



Smart Start

Building Bright Financial Futures

Virginia Credit Union is pleased to offer a comprehensive financial education resource geared toward high school students and teacher training.

SMART START incorporates the Virginia Department of Education’s personal finance objectives into the following six student-friendly Standards of Learning based modules:

1. **Money Wise** (financial institutions and money)
2. **Making the Most of Your Money** (budgeting, credit cards and savings)
3. **Career Central** (careers and taxes)
4. **What a Ride!** (smart car buying and financing)
5. **Home Sweet Home** (renting vs. buying)
6. **What’s Your Story?** (inheritance and investing)

These modules include hands-on activities as well as technology components. The curriculum was designed by Virginia Credit Union’s financial education director, a former public school teacher.

“By implementing these modules, teachers will be able to cover the personal finance objectives mandated by the Virginia Department of Education in just six 90 minutes lessons. These lessons strive to be relevant to teenagers’ lives and challenge them to begin thinking about their current and future financial well-being. We look forward to serving teachers and students throughout Virginia.” ~ Cherry Dale



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