



Using *Biz Kid\$* Curriculum

Longer professional development sessions or workshop series are a great opportunity for viewing specific episodes and providing overviews of related episode curriculum. These workshops can be targeted to the audience's interest. The online curriculum includes instructions on how to teach **Biz Kid\$** lessons in an educational setting. See www.bizkids.com for episode curriculum and activities to download. The **Biz Kid\$** Instructional Theme Matrix and Episode Descriptions will assist session planners in selecting episodes by instructional theme. (i.e. Career Exploration, Business Development)

- **Biz Kid\$** Instructional Theme Matrix: <http://wxxi.org/tv/bizkids/themeschart.pdf>
- **Biz Kid\$** Episode Descriptions: <http://wxxi.org/tv/bizkids/episodes.pdf>

Biz Kid\$ curriculum is formulated for teachers to spend two classes per episode. Each episode curriculum package includes:

- **Biz Terms:** This is vocabulary from the episode, with suggested activities to assist the students in understanding and mastering the financial terms.
- **Day One: Student Activities and Questions:** The lesson includes a pre-viewing question, episode screening, and follow-up discussion prompts and student activities.
- **Day Two: Student Activities and Questions:** The lesson includes a re-cap of the previous day and a student activity to further the understanding of concepts taught in Day One.
- **Equipment and Materials Prep:** This is a practical planning list of what equipment and materials are needed to conduct the lesson. Any preparation of materials is also noted.
- **Family Activity Sheet:** This handout is to be sent home with students to assist families in talking about financial issues and increase the home-school connection.



Expanded Curriculum for Core *Biz Kid\$* Episodes

Five core **Biz Kid\$** lessons are available in expanded formats. The curriculum below can be downloaded from www.bizkids.com in both English and Spanish versions. The following five core episodes make an excellent addition to any training.

Core Curriculum Episode Descriptions:

Episode 104: What Can You Do With Money?

Decisions, decisions! Join the Biz Kids and you'll ponder the merits of spending, saving, donating, and investing money. Visit the New York Stock Exchange, get tips from the author of *Not Buying It*, and learn to avoid compulsive shopping. You can also learn how to create a financial diary and track spending. Meet an ambitious teen who opened a candy store at age 15 and, in the process, fulfilled a dream and revived an ailing business district in her small town.

Episode 106: Taking Charge of Your Financial Future

Join the Biz Kids as they figure out where they want to be financially and make plans on how to get there. You can work on your plans and meet some new kid entrepreneurs, too. Follow along as a Biz Kid sets up his first savings account. We also look at an innovative program that rescues street kids and gets them back into education and business.

Episode 110: How to Achieve Your Financial Goals

Join us and you'll learn to track your expenses, get control of your spending, and invest what's left over to reach your financial goals. You'll see the importance of starting young, while time is on your side. Meet some high school entrepreneurs who started a sports business.

Episode 116: Budgeting Basics

The Biz Kids learn the first rule of money management: you can't manage what you don't know. Join the kids and you'll look at spending and expenses and examine several proven methods on how to gain control of both. You'll also meet several successful entrepreneurs.



Episode 123: Understanding Income and Expenses

Go with the cash flow. The Biz Kids watch the ebb and flow of income and expenses. Join them and you'll learn proven methods for getting expenses under control while growing income with new ideas, smarter work habits, and innovation. Meet some entrepreneurs who have seen success with cash flow and more!

The five episodes work well as a group to introduce students to key concepts and skills in financial education. Each core curriculum package includes:

- Biz Terms
- Equipment and Materials Needed
- Day One: Student Activity
- Day Two: Student Activity
- Family Activity Sheet
- Expanded Discussion Questions
- Handouts

Using the episodes and expanded lessons as an instruction unit, reinforces key concepts and mastery of basic topics in financial education.