



## Student Preparation Guide - Best Practices from Local Educators

Priming your students to be prepared for and engaged with the SecureFutures' lessons will help maximize impact and retention. Below are some tips from fellow educators on how to set the stage for successful financial literacy lessons:

- Announce to your class before the first lesson date that a guest speaker is coming, and go over ground rules and behavioral expectations.
- Remind students that SecureFutures volunteers take time *out of their work day* to teach lessons that they feel are vital, tips the volunteers themselves wish they'd been given as teenagers.
- Ask students to envision their futures:
  - "There are a lot of options out there, what kind of life do they picture? What does a 'good life' look like to them? Kids of their own some day? A house of their own? Travel plans? Start their own business?"
- Here is an example of how one educator explains the "Why?" behind our lessons:
  - "I'm not going to test you on these financial literacy lessons, because **real life is going to test you** – what you put in is what you will get out. Take advantage of the expert in front of you!"
- SecureFutures will do our best to inform the administration at our school partners that we have volunteers in classrooms. Please assist us with this. Sometimes a student ambassador will walk the volunteer from the front office to the classroom, which can make a nice first impression.
- Be sure to pass out our provided parent informational letter about [Money Sense](#) or [Money Path](#).

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### Extra Preparation Guides

- [How to Prepare for Each Lesson Individually](#)
- [Helpful Websites for in depth learning about concepts](#)
- [Quick Humor to Prep](#)
- [Video to show before a volunteer arrives, featuring Milwaukee Bucks Mascot 'Bango'!](#)