

# Financial Literacy Clearinghouse

## Financial Literacy Clearinghouse Disclaimer:

The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and the Louisiana Department of Education have established this Character Education Clearinghouse in response to R.S. 17:282.3. BESE and the Louisiana Department of Education do not endorse particular programs or resources contained within this site.

## LA State Legislation: [R.S. 17:282.3](#)

§282.3. Personal financial education; instruction

- A. The legislature recognizes that young people must obtain the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to manage their personal finances and obtain general financial literacy. Education in personal financial management helps prepare students for the workforce and for financial independence by developing a sense of individual responsibility and improving life skills, as well as a thorough understanding of consumer economics. Financial education integrates instruction in valuable life skills with instruction in economics, including income and taxes, money management, investment and spending, and the importance of personal savings.
- B. (1) Any public elementary or secondary school may offer instruction in personal financial management based on the concept of achieving financial literacy through the teaching of personal management skills and the basic principles involved with earning, spending, saving, and investing. Such instruction and subject matter shall be integrated into an existing course of study.
- (2) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt necessary rules and guidelines to ensure the proper implementation of this Section and any city, parish, or other local public school board offering such instruction shall do so in accordance with such rules and guidelines.
- C. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall establish and maintain a clearinghouse for instructional materials and information regarding model financial education programs and best practices.

Acts 2001, No. 681, §1, eff. June 25, 2001.

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- B. A public school may offer instruction in personal financial management based upon the concept of achieving financial literacy through the teaching of personal management skills and the basic principals involved with earning, spending, saving, and investing. Such instruction and subject matter shall be integrated into an existing course of study.

## Financial Literacy Programs in Louisiana:

Financial Literacy Program	Description
<a href="#">Jump\$tart</a>	Louisiana Jump\$tart is a coalition of organizations dedicated to improving the financial capability of individuals by providing advocacy and access to financial education programs and resources.
<a href="#">LELA Financial Literacy</a>	Lela provides resources to confidently make smart financial decisions before, during, and after college.

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## Additional Financial Literacy Resources:

Title	Description
<a href="#">Jump\$tart</a>	Jump\$tart is a coalition of diverse financial education stakeholders. These organizations work together to educate and prepare our nation's youth for life-long financial success.
<a href="#">The Mint</a>	The site provides tools to help parents as well as educators teach children to manage money wisely and develop good financial habits: the building blocks for a secure future.
<a href="#">FDIC Money Smart</a>	FDIC provides two instructor-led Money Smart curriculum products to teach young people, Money Smart for Young Adults and Money Smart for Elementary School Students.
<a href="#">University of Minnesota Youth and Money</a>	The tools and resources found on this page are for parents, educators, or anyone else who has “teachable moments” with youth.
<a href="#">Actuarial Foundation</a>	The Actuarial Foundation has released to U.S. high school and community/junior college teachers <b><i>Building Your Future</i></b> , a financial literacy curriculum, to help teens master the foundational elements of personal finance and to prepare for life on their own.
<a href="#">Money as you Grow</a>	The initiative offers 20 age-appropriate financial lessons—with corresponding activities.
<a href="#">Money as you Learn</a>	<i>Money as You Learn</i> provides teachers with Common Core aligned texts, lessons, and tasks that connect the Common Core to real life applications while also equipping students with the knowledge needed to make smart financial decisions.
<a href="#">West Virginia State Treasurer Teacher Resources</a>	Personal Finance Resources for Teachers and Youth
<a href="#">Take Charge Today</a>	More than 75 content lesson plans are available at the introductory (targeted at grades 7-9) and advanced (targeted at grades 10-12) levels.
<a href="#">Council for Economic Education</a>	Offers a variety of standards-based classroom resources for K-12 teachers, students and parents.
<a href="#">Knowledge @ Wharton High School</a>	The mission of KWHS is to promote global financial literacy, entrepreneurship and leadership among high school students and educators by providing free innovative educational content.
<a href="#">US Department of the Treasury</a>	Resources for teachers and students from the US Department of the Treasury.
<a href="#">National Endowment for Financial Education</a>	NEFE’s High School Financial Planning Program® (HSFPP) is a turnkey financial literacy program specifically focused on basic personal finance skills that are relevant to the lives of pre-teens, teens, and young adults.
<a href="#">Federal Reserve Bank of New York</a>	The Econ Explorers Club is a collection of resources aimed at teachers and students in grades 4-6.
<a href="#">United States Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change</a>	The United States Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change™ Web site is all about coins and taking a close look at coins can help a youngster begin to grow into a fiscally responsible adult. The site includes activities and lesson plans that promote basic economic understanding.
<a href="#">Money Management International</a>	Provides lesson plans and other tools for financial education.
<a href="#">Junior Achievement</a>	Junior Achievement provides the training, materials, and support necessary to bolster the chances for student success, including helping to arrange business professionals and local community leaders to visit your classroom a few times or throughout the semester. The volunteers share their workforce experience with your students, all while teaching sound economic principles and reinforcing class curricula.

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[OppU](#)

OppU features interactive video-based lessons, cumulative quizzes, and completion tracking so educators can track students' progress through the content. The lessons are expert-vetted and aligned to Jump\$tart's K-12 national standards. OppU is teacher-endorsed and has been featured in education journals such as eCampus News. It is free and available for all to use.