Keys to Financial Success: New Online Teacher-Training Program

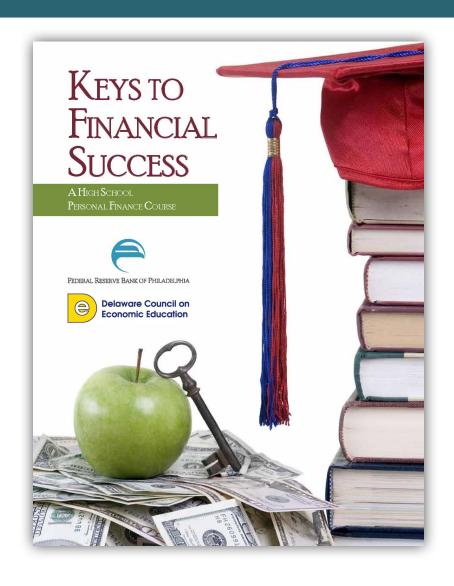
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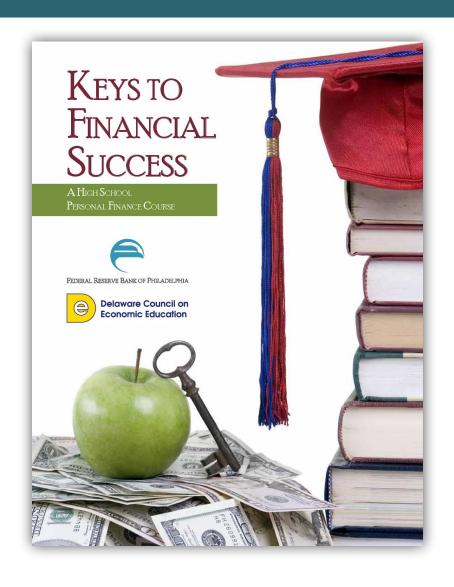
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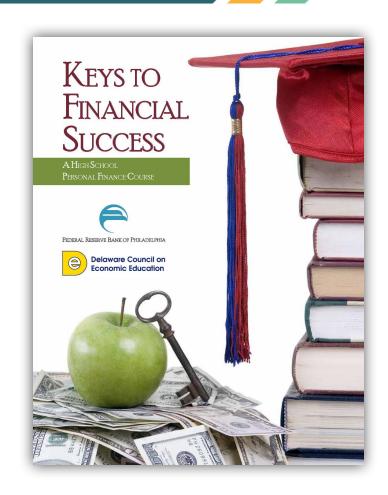


- 52-lesson course plan for teaching a high school personal finance course.
- Relies heavily on lessons from
 Financial Fitness for Life; *Learning, Earning, and Investing*; and
 Practical Money Skills.
- School pledges to offer the course at least one semester each school year.

The Features of the Keys Program

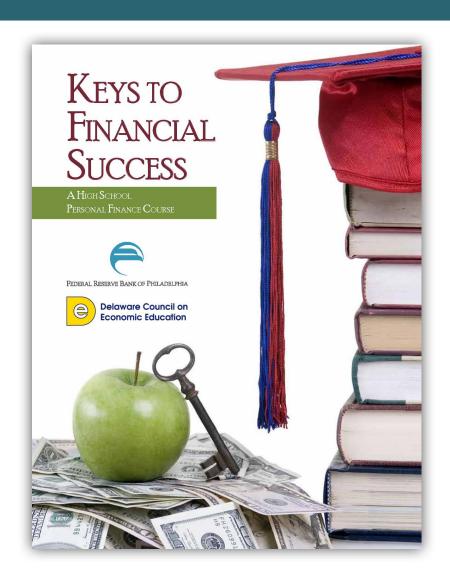
Partnership with University of Delaware Center for Economic Education since 2001. Goals:

- Provide training and materials for educators to support the teaching of a semester course in personal finance.
- Use accurate materials grounded in the "economic way of thinking."
- Provide flexibility for the teacher to use the materials in a variety of classes.
- Assess program effectiveness with pre- and posttesting.





