

Mini-Society: is an experience-based program developed by Dr. Marilyn Kourilsky, a professor at UCLA and vice president of the Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City.

The curriculum is designed to teach entrepreneurial, economic, and citizenship concepts to youth 8-12 in this innovative program youth will establish their own society, print their own currency, open their own businesses and create their own society. Through the course of the program, they will possibly have the opportunity to explore government, economics, law and math. After every session, youth try to determine one concept learned and write about it. In addition to the subject-area, the children will experience added benefits. They will work cooperatively and actively in problem solving – trying to find creative and workable solutions to the numerous problems that occur in any society. Each student will have a voice in the decision-making process. (Group discussion meetings/town meeting). We personally have found that as a result of this program, youth are anxious to learn more about our government and how it operates both economically and legislatively.

Be the E: ‘Be the E’ Entrepreneurship curriculum is designed for Middle and High school youth. It is a series of three levels: Love it! Plan it! And Do it! Each activity creates the experiential learning model to teach youth business and leadership skills. Youth have the opportunity to learn and explore many businesses and personal interests. Through the experiential learning process, youth gain the ability to apply the knowledge and skills learned accordingly.