

Effective ways to use technology to deliver financial education

Examples and insights from research in Flanders

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In line with the evidence-based education paradigm, using randomized controlled trials, we test on a small scale educational interventions before implementing them at a larger scale

Insights from various research projects:

- Wikifin Research Chair to financial literacy
- Financial literacy @ School (funded by Flemish Science Organisation)
- EUFin.eu (funded by European Commission)
- Baloise Insurance Research Chair
- Financial literacy skills among the poor (funded by Flemish government)

All presented materials available from www.financiele-geletterdheid.org



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Classroom heterogeneity

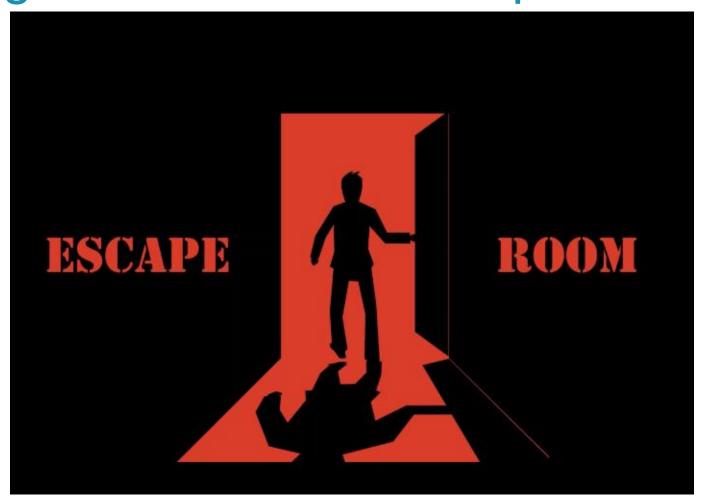
Today's classrooms have become increasingly diverse

Classroom diversity particularly pronounced in financial literacy education (OECD, 2017)

Digital tools can help us to cope with this classroom heterogeneity



Digital tool: Online escape room



www.financiele-geletterdheid.org



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Key 1	True	False
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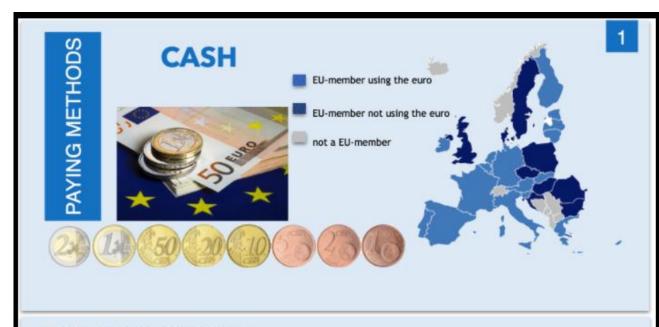
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Key 2





Digital tool: Online escape room



Coins and banknotes are cash money.

There are eight different euro coins. They all have an identical European side and a national side which is different in every country. Besides that, there are seven different euro banknotes: € $5,00 \cdot € 10,00 \cdot € 20,00 \cdot € 50,00 \cdot € 100,00 \cdot € 200,00 \cdot € 500,00$. The banknotes are identical on both sides for every country. From 2018 on, no more banknotes of € $500,00 \cdot € 100,00 \cdot$

With coins and banknotes, we can pay in 19 European countries that belong to the euro-zone.

Euro coins and euro banknotes are a legal paying method. This means that every trader has to accept euro coins and euro banknotes.

Exceptionally, traders are allowed to refuse a payment with cash:

- if your euro banknote is disproportionate to the purchase: you can not purchase a small thing with a big banknote and vice versa;
- if there is a suspicion of false money: for instance, when you hold a banknote against the light, you have to see a window with a portrait, a water mark and the security wire;
- if the banknote is damaged. You can change a damaged banknote in the bank.

Exceptionally, traders are obliged to refuse a payment with cash:

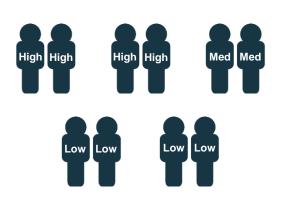
- the payment in cash may never exceed € 3 000,00;
- the purchase of a house or a terrain can never one payed in cash.

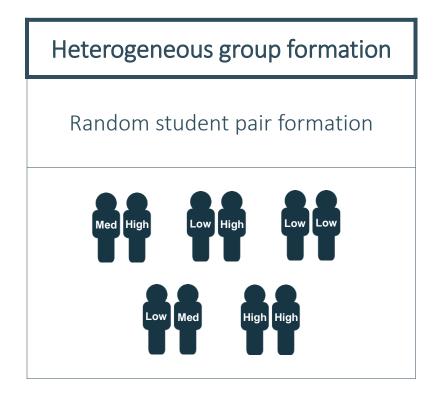


Impact of group formation in digital tool?

Homogeneous group formation

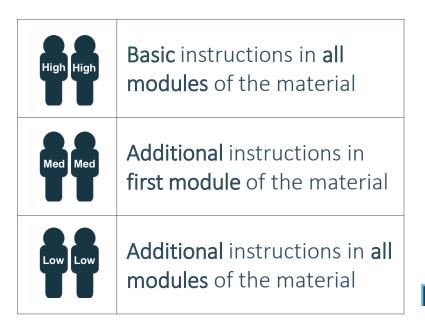
Student pair formation according to their ability (grades in mathematics)

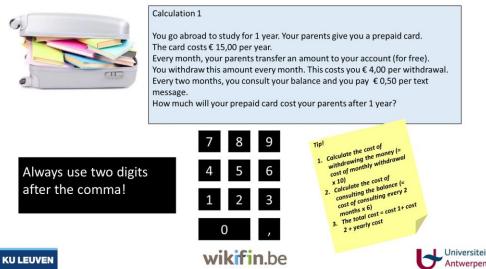




Impact of differentiated instruction in digital tool?

