

What do we offer to teachers?

Professional Development

Economics Arkansas offers teacher training year-round through in-services, workshops and conferences.

Student-Focused Programs

In addition, we offer programs teachers can use to engage students in active-learning, such as Stock Market Game Program, EconChallenge and Economics Calendar Program.

Recognition Programs

And for teachers who demonstrate outstanding integration of economics in their classroom, we offer recognition through the Moore Awards Program and the Master Economics Program.

Educational & Financial Resources

We offer resources, both educational and financial. Educational resources include lessons and activities available for downloading, links to sites offering valuable teaching tools, etc. Financial resources include our Teacher Grant Program, Donna K. Wright Scholarship program for Stock Market Game and other opportunities. You will also find links to other organizations that provide educational and financial resources.

About Economics Arkansas

Economics Arkansas is a private, non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization founded in 1962 by Dr. Bessie B. Moore to promote economic literacy in Arkansas. We train K-12 teachers how to incorporate principles of economics and personal finance into the classroom curriculum.

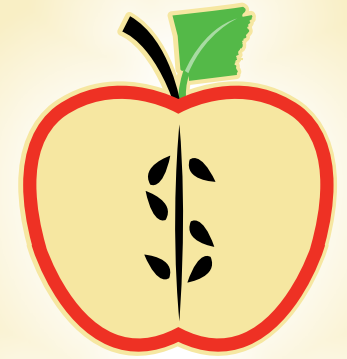
Economic education is real life, because all young people will grow up and become part of the marketplace. Economics Arkansas provides resources and training to PreK-12 teachers in both public and independent schools in Arkansas. Our belief is that through training teachers, the multiplier effect is achieved. Each school year, the training a teacher receives through Economics Arkansas can impact new children.

Economics Arkansas is affiliated with the Council for Economic Education (CEE), and we collaborate with six Arkansas university-based Centers for Economic Education. In addition, Economics Arkansas extends its resources through the Polly M. Jackson Master Economics Teachers. These partnerships help the organization meet the needs of teachers by providing economic education training, materials, and curriculum for Arkansas schools.

Public and independent schools are encouraged to partner with Economics Arkansas to ensure teachers receive information on training opportunities. Arkansas educators have a long legacy of winning numerous national awards for excellence in teaching economic education.

Did you know?

- Arkansas was the 21st state to require economics for high school graduation.
- Research indicates that teaching finance to students yields greater money management skills in adulthood.
- Economics is the science of decision making.



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Professional Development for Teaching K-12 Economics

- ADE Approved
- Support the Instruction Domain of TESS
- Focused on Standards

General Topics

Arkansas History

Make Arkansas History come alive for your teachers and students. Four Arkansas History workshops available to your district include:

- Arkansas Faces and Places **(K-8)**
- Feet and Hooves and Wheels and Wings: How Transportation Has Impacted and Transformed Arkansas **(K-8)**
- Arkansas: a Natural for Resources and Business **(K-8)**
- Symbols of Arkansas **(K-8)**

The Stock Market Game

This workshop is for first-time advisors or anyone new to the competition. A recent independent survey reveals that students participating in this simulation show increased math and personal finance skills. Come learn how to use this engaging simulation in your class as you integrate math, language arts, technology, social studies and critical thinking skills all with relevant and current topics. The day will be spent in a computer lab setting as you experience the Stock Market Game from a teacher and student perspective. A variety of engaging activities and resources will be provided to complement the simulation. Experts in the field will be on hand to provide background information and provide investment knowledge. **(Grades 4-12)**

“Liking” Economics

This program is for the teacher who wants to learn how to engage students with relevant technology based learning activities. This interactive workshop will introduce participants to dynamic activities and sites with real world applications. Discover Whiteboard activities based on popular children’s literature, personal finance simulations, podcasts, and many other dynamic activities and sites with live event learning opportunities. Many of the activities presented can be tied directly to Common Core standards. **(K-12)**

Grades K-2

Taking the “EEEEK” Out of Economics

Would you like to teach basic economic concepts throughout the curriculum while enhancing mastery of student learning objectives? This professional development opportunity will show teachers how to use hands-on activities to teach economics, which can be easily adapted to other grade levels and teaching styles. You’ll leave amazed at how easily economics is integrated in the primary grades!

