets, and Capitalism

Are commercial pursuits and private enterprise compatible with people living ethical and fulfilling lives? Some voices in today's political arena and in the media say the answer is no. A 2016 report from Harvard found that 51% of respondents aged 18-29 opposed capitalism; 33% supported socialism. Is it true that the free markets are evil? Or, is there a connection between virtue and free markets? How does a teacher well versed in economics respond when students idealize socialism?

Financial Fitness for Life (Grades 9-12) is a comprehensive, time-tested personal finance curriculum developed by the national Council for Economic Education that teaches students how to make thoughtful, well-informed decisions about important aspects of personal finance, such as earning income, spending, saving, borrowing, investing, and managing money. Economic concepts form the foundation of all lessons, providing students with a decision-making framework for the real world. Content is based on national standards, and correlates to standards in economics, personal finance, mathematics, and language arts. Session includes newly released third edition teacher's guide for free. [Three break-out track](#)

Mini Economy: Nothing "Mini" about It!

This nuts-and-bolts teacher's guide has all the tools and resources you need to create a functioning economy right inside your classroom. At the end of this comprehensive simulation, your students will have a thorough understanding of our economy.

This semester-long simulation uses realistic activities that mirror everyday economic behavior. By immersing themselves in a classroom economy, your students will understand their role in the global marketplace, giving them a crucial advantage as they move through the upper grades and ultimately enter the workforce.

- You'll have a time-tested template that makes setting up your classroom economy simple:
- Economics instruction - step-by-step lessons and in-depth instructions make integrating the Mini-Economy into your curriculum simple
- Classroom management - discover tips on designing & implementing your economy
- Application of basic skills - help your student hone important life skills, such as teamwork and negotiation skills
- Money management - personal finance is more important today than ever - especially for young students. You'll give your students valuable practice managing money

At the end of your simulation, you'll turn out confident consumers and budding entrepreneurs - not to mention creative students!