Claim Your Future

Linking Today’s Educational Choices to Future Careers and Financial Stability

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Claim Your Future Background
About the Game

• Launched in 2015, Claim Your Future (CYF) is a game that encourages students to explore:
  • Education after high school
  • Future careers
  • Money management
• The game can be played with elementary, middle, and high school students
  • Classroom activity
  • Afterschool activity
  • Supplemental activity for a larger unit on careers, higher education, and money management
Game Approach

• In-person kit includes:
  • Welcome letter
  • 50 unique career wheels
  • 100 student reward stickers
  • Blank budget worksheet

• Online version includes:
  • 125 unique career options
  • Printable budget worksheet
  • Educator’s Guide
  • Additional financial education resources
IL PaCE Framework & CYF

• Financial Aid & Literacy
  • Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop (8th grade)

• Career Exploration and Development
  • Complete an orientation to career clusters (9th grade)
  • Educational requirements, cost, expected entry level and midpoint salary for occupations in selected career pathway (10th grade)

• Post-Secondary Education Exploration, Preparation, and Selection
  • Complete a unit on education planning (8th grade)
How to Play
In-Person Game Kit
Career Wheel – Career & Expenses

- Name of career
- Annual income
- Monthly income after:
  - Taxes, insurance, and student loans, if applicable
- Education level
- Type of degree and years of college, if applicable

- Expenses
  - Savings (online only)
  - Housing
  - Food
  - Transportation
  - Communications
  - Extras
Career Wheel – Savings & Debt

• Standard options for savings and debt
• Savings options
  • Savings account: 2%
  • College: 6%
  • Retirement: 6%
• Types of debt:
  • Credit card: 12%
  • Home purchase: 6%
  • Student loans: 6%
### Game Approach

- Use the CYF Budget Worksheet to track expenses to find remaining spending money.

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### CLAIM YOUR FUTURE® BUDGET WORKSHEET

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Online Game

Claim Your Future® is a game that encourages you to explore education after high school, future careers, and money management.

Play the Game!

Learn About the Classroom Game Kit

Welcome to Claim Your Future!

Brought to you by Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), Claim Your Future® is a game that encourages exploration of future education, careers, and money management.

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Pre-game Assessment

- 15 questions
- How much do you know about careers, college, and money?
- Test your knowledge before you play!
Game Approach

Choose Your Career!

Imagine yourself at age 25. Where do you live? What kind of transportation do you have? How much money do you have for “extras” such as meals out or pets? Now think about your career interests and the type of education you will need. Will you have enough money to pay for the lifestyle you have just imagined?

Understanding your goals and career interests will help you plan your future. Select a career to begin exploring your options today!

Your career is Construction Worker

Construction managers are good planning projects, directing others, and solving problems. They lead teams of workers who make buildings or structures and keep track of project costs and progress.

+$ 53,640 ANNUAL INCOME
$2,729 MONTHLY INCOME

High School Diploma
High School

NOW IT'S TIME TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS!

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Resources
Educator Resources

- **Educator's Guide**
  - Step-by-step lesson plan including learning objectives
  - Optional activities and assignments
  - Web-based resources
  - Glossary of terms
- **Printable Budget Worksheet**
- **Certificate of Completion**
Short Film

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8DzAlqPATU&t=19s
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