One Cent, Two Cents.

Personal Finance Makes Perfect Sense

Using stories and activities, students will experience real-life personal finance concepts. Children of all ages can understand how the decisions they make now can affect their futures.

Math & Economics

“Why do I have to learn all this math stuff?” Come participate in engaging “real world” lessons that tie economics and math together. Each lesson provides a student-centered introduction of a basic economic concept that is reinforced through math activities. Fun? You can count on it! Lessons have been correlated to Common Core Standards.

Economics: Cover to Cover

Literature provides a natural introduction to economics. Teachers will be amazed how economics is spotted on the pages of almost every children’s book in their library. A variety of resources ready for classroom use will be shared tied to state standards.

eSTEM

Best practices are shared and modeled for integrating economics and technology throughout the curriculum. Using technology to teach economic concepts through project-based instruction will be the focus. Collaborative strategies for productive group work on economic concepts will be modeled throughout the presentation.

Economics: The Piece that Makes Learning Complete!

Have you spent time searching for the piece of the puzzle that makes learning complete? Look no further, ECONOMICS is that piece! This professional development opportunity promises to share creative approaches and integration ideas to help your students learn “why” and “how” everything fits! Activities presented will be tied to Common Core standards.

A Visit with Miss Frizzle!

A Visit with Miss Frizzle will provide teachers with the opportunity to pair science and economics in fun, hands-on activities that meet current Arkansas standards.

Let’s Talk Money

Headlines reveal that we need to develop financially fit students. But how? This professional development opportunity will allow participants to apply economics and decision-making skills to the real world of earning and spending an income, saving, using credit and managing money.

Extra, Extra Read All About It!

When was the last time you found yourself lost in the pages of a great children’s book? Children’s literature provides inviting opportunities for students to explore the world around them and the world beyond, including economics. Engaging activities will be shared that are ready to be used in the classroom.

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Grades 6-8

Economics in the Middle

Learn how focusing on the economic way of thinking can assist teachers across the curriculum to move students to higher-order thinking. Hands-on, engaging activities that teach economics and reinforce other disciplines.

Personal Finance for Tweens

Looking for new ideas for your classroom? This professional development opportunity will provide teachers with the tools and tips to discuss important concepts in personal finance through engaging, real world activities.

What in the World Were They Thinking?

What causes people to change their economic behavior? How did historic events in our nation and around the world play a role in the decision making of leaders? Lessons and activities will be shared that are sure to engage your students!

Literature

Looking for new ways to engage your students in the real world? Do you use popular novels in your classroom? Use fundamental economic concepts to relate the books you are reading to the real world.

Global Economics: Why Do I Care?

Why should you care what happens to the economy of Japan or if Toyota has a good quarter? Why would your store owner care about the European debt crisis? Is the US economy going into a double dip? Why would your students care? Middle school and secondary teachers will learn how to integrate global understandings into history,

economics, geography, civics and personal finance using engaging, relevant activities. Class content will be connected to current events through economics in a fun and exciting way. Come trot around the globe with us and learn economics along the way!

Grades 9-12

How Money Works

Teenagers spent more than \$170 billion dollars. Do they have all the tools they need to make wise decisions? This professional development opportunity will equip teachers with hands-on, standards-based lessons to share with their students.

Integrating Economics into Social Studies Disciplines

Looking for new ideas to teach social studies content? This activity-based workshop will introduce you to an array of lessons that will engage students in social studies content and make relevant economic connections. Workshop participants will receive lesson plans, technology tie-ins and activities that will make social studies come alive in your classroom!

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Standards and Activity Based High School Economics Workshop

After this week-long professional development opportunity, teachers won’t see Economics as the DISMAL science any more. Teachers will experience hands-on activities that can be used to teach all of the content for the required economics course. This opportunity is offered each summer. Attendance is restricted to teachers who will be teaching the high school economics course.