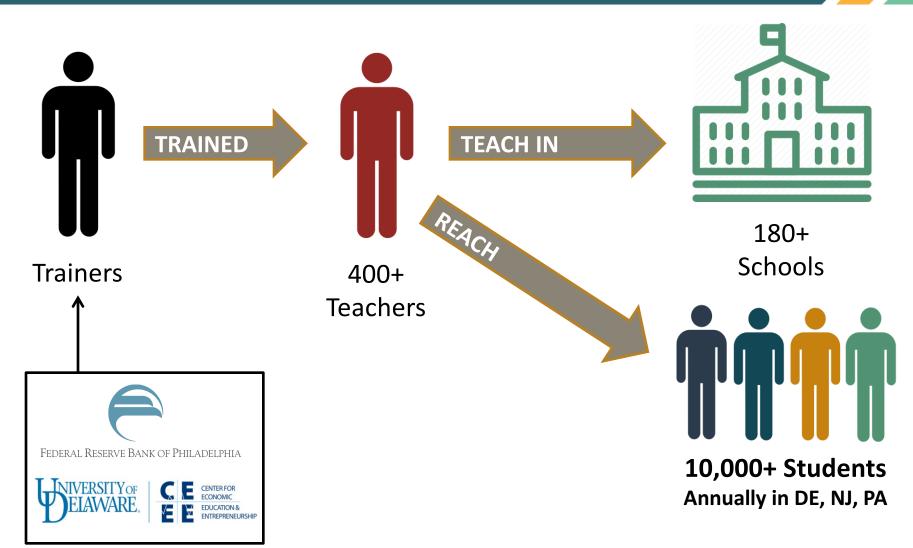
Keys to Financial Success



- Course covers:
 - Goals & Decision Making
 - Careers & Planning
 - Budgeting
 - Saving & Investing
 - Credit
 - Banking Services
 - Transportation Issues
 - Housing Issues
 - Risk Protection
- Our research using pre- and posttest scores indicates that students who take the course, on average, increase their personal finance knowledge by over 60 percent.

