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## **Students, families, youth groups invited to participate in The Stock Market Game**

*Registration is now open*

Towson, MD – Baltimore County Public Schools students, families, and youth groups are invited to participate in The Stock Market Game, a simulated investment activity that teaches young people the fundamentals of personal finance and investing. [Registration](#) is now open.

The game is free, [will be offered online](#), and will take place from Monday, January 31, through Friday, April 8. Children in elementary, middle, and high school can take part in the activity. Though children can participate alone, it is recommended they work as part of a two- to -five person team, perhaps with other family members, scout group, church teen groups, etc.

BCPS Parent University is sponsoring the activity along with the Maryland Council on Economic Education and First Financial Federal Credit Union, which is covering all team fees.

In the game, teams are asked to invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in listed stocks and mutual funds and work together to maximize the return on their portfolios.

According to The Stock Market Game website, the activity will allow children to practice math, English language arts, economics, social studies, and other subjects. Children also will gain experience analyzing and making decisions, experiencing the consequences of their choices, and developing new strategies.

"We are thrilled to offer this opportunity to our families and communities," said Susan Hahn, program specialist, and coordinator of BCPS Parent University. "This is a unique learning activity that teaches important lessons about economics. We are so appreciative that First Financial Federal Credit Union, a

great partner to BCPS, has agreed to pay fees for all BCPS participating teams. No experience is required. Teams will learn as they go using provided resources."

A [tour of the game](#) and [directions for registration](#) are available online. Registrants will receive an email from the Maryland Council on Economic Education welcoming them to the game and offering tips on entering IDs and passwords and a pathway to a resource center for adults and a student activity packet.

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