

NEW 3-Part Webinar for Florida Stock Market Challenge!

The Florida Council is pleased to offer a new 3-part webinar series designed to help you and your students get the most out of the Florida Stock Market Challenge. This 3-part series will be presented by our dear friends at the Gus A. Stavros Center for Economic and Free Enterprise Education at the University of South Florida, Center for Economic Education at Florida Atlantic University, and Center on Economic and Financial Education at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

Participate in any or all of the 3 sessions, it's up to you! Each webinar will be presented from 7:30 to 9:00 PM Eastern time. Participants will receive a copy of each of the attended sessions.

Session 1 - Basics of Investing (September 6th - Presenter: Dr. Bill Bosshardt, Director of the Center for Economic Education at FAU)

The Stock Market Challenge can be used to teach a wide variety of lessons. This session will focus on just a few “big picture” topics that will help your students understand the basics of investing. The webinar will include tips and ideas for teaching these concepts in your class.

Session 2 - SMC and Common Core Standards in Literacy (September 11th - Presented by Deborah Kozdras, Gus A. Stavros Center for Economic and Free Enterprise Education at USF and Jodi Pushkin, Manager Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education)

In this session, learn how to integrate the Common Core State Standards for Literacy into your work with the Stock Market Challenge. Presenters will illustrate how to use more real-world complex texts—both in paper form and online—for your students to read. These texts include resources from the Council for Economics Education (CEE) and from the Tampa Bay Times Newspapers in Education (NIE) program as well as tips on activities that exemplify Common Core Standards for Literacy and the English Language Arts. Using the newspaper on a daily basis helps engage students in real-world reading of informational texts and develop daily reading habits that they will carry through their lives. These newspapers provide a vital link to the real world for students who too often do not realize the value of their academic programs.

Session 3 - Bringing it ALL Together (September 13th - Presented by: Patricia Sibson, Florida Virtual School and representing the Center on Economic and Financial Education at FSCJ)

This final session of the series will focus on bringing it all together with the Florida Stock Market Challenge sponsored by the FCEE. In this free simulation, students play a real time trading game that is both engaging and a timely and invaluable teaching tool that can be used to help meet many educational standards while helping students gain a better understanding of our economic system. Students learn life skills such as analysis, problem-solving, and group decision-making while collaborating on teams to build a portfolio based on investing a hypothetical \$100,000 in stocks, bonds & mutual funds over a ten week period in fall or spring sessions. Student transactions are entered via the internet and they can view their portfolios at any time on-line, which includes current holdings, brokerage fees, margin interest, and team rankings. The competition is divided regionally into elementary school, middle school, and high school divisions throughout Florida.

To Register for the Webinar, visit <http://www.fcee.org/educational-resources/stock-market-challenge/>

Registration for the Fall Challenge Opens September 3rd and Trading Opens September 17th!

