



REALITY CHECK

Reality Check is an interactive simulation where students learn first hand the importance of sound financial decisions and develop their understanding of the day-to-day choices that will impact their future.

For a brief time students at your school will get a taste of what life is like on the other side of high school. The event is Reality Check and gives students foresight into what life may be like as an adult.

With Reality Check each student chooses a career and receives a checkbook that reflects their entry level salary. Moreover, these students are randomly assigned a marital status and possibly be assigned up to one or two children. Students are then released into the simulation area where a mock community awaits. The community includes approximately 20 separate tables attended by local businessmen and women who are eager to teach lessons on just how far a dollar can go.

The event, sponsored by Love INC Sioux County, involves a partnership where the school district and local businesses come together for a day. Community participants include bankers, realtors, physicians, dentists, tag agents, hair stylists, day care providers, car dealers, police, and many other volunteers.

Your school will be the host site for the simulation so you need to provide an area that can accommodate the students and approximately 30 volunteers. The time frame for the simulation will depend on the number of students that participate. Typically, it will take approximately 1 1/2 - 2 hours.

The teacher will also need to use class time to allow the students to choose the career path they want to use for the simulation. Some students may already have an idea of a career path they'd like to pursue after high school and they may choose that. Other students may be unsure so they will have to simply choose something they might be interested in pursuing.

Reality Check provides an excellent opportunity for adolescents to gain some insight into the many responsibilities of adulthood while offering the students an opportunity to think about their career choices. For more information, please contact Debbie Van't Hul at Love INC Sioux County at 712-476-5990 or director@loveincsiouxcounty.org.