

Financial Education Fact Sheet Series: **WEST VIRGINIA**

State Treasurer John Perdue's office is committed to ensuring all West Virginians have access to quality financial education.



nast.org/financialwellness/census

NetWorth

NetWorth is designed to teach lifelong personal financial management starting in elementary school. Lessons start with general concepts such as savings and budgeting, then progress to more complex issues such as financial planning and investing.

Integrated Lesson Plans

West Virginia mandates one unit of financial education before graduation. Teachers around the state helped the Treasurer's office develop Teach 21 Instructional Guides for Personal Finance in partnership with the State Department of Education. Those guides are available at: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/instructionalguides/>

Online Financial Education Resources

The Treasurer's office hosts financial education blogs, social media posts, and downloadable money management resources online.

Money Smart Week West Virginia

In partnership with AARP and several other state and local agencies, this week of events is geared toward financial literacy, including a Scam Jam session with state leaders;

Statewide Financial Literacy Steering Committee

The Treasurer's office is working with the West Virginia Education Alliance as a member of the organization's Financial Literacy Steering Committee. The goal is to uncover best practices for the state and a new financial learning initiative to be used at the high school level

Money Conferences

The Treasurer's office sponsors various motivational/financial literacy speakers to discuss key concepts and provide free financial education resources. Programs are provided for women, seniors (in partnership with AARP), military families, and high school students.

Moneyville Traveling Exhibition

The Treasurer's office partnered with the Youth Museum of West Virginia to host an interactive money management exhibit for elementary school students, with a supplementary exhibit, the Treasurer's Vault, on permanent display at the State Capitol.

Supplemental Learning Opportunities

- **Bank at School** – The program works with elementary school children, their teachers, and local banks to open savings accounts and teach basic savings/spending principles.
- **Get a Life** – This 90-minute budget exercise for middle school students walks through a hands-on budget simulation. Students visit various stations from community business and volunteer groups, and they learn to manage an expense ledger.

FUNDING/GOVERNANCE

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