What is STARS?

Invest Ed® STARS (Students Tracking and Researching the Stock Market) is a program created and implemented by the Oklahoma Department of Securities that is designed to promote investor education of Oklahoma students.

STARS teaches students grades 9-12 how to:

- Research investments
- Assess risk
- Set financial goals
- Create online stock portfolios
- Avoid financial fraud

STARS differs from other programs because the focus of the stock portfolio project is on long-term investing principles, not short-term performance gains. Performance is assessed on what the student learns, not the value of the portfolio at the end of the program. In addition, the student portfolio continues to be accessible to the student after leaving the classroom. Consequently, STARS provides students the opportunity to review their portfolios five or ten years later, giving them the ability to truly see the importance of long-term investing, the time value of money, and the compounding of interest.

WORKSHOP BENEFITS

- It’s free
- Taught by a subject-matter expert
- Access to additional classroom resources and materials
- Opportunity to network with other educators
- Professional development certificate provided

“I honestly believe this is the most valuable information I have ever learned at any workshop! In addition, I enjoy learning from professionals who actually have genuine expertise in their fields.”

SANDY BITNER
Personal Financial Literacy Teacher
Capitol Hill High School

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Eligible Teacher Categories

The different categories of Oklahoma teachers who are eligible for stipends:

1. Existing STARS certified teachers

2. Oklahoma teachers who attend a STARS workshop and pass a certification quiz

3. Oklahoma teachers who complete the STARS online teacher track and pass a certification quiz

Visit investedok.org to learn more about other eligible teacher categories.

Testimonials

“My students enjoy learning about the stock market and searching a topic that is relevant to their lives. While they had all heard about stocks, I am always amazed that none of them had even been taught about investing or about planning ahead for their futures. They LOVE following their portfolios and watching the changes as their stocks move up or down. I teach them to look at the stock market not as gambling but rather as planning for their futures. They begin to understand the risks involved, as well as the benefits. I have students who are seriously considering a career in economics because of the Invest Ed® program.”

VIVIAN CISNEROS
Library Media Specialist Research Skills Teacher
Newcastle High School

“I would advise to introduce the program to more people and schools since it teaches essential knowledge about our financial world that could and will help people to be successful investors in life.”

A FORMER STARS STUDENT

“...The hands-on experience has taught me so much more than simple note taking or lectures ever would have.”

A FORMER STARS STUDENT

STARS TEACHER RESOURCES

All necessary teaching materials and resources are provided to STARS teachers through:

- Videos
- PowerPoint presentations
- Quizzes

STARS staff is available to answer questions.

A FEW TOPICS THAT ARE COVERED

- Fraud awareness
- Psychology of investing
- Risk management
- Researching securities professionals
- Stock market terminology

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO TEACH STARS?

Any teacher can teach the STARS program. Oklahoma teachers are eligible to receive a stipend for teaching the STARS program if certain requirements are met.