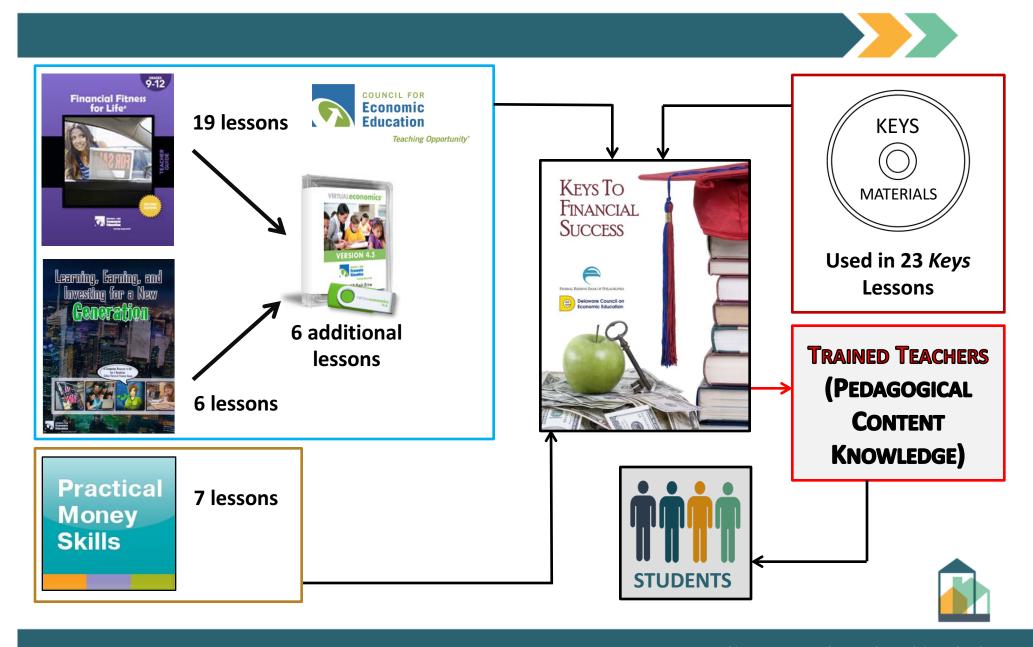


The Multiplier Effect

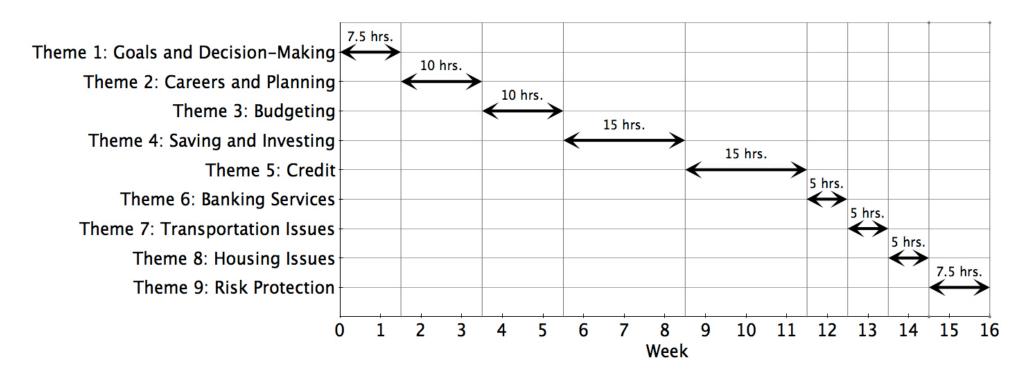




How the Keys Curriculum Works



A Typical Semester Keys Course



While *Keys* was designed as a semester course, we have many teachers who teach using the model in other formats:

- Yearlong personal finance course
- Yearlong "Enhanced Economics" courses (50% personal finance, 50% economics)
- Block scheduling



Keys Teacher-Training Program

- Familiarizes participants with the Keys model, how to set-up their course, and the extensive curriculum materials.
- Emphasizes the development of pedagogical content knowledge through extensive use of lesson demonstrations.
- Gives teachers the opportunity to see many Keys lessons in action before they have to teach them to their own students.









Study Design

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The features and effectiveness of the *Keys to Financial Success* curriculum[⋆]



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The global financial crisis of 2007-2009 generated a renewed interest in including personal finance in the secondary curriculum in the United States and in many countries around the world. This paper explains the features of a successful and unique high school personal finance curriculum. Keys to Financial Success, which is offered by a consortium of partners in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, and is available to teachers from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Using the Financial Fitness for Life High School Test (FFFL-HS Test), pre- and posttest results are reported for 967 students who participated in a one-semester Keys course during the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 academic years. The survey results indicate that the training of teachers in the Keys curriculum, and the implementation of a one-semester Keys course, significantly improve the average personal finance knowledge of students in each of the standards and concept areas of the FFFL-HS Test. These results contribute to the growing literature showing the positive effects of a well-designed personal finance course, taught by properly trained teachers, on the financial knowledge of high school students, and should be of interest to an international audience. © 2014 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

