



FSI is a free, online investor education program that teaches and empowers students to detect and stop investment fraud using the Internet. Through a joint effort of the Newspaper in Education program and the North American Securities Administrators Association, the game is available at www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click Departments, then Securities).

suitable investments

Someone's out to steal Grandma Hanna's money. Can high school student Kim uncover the clues and lead securities regulators to the crooks in time? In the initial FSI program, "Suitable Investments," students help uncover a million-dollar fraud in progress and put the mysterious con man Mr. X behind bars.

student benefits

Students learn about financial fraud by delving into newspaper stock tables, researching companies through online news, and learning the warning signs of fraudulent investment pitches.

teachers guide

A Resource Guide for Teachers includes pre- and post-program assessment surveys, definitions of investment terms, quizzes and other resources for class discussions. The game and resource guide are beneficial to any consumer education or business curriculum at the high school level. The program effectively rounds out financial literacy efforts by discussing how to protect the savings students have worked hard to accumulate.



Each year, investors lose billions of dollars to investment fraud. Education and awareness are an investor's first line of defense against investment fraud.

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Fraud Scene Investigator

Educating students
about financial fraud



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In cooperation with the North American Securities Administrators Association, I am pleased to provide FSI:



Fraud Scene Investigator, a new online, interactive game at www.cyberdriveillinois.com that teaches students about financial fraud. The game is a great way to get students interested in learning more about investing and financial fraud.

Financial education is very important in ensuring that our youth are conscientious consumers and investors. The game complements other financial efforts of my office's Securities Department, including the free Financial Literacy 2010 program offered to Illinois teachers and students. Learning money management and financial fraud awareness at a young age can set students on the path to financial success into their adult lives.

For more information about FSI or other financial education programs, please call the Securities Department at 800-628-7937 or visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

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key investment terms

Account Statement

A record of transactions and their effect on account balances over a specified period of time for a given account.

Asset Allocation

The process of distributing investment funds among different kinds of assets such as stocks, bonds and cash to achieve the highest expected returns for the lowest possible risk.

Balance Sheet

An accounting statement of a company's assets and liabilities provided for the benefit of shareholders and regulators.

Central Registration Depository (CRD)

A computerized database with information on registered brokers, including employment history, exam scores, licensing information and disciplinary actions.

Disclosure

A company's release of all information pertaining to the company's business activity and the investment, regardless of how that information may influence investors.

Index

A composite of values designed to measure change in a market or an economy.

Prospectus

A legal document explaining an investment offering's terms, issuer, objectives, historical financial statements, and other information that could help an individual decide whether the investment is appropriate.

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Registration

The filing process a company performs in accordance with state/federal regulations prior to offering a new issue to the public. This process enables the regulator to confirm that the issue meets all the regulatory requirements.

Return

The increase or decrease in the value of an investment.

Share

A share represents ownership in a company and the right to receive a share in the profits of that company. Also called a stock.

Suitability

A requirement that any investing strategy fall within the financial means and investment objectives of an investor.

White Collar Crime

Catch-all phrase for a variety of frauds, schemes and commercial offenses by businesspersons, con artists and public officials.