

# Newsletter 2022

# REALITY TOWN®

R.E.A.L. Curriculum LLC

## Things to Check Out on our Website!

Ideas for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders

Pre & Post Assessments

Fillable PDF Job Application

*Time flies whether you are having fun or not. The choice is yours!"*

**R.E.A.L. Curriculum**  
**Makers of the Reality Town Program®**

*Motivating students to achieve success since*

*1997*

## WHAT'S NEW?

Welcome back to another school year. We at R.E.A.L. Curriculum are looking forward to working with you again this year. For those of you that have not been able to hold events for the last 2 years, we are excited to welcome you back.

We announced last year that there would be a new update coming out the first of 2022 as prices have increased on most of items. We completed the update in March 2022 and those schools holding their Reality Town Events in the spring were able to take advantage of this update.

With these new updates students are going to feel the financial pressures that we are all currently feeling with inflation.

Because of the higher cost of housing the new trend is to share houses – so we have added that to the mix with this new update. Be aware that you may have a lot of students living in their parents' basement.

If you are so inclined, you could allow students to rent a basement apartment from other students that purchased a larger home. Volunteers at the Housing and Financial Counseling business can determine the rent of that apartment based on the student's income

We also updated our Presentations. When you purchase the update, you will receive an email from us with a link to the new Presentations. You have 2 weeks before the link expires to copy these presentations onto your Reality Town Flash Drive – over-riding the old presentations. If you forget to make the copy or do not receive the link, please call us so that we can re-sent you the link.

The cost of the 2022 Update is \$55.00. If you need a new Flash Drive that is an additional \$10.

## 2022 Update includes:

*3-4 laminated business instruction for each business*

- Child Care
- Clothing
- Communications
- Entertainment
- Groceries
- Housing
- Car Insurance
- Personal Care
- Property Taxes
- Transportation
- Utilities
- 2nd Jobs Lists
- Military Recruitment
- Life Insurance
- Investments
- Link to updated Presentations



If your budget won't allow for the update this year or you want to use up some of your left-over books from previous years before going with the new update, we still have a few of the older books available. We will sell them on a first come first served bases.

**We updated our card sets** this past year. You are welcome to run the Reality Town program without the new cards, but we have updated ones if you are interested in more current prices on some of the items found on the card sets used at some of the businesses.

## WHAT'S IN THE "WORKS"?

We are working on a new curriculum for High School and Beyond for 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> graders. We are hoping to have a pilot ready by December. If you would like to be one of our pilot schools for this curriculum, please let us know. It looks like it will be developed to be in the classroom or as

an event the same as our Reality Town Curriculum.

We are also working on an app that will help volunteers and students to subtract their Reality Town purchases from their monthly income. We are hoping for its release sometime after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

---

## ODDS & ENDS

### KIT PARTS WEARING OUT?

Complete set of business instructions with or without the Presentation Flash Drive and Individual business instructions are available for purchase.



These items and other Kit Parts are available from us. "Updates & Parts" order form is found under the Resource link at the top of the home page at [www.realitytown.com](http://www.realitytown.com).

**We are still offering our COVID presentation** Flash Drive that can be used in the classroom as an advisor class period activity or as online learning. While not as fun as the larger events we had quite a few schools that used it during the pandemic and said it worked well.

**FREE DOWNLOADS & ORDER FORMS:** Are found under "Resources" on our website. This is where you find order forms, the job application, and other free downloads.

You can also order directly off the website under "products". *The Parts item link is above the pictures.*

**PRE & POST ASSESSMENTS:** Thanks to Marva Lewis of Grand County Middle School for sharing this assessment with us. At this point they are in a Google Form so you will need to email us and have us send you your results or make a copy of the form in your "Google Drive".

### FILLABLE PDF JOB APPLICATION

Download the Fillable PDF from our website under "Free Downloads" which is under "Resources", and share it with your students. It gives them practice for filling out a Job Application and makes it easier to read if you are inputting student job requests.

**TIME SAVER** – Use the "Pay Stub Template". Copy and paste your student list into the spreadsheet. The jobs are in a drop-down menu so that if you start to type the job it will appear for you to click on. This template is found under "Recourses". This template uses Excel.

### ON-LINE SUBMIT FEATURE

We encourage you to check out this feature. Students have a lot more buy-in when they get to choose their own job. This is an on-line service that we provide for the low cost of \$24.95. All you need to do is let us know when you plan to have your students submit and send us a master list of the students that should have submitted. When your students are done submitting, we do a check and send you a Report of any students that have not submitted.

The link for this feature is found at [realitytown.com](http://realitytown.com) under "Resources" and you are welcome to test it out. **Make sure students receive a "Thank you for submitting" message. Some students need to submit twice to get their request to go through.** We are working with the form developer to find out why this is happening. In the meantime, have students check to make sure the request was submitted or have them use their phones which seems to work better than the school computers. Please let us know if you have a problem so that we can help you find another method of submitting.

### BANNER STANDS

Tired of using and storing those old PC pipe stands? Think about upgrading to these easy to assemble and set-up banner stands. They come in a nice carrying bag for storing or sharing between schools \$1,320.00 For a set of 24.

