WELCOME BACK! Take Charge Today has many curriculum updates for you and several new lessons. In addition to the updated curriculum, you will also find additional features in this Take Charge Today newsletter including: new content videos, paperless classroom tips, Take Charge Today National Master Educator achievements and a Fall Consumer Jungle contest.

CURRICULUM

NEW Resources

DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH UNIT
- Estate Planning
- Giving to Others
- Live Well, Do Good Things Assessment

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Don’t Go For Broke Active Learning Tool
- The Lorax Active Learning Tool
- Rudy Active Learning Tool
- Get a Job
- Rule of 72

UPDATED Resources

We highly recommend replacing all of your current files for the resources listed below. This will ensure that all materials are completely up-to-date and match all Take Charge Today website downloads. Small edits were made to answer keys and verbiage in many additional lessons.

LESSON PLANS
Take Charge of Your Financial Well-Being Unit
- Advanced Level Course Introduction

Managing Your Money Unit
- Spending Plans

Earning Unit
- All lessons in the Advanced Level Earning Unit had updates

Saving and Investing Unit
- All lessons in the Advanced Level Saving and Investing Unit had updates

Spending and Borrowing Unit
- All lessons in the Advanced Level Spending and Borrowing Unit had updates

Assessments
- Life In...US - The lesson plan and PowerPoint are updated but the general sections of the family notebooks are not.
- All Unit Test Banks including the new one for the Distribution of Wealth Unit

ACTIVE LEARNING TOOLS
- Guest Speaker
- Integrating Music
- Internet Games Relating to Financial Education
- Technology Integration Options
- Tablet Applications for the Personal Finance Classroom
- Time Value of Money Magic!
- Video Clips Relating to Financial Education
- Vocabulary Reinforcement Activities
UPDATED Integration Pages

If you are not teaching a full personal finance course but are looking to incorporate personal finance topics, we have multiple pages with recommendations of which lessons to use in certain types of courses. Standards alignment charts, teaching tips, and other resources are available when integrating the Take Charge Today curriculum into the following subject areas:

- Business
- Career Readiness
- Common Core Language Arts
- Common Core Math
- Economics
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Instruction Order for a Variety of Personal Finance Course Lengths!

On each lesson plan download page, Take Charge Today provides electronic student workbook pages as individual files to help you reduce paper and share resources online with your students. Take Charge Today copyright allows the posting of these student workbook pages on a secure website; a secure website that requires a password. Please do not post educator materials, such as answer keys, test banks, or full lesson plans anywhere on the Internet. Not posting educator materials ensures that you and others always have access to the most up-to-date resources on the Take Charge Today website. In addition, it ensures that students don’t have the opportunity to obtain the educator materials.

If you’re looking for a great website to use for classroom organization check out Google Classroom or Edmodo. Did your school just roll out Chromebooks and you’re wondering how your students can annotate on pdfs? Use the Notable PDF extension from the Chrome Store.
This Summer, Take Charge Today held a 2-day training for 80 Arizona educators and many additional community supporters. In addition, the Take Charge Today National Master Educators gave workshops to over 450 educators in North Carolina, Michigan and Missouri. Thank you everyone for your involvement!

Take Charge Today would like to congratulate two of our National Master Educators for some amazing achievements. Lisa Bender was named the Financial Literacy High School Teacher of the Year for the state of Maryland and Shelly Stanton was selected for the Google Teacher Academy and is now a Google Certified Teacher!
Along with the Maryland State Department of Education, we have created three new short, informative content videos. These three videos focus on Receiving from Government Programs and can be found in our Video Library. The three new videos include:

- Myths and Facts About Government Programs
- Government Financial Assistance Programs
- Receiving Income from Government Programs

There are two additional content videos now available which are talks that the Take Charge America Institute director, Dr. Michael Staten, gave. These hour-long videos will give you insight into a couple of big topics in personal finance.

- Ten ‘Big Ideas’ to Teach Your Students About Personal Finance
- The Five Most Important Concepts to Understand About Borrowing and Payment Products

We encourage you to check out these engaging and informative new videos!
Tiff’s Tips

The perfect tool for the Collage of My Life assessment is out there, and it’s called Thinglink! Thinglink is a website that allows you to create an interactive image by placing links, videos, songs, etc. within the image. https://www.thinglink.com/

This is a great resource to use instead of a poster creation tool and was recently added to our updated Technology Integration Guide.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TAKE CHARGE TODAY WILL BE PRESENTING AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

OCTOBER 9-11
CEE Financial Literacy and Economic Education Conference
“Get Your $$ Groove On: Active Learning Meets Financial Literacy”
Dallas, Texas

OCTOBER 24
Arizona Department of Education
“Financial Literacy: Business and Marketing Classroom”
Phoenix, Arizona

NOVEMBER 8-10
Jump$tart Coalition National Educator Conference
Exhibitor
Los Angeles, California

NOVEMBER 19-22
ACTE’s CareerTech Vision Conference
“PowerPoint is so Yesterday”
“Diversified Strategies to Make Financial Education ROI High”
Nashville, Tennessee

Consumer Jungle

This fall, encourage your students to participate in the Jungle Talk Article Writing Contest! Consumer Jungle is going green and staying fit! We want to hear how young adults across the country are going green and staying healthy on a budget.

Inspire your students to submit their short, 500 word article to Consumer Jungle and tell us all about how they are living an active lifestyle, protecting the environment or going green while sticking to a budget or saving money! Remember, there must be a financial component to the article. One Grand Prize winner will be selected and two runners-up. View the full contest rules and have your students submit their entry to Consumer Jungle here: http://consumerjungle.org/jungle-talk/contest/rules.

Don’t forget! You can also integrate Consumer Jungle in many other ways in your classroom. Here are top 3 favorite ways to integrate Consumer Jungle:

1. Fraud Fridays: Read and discuss the Fraud of the Month as a class!
2. Ask Jungle Bob: Encourage your students to submit their personal finance question to Consumer Jungle!
3. Games: Check out all of the great personal finance games from around the web!

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