



ESIS: ECONOMICS FOR SUCCESS

GRADE 8

ESIS: Economics for Success - is an interactive program delivered by a trained volunteer business professional that encourages students to consider and reflect on the advantages of remaining in school until they have acquired the knowledge, attitudes and skills to undertake the longer-term goal of a successful career.

The one day curriculum enhancing program allows students to:

- acquire knowledge and understanding of a range of career and training options
- use critical and creative thinking skills to consider what career plans and personal financial management strategies need to be in place for a successful future
- communicate understanding of key concepts in ESIS
- apply and express acquired financial management and goal setting knowledge in oral and written forms

Program Content

DREAM YOUR SUCCESS: Students explore and share their perceptions of success and identify their skills, interests and values in the context of the world of work. Through group discussion students examine the value of lifelong learning and consider how education, career choices and life choices will contribute to their individual goals for achieving success.

KEEP YOUR BALANCE: Students gain an understanding of the resources and financial skills that are necessary to support their goals for success. Through discussion and exercises students explore the real costs of living and use critical thinking skills to consider the kinds of decisions they will need to make when planning for their future.

DISCOVER YOURSELF: Students continue to explore their assets and goals and consider the types of future work opportunities that would support their dreams for success. Students identify their employability skills and further explore the importance of staying in school and the concept of lifelong learning.

PLAN YOUR SUCCESS: Students gain an understanding of current market place trends and labour market information and reflect on possible career paths. Students design plans for achieving their goals and identify a role model and resources that will support their action plans.

Student Benefits

- supports critical thinking and problem solving skills
- connects students to real world issues
- business volunteers provide positive role models and opportunities to discuss future career options

Teacher Role

- teachers **must** remain in the classroom for the entire day
- support student and class behaviour management
- support students completing program evaluation
- completion of teacher evaluation