# Welcome to The Stock Market Game Webinar

www.stockmarketgame.org

www.econ.org/smg



### What is the Stock Market Game?

- A 10 week Internet educational simulation that encourages student to learn about stock markets, personal finance and the American economic system.
- Adaptable for students from grades 4-16
- \$15/team portfolio fee
- Over 500,000 students participate nationally
- Nearly 8000 students participate statewide each year
- Offered by the Kentucky Council on Economic Education and nationally by Foundation for Investor Education



# YOU are an SMG Advisor!

#### Your Role – Guide

- Provide information to students
- Provide access to resources
- Use "teachable moments"
- You decide how much time to
- devote to program
- Find answers to questions you don't know answers to!



### Where to Begin?

#### Getting Started

- Create teams of 3-5 students each (\$15/team fee)
- Register teams online at <u>www.stockmarketgame.org</u>
- Use your Teacher ID and Password to access the Teacher Support Center
- Distribute team IDs and passwords (you receive in an email)

# **SMG Teacher Support Center**

- Go to the ONLINE Teacher Support Center using your Teacher ID and password and review
  - Getting Started
    - Advisors Guide
    - Rules of the Game
    - Understanding Portfolios
    - Or Attend a Webinar <u>www.econ.org/pd/</u>



### **SMG Teacher Support Center**

# In the Teacher Support Center you can Manage Student Portfolios

- Access your student portfolios
- Troubleshooting handout
- FAQs
- Help Desk
- Print certificates



### **SMG Teacher Support Center**

- In the Teacher Support Center you can find resources!
- In the Classroom
  - Core lessons and activities
    - For elementary, middle and high
  - Rubrics and assessments
  - Publications and curricula



### **Time Commitment**



#### Time commitment depends on your goals

- Few class periods at beginning to prepare and discuss stocks, markets, etc.
- One or two class periods a week to cover content in lessons (if time available)
- Integrate stock research, current events, time to trade in class time OR
- Have students meet outside class to make trades, research, etc.
- Access in 1-2 computers in classroom OR lab or from home

# **Getting Class Started**



- Teach the basics "What is a Stock?", "What is the Stock Market?" (lessons in Teacher Support Center)
- Lessons all linked to state (economics, math, business, technology) standards and Common Core Skills and CCR anchors
  - Discussions
  - Paraphrasing portions of text
  - Reporting and recounting on research
  - Analyzing main ideas from diverse media and formats
  - Consensus and team building

### **Know the Rules**



- Begin with \$100,000 cash
- Trade stocks and mutual funds on major exchanges
- Must buy a minimum of 10 shares
- Minimum stock price of \$3.00 for purchases
- Pay 1% broker's fee on all transactions
- Receive stock price at time of purchase (real time trading)
- May borrow up to \$50,000 at 7% interest charge
- Earn .75% interest on cash balance unspent (posted weekly)
- Diversification 20% maximum equity in any one stock

# **Conducting Research**

- Use Investor Research section in portfolios
- Use search engine financial section, i.e.,
  - Finance.yahoo.com
  - Money.msn.com/stocks/
  - Morningstar.com/Cover/Stocks.html

#### (My preference is Yahoo!)



### **Research Ideas**

- Buying -- Start with companies you know
- Learn about Parent Companies or Private
  - Companies Hoovers.com
- Search engines
  - Finance.yahoo.com
  - Money.msn.com/stocks/

- Morningstar.com/Cover/Stocks.html
- Diversify by industry

### **Reading Stock Data**

- How to Read A Stock Quote
  - (see handout in Teacher Starter Packet)
  - See lessons "Identifying Ticker symbols and Interpreting Stock Quotes" in *In the Classroom* section of **Teacher Support Center**



### Assessments



#### ASSESSMENT OPTIONS:

- Team/student journals (folders)
  - Reflective writing/persuasive writing
  - Record of transactions
  - track data current price, 52 week high/low, PE ratio, Beta, etc.
  - News clippings about companies/company profiles
  - Glossary of terms
  - Charts, graphs, comparisons of stock data
- Use Rubrics provided in Teacher Support Ctr.
- Use SMG pre/posts or

KCEE pre/posts at www.kcee.org/testing

# Competitions

- Winners based on portfolio equity value (rankings)
  - Create your own school/class competitions!



- Top 3 winners in each session receive awards <u>www.econ.org/smg/smgawards.html</u>
- InvestWrite Essay competition national awards <u>www.investwrite.org</u>



InvestWrite, an innovative national writing competition adds a critical thinking component to help reinforce concepts learned in the classroom.

- Your students participate by writing essays in their grade division: Elementary (4-5), Middle School (6-8), High School (9-12).
- Assign the InvestWrite writing assignment as an in-class or homework assignment.
- Both teachers and students will have a chance to win gift certificates, laptop computers, trips to New York (middle and high school), and other great prizes.
- you select the top ten responses from each class of your students and submit them electronically.
- Visit <u>www.investwrite.org</u>