



THE FYI ON FSI

What is FSI?

FSI stands for “*Fraud Scene Investigator*,” an interactive investor education program that teaches and empowers students how to detect and stop investment fraud, using a resource they’re most familiar with—the Internet.

Where can I get it?

The program, along with a corresponding *FSI Teacher’s Resource Guide*, is available free to educators for use in classrooms and at home through the NASAA website at www.nasaa.org.

What will students learn?

The FSI program is designed to help students learn how to fight fraud firsthand by delving into newspaper stock tables, researching companies through online news, and deciphering the truth of an investment from fraudulent sales pitches. In the initial FSI program, titled “*Suitable Investments*,” students help uncover a million-dollar fraud in progress and put the mysterious con man, “Mr. X,” behind bars.

What resources are available for teachers?

The *FSI Resource Guide for Teachers* (available at www.nasaa.org) offers pre- and post-program student assessment surveys, definitions of investment terms, quizzes, and additional materials and suggestions to lead class discussions on how to research a company, what to look for in a company’s prospectus, and how to read a balance sheet.

How does this fit into my curriculum?

Fraud prevention is often an overlooked piece of many financial education courses. NASAA’s *FSI: Fraud Scene Investigator* program fills that need by integrating easily as a companion to other financial literacy programs, or functioning as a stand alone resource on investing and fraud prevention. *FSI: Fraud Scene Investigator* effectively rounds out financial literacy efforts by discussing how to protect the savings students have worked so hard to accumulate. The FSI program can serve as the capstone of any educator’s financial education efforts.

How is it being distributed to schools?

NASAA’s grassroots member investor education network is working with educators to integrate the *FSI* program into schools across the nation. In cooperation with NASAA, the Newspaper Association of America Foundation will assist in making the FSI program available to teachers throughout the United States through its Newspaper in Education (NIE) network of newspaper websites and resources.

About NASAA

NASAA (www.nasaa.org) is the oldest international organization devoted to investor protection. Its membership consists of the securities administrators in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Canada, and Mexico.

About the NAA Foundation

The Newspaper Association of America Foundation’s (www.naafoundation.org) program Newspaper in Education (NIE) is a cooperative effort between schools and newspapers to promote the use of newspapers as an educational resource. The NAA Foundation is the administrative organization for over 950 NIE programs in the United States.