



Texas State Board of Education Approves Financial Literacy Software and Curriculum from Realityworks, Inc.

TimeMAPS Money Management & Life Skills Program *approved for all Texas school systems*

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (Feb. 17, 2010) – The Texas State Board of Education has approved the [*TimeMAPS Money Management & Life Skills Program*](#) from Realityworks, Inc., for instruction of personal financial literacy in any social studies course for grades 9-12. The financial literacy curriculum has been approved to help districts meet graduation requirements set by the State of Texas, and to ensure students are meeting [Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Standards](#).

The *TimeMAPS* software program features 13 themes with 54 lessons and more than 140 interactive exercises on personal finance concepts. The software culminates in a Life Simulator that demonstrates how students' financial decisions can affect them in the future.

The *TimeMAPS* program uses the most recent financial data provided by the federal government and is updated annually for all regions in the United States. *TimeMAPS* also includes a comprehensive curriculum CD and customizable online assessment capabilities that minimize paperwork for educators, allowing more time for instruction.

In addition to the *TimeMAPS* package, a student resource CD is available to extend learning beyond the classroom. The CD contains worksheets, reviews, quizzes and projects that students can use to reinforce financial literacy lessons being taught from the curriculum.

“With Americans struggling to dig out of the current recession, it’s crucial to provide today’s youth with a better understanding of personal finance,” said Timm Boettcher, president of Realityworks. “Using *TimeMAPS*, educators are able to give students a complete look at personal finance topics, such as understanding credit card debt, maintaining a mortgage, and saving for retirement, while showing them how their decisions today impact their financial future.”

For more information on *TimeMAPS* and how it meets Texas state standards, visit <http://www.teachingpersonalfinance.com/texas-essential-knowledge-and-skills.php>, or call 1-800-830-1416.

About Realityworks, Inc.

Realityworks, Inc., the leader in the education simulation technology, was founded in 1994. Its award-winning products provide students with realistic learning experiences, and are used by educators in Career and Technical Education, Family and Consumer Science and Health courses, as well as in other instructional settings worldwide. For more information, visit www.realityworks.com, or call toll free at 1-800-830-1416.

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