

Teaching economics in elementary and secondary classrooms

Council for Economic Education

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Economic education Increased economic understanding Better decision making Better policy making Higher standards of living of 100s of millions of people

Economic education efforts

- Economics throughout the K -12 curriculum
- Separate economics courses in high schools
- National standards in economics supporting state and local standards
- Creation of assessment tools
- Creation of advanced placement courses
- Training of teachers at all levels
- Producing and distributing curriculum materials for teachers



Delivery network

41 state Councils for Economic Education

200 university-based Centers for Economic Education



Indications of success and challenges

Economics in state standards – 50 states

Economics courses required to be offered in high school – 23 states
(64 % of student population)

Students required to take the high school economics courses – 20 states (61 % of student population)