

Report card out on economic literacy

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KUSA - When we use the word "economics" most people think about money, or maybe interest rates, but as seen on **9News 7 a.m.**, it's about much more.

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Heritage High School economics teacher Jay Grenawalt says at its most basic level, the "economic way of thinking" equips students with a framework for analyzing all kind of decisions they will be making in their lives (for example, how they spend their time).

Some Colorado students included in the group of high school students who took this national test. Colorado is not one of the 17 states that require every high school student to take an economics class, but the state does have **Economic Standards** that were adopted by the state Department of Education in 1998. These standards require that all school districts include economics somewhere in the curriculum beginning in early elementary school, and continuing through high school.

The independent non-profit Colorado Council on Economic Education has been providing a wide variety of very low-cost economics curricula training programs for K-12 teachers at every grade level for more than 30 years. CCEE trains about 1,000 Colorado teachers per year, with programs covering both economics as well as personal finance.

On a statewide basis, Colorado does not require any "personal finance" education, and has no standards. A very small amount of personal finance is included in the economics standards. CCEE also provides many kinds of economics curricula to school districts and teachers, much of it developed by the national network of the National Council on Economic Education.

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