



THE STOCK MARKET GAME™

Introduction to the Stock Market
Elk Rapids High School

The Stock Market Game is a national competition allowing students to simulate managing an investment portfolio. Students compete against other classrooms from their respective state. The Stock Market Game is a supplement that we use as part of the Stock Market curriculum.

Game Details:

1. Students work in partnerships
2. Students are given \$100,000 to invest in stocks, bonds, or mutual funds
3. Students are allowed to invest in any stock traded on the NYSE or NASDAQ
4. Students must purchase a minimum of 10 shares when buying stock
5. Students may not invest more than 20% of their funds in one stock.
6. Students can buy and sell stock any day of the week.
7. The game is a real-time game which allows students to purchase stock at its current market price or if buying stock after the market closes or on weekends, the price of the stock when it opens the next day the market opens.
8. Students are given usernames and passwords to their online portfolio to keep confidentiality
9. The teacher can access all team portfolios and keep the class updated on earnings or losses
10. Each team has an online portfolio that manages their investment.

The Stock Market Game is a fun and interactive game that effectively simulates the investment experience. Students are required to complete a Stock Analysis Sheet every week. The Stock Analysis Sheet lists their current holdings, current earnings or losses, and a plan of action for the next week.

Students are exposed to the functions and purpose of a stock exchange, the Dow Jones, S&P 500, bonds, mutual funds, and the purposes of corporations issuing stock. Students for the 2019 Fall Semester class are currently ranked #1 in the State of Michigan. One student partnership from the class is currently the leading partnership in the State of Michigan with earnings over \$31,000 in just over two months.

The game is sponsored by the SIMFA Foundation. This is the **Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association**. SIMFA, Charles Schwab Foundation, and Congress work together to create this competition and curriculum to help young people gain a better understanding of the investment and securities industry. SIMFA also creates the curriculum that we use in class. Students will create their own assessment or reflection of the simulation after the 10-week competition has concluded. Students can create a google slide presentation or write a paper in MLA format addressing the five key observations made during their investment simulation.