

Reality Check 2016

Keefe Technical High School
Friday, October 28, 2016 • 7:45 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Keefe Technical High School seniors will learn about financial responsibilities by receiving a paycheck and budgeting their monthly income at the “2016 Reality Check” on October 28, 2016.

In advance of the Fair students will discuss financial responsibility, how to budget, how to use credit, importance of maintaining good credit, and dealing with life’s financial issues



When the students receive their paycheck;

- “Uncle Sam” will take his share
- Students receive a credit score based on their attendance the previous school year.
- Students will have to choose from their required expenses: housing, utilities, insurance, transportation, food, and clothing. Volunteers will be at the various booths assisting students with their selections.



- A “Wheel of Fortune/Misfortune” will help them deal with life’s unexpected expenses/bonus (win the lottery, car accident, scholarship, lost cell phone, etc).
- Credit counselors will help students check their calculations and see if they have any money left for the extra “luxury” items like gym membership, a pet, vacations, etc.
- They will also have opportunities for community service, retirement saving, and more!

Business community members will advise students to make appropriate financial decisions for their futures.

About the Fair...

The idea of the “Reality Check” fair was conceived due to the need to educate teens in personal finance before they leave the nest. Volunteers from the Framingham Rotary Club and business community staff the tables, which each student must visit to complete their monthly budget. The goal is for students to realize that a good paying job will be essential to cover the costs of the reality of their actual living expenses.

This is a win-win-win opportunity for all concerned. The students learn to make better financial choices; businesses and students will gain exposure to each other in a positive light; financial institutions should suffer from fewer consumer defaults in the future; and society as a whole will benefit from having more financially responsible young adults.

The Reality Check at Keefe Technical High School is being started by the Framingham Rotary Club with the assistance of the Business Professionals of America Keefe Tech chapter and the MetroWest Regional Chamber of Commerce.

