

Curriculum & Learning Plan

For Arkansas Education Freedom Account families and homeschool records

Arkansas publishes no required curriculum form for EFA purchases. The Department of Education reviews each purchase against an **ordinary and necessary** standard, and this plan documents your membership in that language. Complete Section 1 and keep a copy on file.

1 • STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME

EFA APPLICATION / STUDENT ID

PARENT / GUARDIAN

GRADE LEVEL

SCHOOL YEAR

DATE

2 • SUBJECT AREA(S)

World Geography

Map reading, continents, capitals, borders, place-based study.

World History & Social Studies

Civilizations, historical figures and events, cultures and traditions.

Economics & Financial Literacy

Currency, value, and exchange, taught through real historical coins and banknotes.

Reading & Language Arts

Informational-text reading, vocabulary, writing and reflection.

3 • SCOPE & OVERVIEW (EDUCATIONAL GOALS)

Coin & Currency Club is a hands-on, year-long program that teaches world geography, history, culture, and economics through authentic primary-source artifacts. Each month the student studies a different country using genuine historical coins and banknotes, a detailed map, an illustrated country guide, recipe and culture cards, a guided mini-documentary, and the printable **World Explorer Activity Pack**. Each unit covers the country's economic facts, its history, its landmarks, and the figures pictured on its money. Over a full year the student completes twelve country units and builds a tangible archive of sustained learning in geography, history, and culture. No preparation is required and the work adapts to the student's grade level and pace.

Classification under Act 920. Act 920 requires at least 75 percent of a student's EFA funds to support core academics, with a 25 percent cap on transportation, extracurricular activities, PE, and field trips. This program is **curriculum and instructional materials**, a core academic category. It is not an extracurricular, a membership, or an activity fee, so it does not draw on that cap.

4 • SEQUENCE & METHOD OF TEACHING

The monthly learning cycle

Each month follows the same guided sequence, applied to that month's country. The included **World Explorer Activity Pack** structures the lesson into three activities plus a year-long tracking page. A typical unit takes **45 to 90 minutes** and is self-paced.

Activity 1 • My Country Passport

GEOGRAPHY • ~15 MIN

Objective: locate the country and record its capital, continent, language(s), and currency; observe and draw the flag and a coin or banknote from your Country Documents. **Uses:** map, country guide, coins & banknotes.

Activity 2 • Currency Detective

ECONOMICS • HISTORY • ~15 MIN

Objective: examine the real money: identify the figures and symbols pictured, interpret what they reveal about the country, estimate its value in US dollars, and note its age. Builds economic literacy and primary-source analysis. **Uses:** coins & banknotes, country guide.

Activity 3 • Think Like a Traveler

CULTURE • WRITING • ~15 MIN

Objective: reflect and write: compare daily life to the student's own, describe what the money taught them, and pose a question to investigate. Develops cultural understanding and written expression. **Uses:** country guide, recipe & culture cards, mini-documentary.

My Passport Stamps

PORTFOLIO • ASSESSMENT

Objective: record each country and month across the year, building a 12-country portfolio that serves as an ongoing record of learning and a natural assessment of progress. **Uses:** Activity Pack tracking page.

Worked example, Italy: locate Italy and its capital (Passport); examine the euro, identify the figures and landmarks pictured and their value (Currency Detective); read the country guide, watch the mini-documentary, and write how Italian daily life compares to your own (Think Like a Traveler); add Italy to the passport page. Every country follows this same structure.

Standards alignment. Units support the **National Geography Standards** ("Geography for Life"), the **NCSS C3 Framework** for social-studies inquiry, and **Common Core ELA** informational-text reading, adaptable to the family's learning objectives.

A note on Arkansas records. EFA students take an annual norm-referenced test in math and reading, and homeschool families submit results to the Department of Education. This program does not replace that testing, but the passport page and twelve completed country units give you a dated, student-produced record of the year's social studies and language arts work.

5 · MATERIALS & HOW EACH SUPPORTS THE CURRICULUM

Instructional materials nexus

Each item in the monthly Country Documents is required by the curriculum above and is used directly in the learning sequence. The coins and banknotes are authentic historical pieces. Nearly all are no longer in circulation, so they are study artifacts rather than spendable currency:

MATERIAL	CURRICULUM PURPOSE	USED IN
Authentic historical coins & banknotes	Primary sources for economics, financial literacy, history & symbolism. Historical pieces, nearly all no longer in circulation	Currency Detective; My Country Passport
Detailed country map	Geography: location, borders, capitals, physical features	My Country Passport
Illustrated country guide	History, culture & informational-text reading	All activities
Recipe & culture cards	Cultural studies & hands-on enrichment	Think Like a Traveler
Guided mini-documentary	Visual geography & cultural context	Think Like a Traveler
World Explorer Activity Pack	Structured lesson method, worksheets & portfolio	The full monthly sequence

PURCHASING WITH YOUR EFA FUNDS

Four steps

1. Visit **coinandcurrencyclub.com/esa/arkansas** and download the invoice for the term you want: 12-month or 6-month.
2. Log in to **ClassWallet**, open **Pay a Provider**, and search the approved provider list for **Coin and Currency Club**. We are a Direct Pay provider, not a marketplace store.
3. Enter your term amount and, if you are asked to choose a category, select curriculum or instructional materials.
4. Upload the invoice. The curriculum plan is built into that same file on pages 2 to 4, so there is nothing else to attach. Complete the payment and we ship once it clears.

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