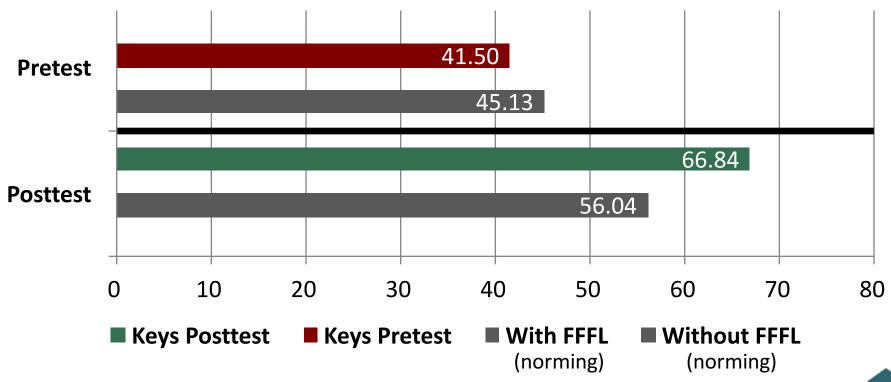
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- Study Design
 - Pre- and posttest students using a nationally-normed personal finance instrument (FFFL-HS Test)
 - Compare our results to FFFL-HS Test norming results
- The 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Cohort (Semesters)
- Asarta, C. J., A. T. Hill, and B. T. Meszaros. 2014. "The Features and Effectiveness of the Keys to Financial Success Curriculum." International Review of Economics Education 16, pp. 39-50.

Overall Results with FFFL-HS Test

 Keys students exhibit large and highly statistically significant gains in all topic areas on the FFFL-HS Test.

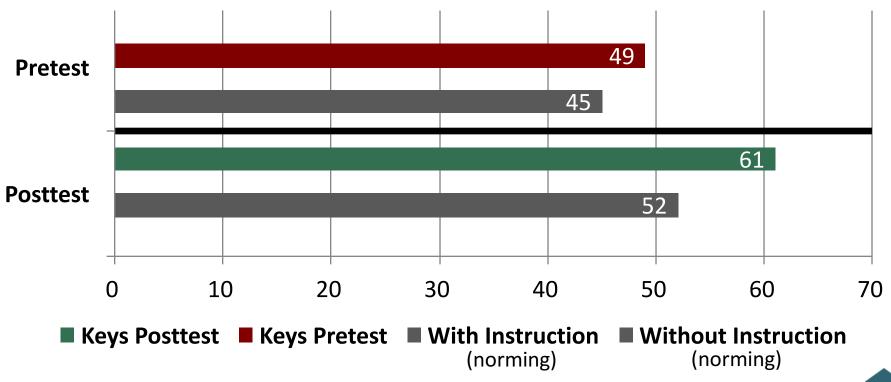


Source: Asarta, Hill, and Meszaros (2014)



Overall Results with Test of Financial Literacy

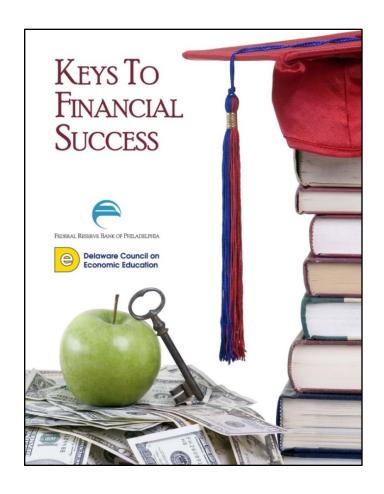
 Keys students exhibit large and highly statistically significant gains on the TFL Test.



Source: Preliminary Results

What Did We Learn?

