Paying for Baby

Summary
The cost of raising a baby is often overlooked. This lesson will have students explore the cost of caring for a 3-6 month old baby for one month.

Main Core Tie
Health Education II (9-12)
Strand 6: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (HD) Standard HIl.HD.3

Time Frame
1 class periods of 60 minutes each

Group Size
Small Groups

Life Skills
Thinking & Reasoning, Communication, Social & Civic Responsibility

Materials
Play Money
  14 - $100
  20 - $20
  20 - $10
  10 - $5

  Internet connection or Student smartphones.

Background for Teachers
As this is part of Human Sexuality Instruction, Parent Permission is required.

Student Prior Knowledge
Students should understand the basic needs of a 3-6 month old baby.

Intended Learning Outcomes
Content Objective: Students will understand the cost of caring for themselves and a 3-6 month old baby without family help.
Language Objective: Students will use the internet to research various factors associated with the raising of a baby.
Numeracy Objective: Students will collect and calculate the cost of caring for a 3-6 month old baby as a single parent for one month.

Instructional Procedures
In groups of 4, students will list 10 essential items necessary for the care of a 3-6 month old baby while the parent is working. (Family help is not an option for this activity.)
Students will create a budget for the care of the baby and the single parent.
Students will use the internet to visit sites were the essentials may be purchased to determine cost for
their budgets.

Extensions
Students may want to explore the cost of caring for the infant at different ages.

Assessment Plan
Students will share their plans with the class and create a list of items they should have included.

Rubrics

Baby Budget

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