

# Thrifty Classroom



## Standards:

This course aligns to the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Environments, Content Knowledge, Application of Content and Planning for Instruction.

It also aligns to the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content and Teachers Facilitate Learning.

How can teachers ensure that the quality of education is not compromised by their budget?

Through the resources, research-validated strategies, and suggestions presented in this course, teachers will be equipped to handle tight budgets, and be frugal in their classrooms by turning to alternative resources. Teachers will also be provided with practical money saving tips.

Rich in examples, scenarios, suggestions, and tips, this course will help teachers learn valuable life skills to enrich their own learning environment. Schools can save money and still have the needed supplies to provide a quality education.



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## Course Outline

### LESSON 1: A Thrifty Classroom and a Thriving Learning Environment

- The challenges of maintaining the quality of instruction at the school level
- Importance of meeting standards in education
- A look at the critical elements necessary to effectively leverage technology for learning
- The need to change teaching approaches within limited budgets
- The need for financial management and creativity in locating alternative resources

### LESSON 2: Making the Most of What You Have

- Learning to make optimal use of available resources
- A look at useful, inexpensive, and ingenious tips for a no-budget dream classroom
- Identifying and implementing projects to redecorate and refurnish the classroom
- Understanding and implementing the 3Rs of minimal waste: recycle, reuse and reduce

### LESSON 3: Thrifty Classroom Supplies

- Tips for connecting with parents and community members for donations
- Using interpersonal skills to connect with organizations that give donations or low-cost supplies
- Identifying government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and local businesses that give free student supplies
- Networking with teachers, parents, and alumni
- Identifying online sources for donations and discounts
- Maximizing limited technology to save costs

### LESSON 4: Thrifty Learning Projects

- Learning to integrate low-cost field trips and utilize virtual tours
- Incorporating the use of local materials for classroom learning
- The importance of integrating STEM education into schools
- The importance of collaborating with other teachers for supplies and teaching aids
- Finding ways to involve the community in enriching student learning at little to no cost



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