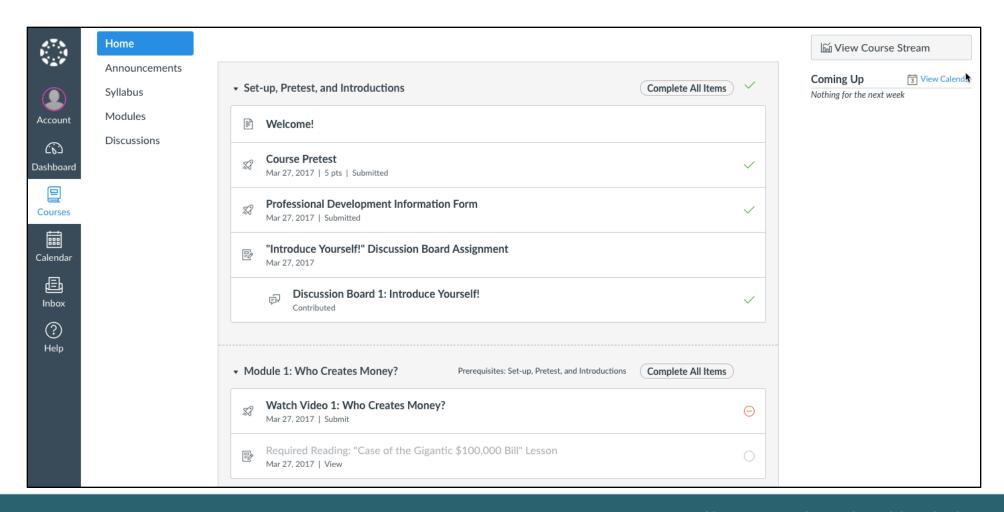
- Keys to Financial Success works.
- With Keys students learn significantly more than with FFFL alone.
- Training and materials matter.
- Metrics allow us to finetune training to improve student outcomes.





Our 2016/2017 Pilot





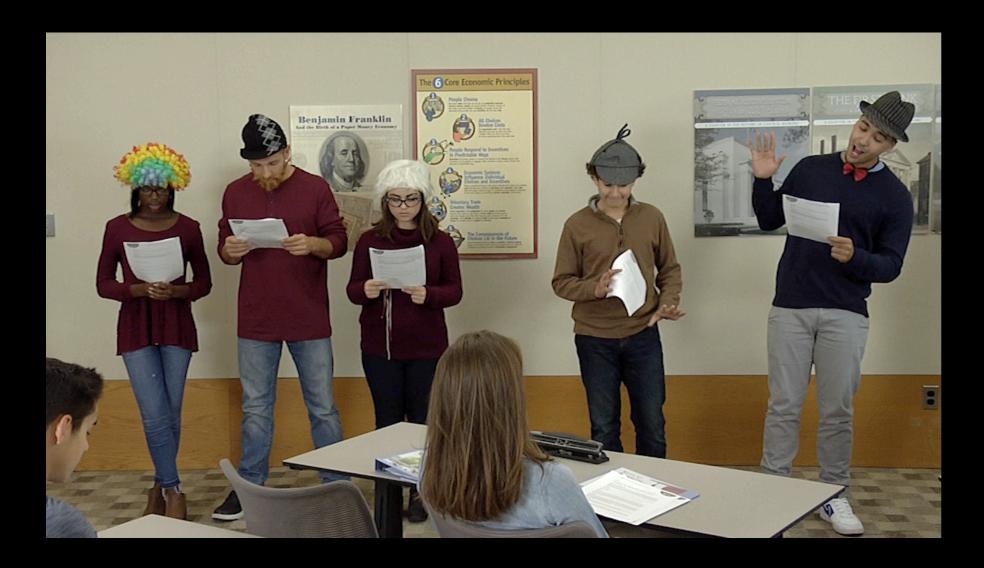
The "Keys Basics" Online Teacher Training

- Coming in Second Quarter 2018
- Provides an introduction to the Keys to Financial Success program and access to the Keys curriculum materials.
- Six of 51 lessons are demonstrated on video.
- Act 48 credit
- Not a perfect substitute for the 30-hour in-person training.
- Online participants will need CEE's Virtual Economics 4.5



KEYS TO FINANCIAL SUCCESS Unlocking the Course:

Orientation and Getting Started



KEYS TO FINANCIAL SUCCESS Lesson 3.4

The Story of John & Marcia

KEYS TO FINANCIAL SUCCESS Lesson 3.4

Teaching Tips: Extending the Lesson on Budgets

Getting Access to Training

- Keys to Financial Success Training
 July 9–13, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

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 Registration Opens Soon
- "Keys Basics" Online Training
 Coming Second Quarter 2018
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