

Helping teachers equip students for the world awaiting them...

VCEE's mission is to provide Virginia's students with the economic knowledge and financial skills needed to thrive in our dynamic economy. It seeks to help students understand basic economic principles and develop the decision-making skills needed to be informed citizens, productive employers and employees and wise consumers, savers and investors.



Why Study Economics? The principles of economics bear directly on the ordinary business of life. Economic understanding is the ability to use a set of principles to better understand how the world around us works. Economics also plays an important role in local, state, national and international public policy.

Teacher Resource

Teacher education is the Council's primary means for reaching students. Program coordinators at VCEE's university-based centers for economic education reach more than 4,400 teachers each year, providing each the background, curriculum, and materials to effectively deliver the essentials of economics and personal finance that today's students need. All of the Council's education programs are linked to Virginia's Standards of Learning for grades K-12.



Student Programs

Stock Market Game - students research stocks, study how financial markets work, choose their portfolios, and manage them for 10 weeks. A time-tested curriculum for grades 4-12.

Economics Challenge - middle and high school students demonstrate their understanding of economic principles in an academic competition.

Mini-Economy and Mini-Society - elementary and middle school students act out real life experiences in entrepreneurship.

Color the Economic Concepts - this program, co-sponsored with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, gives students in grades K-8 the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of economic concepts in a creative and fun way.

Advocacy and Public Education

The Council has long been an advocate for including economic education in Virginia's Standards of Learning. VCEE and its affiliated centers for economic education design, promote, and deliver hundreds of economic education presentations annually.

Sample of Professional Development Opportunities



Professional development opportunities and supporting materials are offered to teachers throughout the Commonwealth at minimal or no charge. Below is an example of some workshops. School divisions should contact VCEE or Centers if interested in scheduling customized workshops for their teachers.

Economics in U.S. History ● ● ●

Financial Fitness for Life ● ● ●

Stock Market Game ● ● ●

Teaching the Economics of Geography ● ● ●

Virtual Economics ● ● ●

Teaching Environmental Economics ● ● ●

Economic Way of Thinking ● ● ●

Dragons Decide & My Money ●

Mathematics & Economics ●

Play Dough Economics ●

Economics in Ancient Civilizations ●

Trading Around the World ●

Seas, Trees and Economics ● ●

The Mini-Society ● ●

Chocolate Economics ● ●

Around the World the Econ Way ● ●

Economics & Virginia & U.S. History ● ●

Economics in Children's Literature ● ●

Ethical Foundations of Economics ●

Risky Business ● ●

Civics and Economics ● ●

Issues of International Trade ● ●

Learning, Earning & Investing ● ●

Focus: Globalization ●

Key

● Elementary School

● Middle School

● High School

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