Three different versions of the didactic material







Evidence from large scale RCTs

The program is highly effective in increasing financial literacy

- Heterogeneous effects of differentiation practices
 - → Struggling students benefit from homogeneous group formation & differentiated instruction



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Parental involvement

What is the effectiveness of a digital homework assignment?

Do students learn more if the financial literacy homework is completed together with the parents (cf. socialisation theory)?



Digital tool: Digital Homework Assignment

- Preparatory exercise
- Attractive innovative format
 - Online quiz
 - Video & pictures

Huiswerk over betaalmiddelen



Beste leerling

Je school werkt mee aan een onderzoek rond financiële geletterdheid in samenwerking met KULeuven, Universiteit Antwerpen en Wikifin. In het kader van dit onderzoek vragen we je om, vóór de lessen over financiële geletterdheid, dit korte huiswerk te maken.

In dit huiswerk bekijk je een filmpje over betaalmiddelen en daarna maak je een korte quiz over de manieren om je aankopen te betalen. De quiz vul je samen met (een van) je ouders in. Daarna is er nog een korte vragenlijst die enkel door (een van) je ouders ingevuld moet



Scan deze QR code of ga naar de volgende link om het filmpje te bekijken en de quiz in te vullen:

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Huiswerk met ouders voor de les betaalmiddelen

Financial Literacy @ School

Dit huiswerk helpt je om je voor te bereiden op de lessen van financiële educatie die je binnenkort zal volgen op school. Dit huiswerk maak je samen met één van je ouders. Na de quiz volgt een korte vragenlijst voor een van je ouders. Daarna kan je de oplossingen van de quiz en je score bekijken.

De antwoorden van het huiswerk en de vragenlijst voor ouders worden enkel gebruikt voor onderzoek en worden anoniem geëvalueerd. De antwoorden hebben geen invloed op je schoolresultaten.

Bekijk het filmpje over betalen op de site van Wikifin en beantwoord onderstaande vragen <u>samen met</u> een van je ouders.



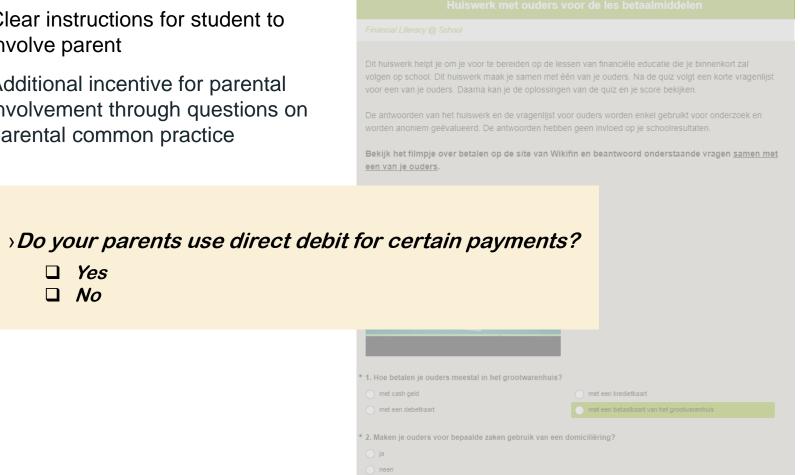
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- met een betaalkaart van het grootwarenhuis
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Digital tool: Digital Homework Assignment

- Clear instructions for student to involve parent
- Additional incentive for parental involvement through questions on parental common practice





Evidence from large scale RCTs

Parental involvement matters for behaviour

→ Homework with parents has largest effects on behaviour scores

Parental involvement helps disadvantaged students

- → Positive effects for students with low SES
- → Increases learning effects for students from families with low communication levels about the course topic

Parental involvement increases family communication

→ Homework with parents increases the probability of students speaking with their parents about the course topic



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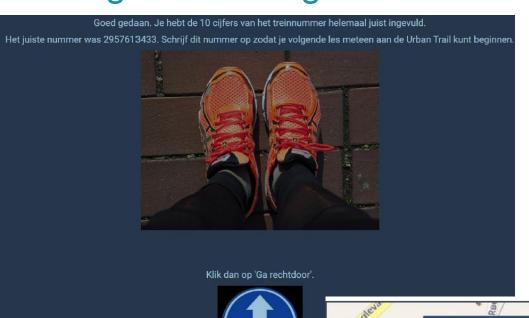


Can parental tutoring at home achieve the same learning effects as teacher-led instruction in the class at school?

~ COVID-19 crisis



Digital tool: Digital urban trail on financial literacy



Course: digital urban trail

■ NationalBank Rue du Bois Sauvage Cathédrale des Saints Michel Reach Nations Europe Mission Center (www.Financiele-geletterdheid.org)



Evidence from large scale RCTs

- 1. The digital program is highly effective in increasing financial literacy
- 2. When compliance can be enforced, a complementary parental tutoring session at home can achieve the same knowledge gains as an additional class at school.
 - → Knowledge about the topics higher for teacher-led class
 - → Parental tutoring results in higher persisting learning effects

- 3. Spill-over effects to parents: Parents also experience knowledge gains from tutoring their children
 - → Parental involvement in education also offers learning benefits for parents



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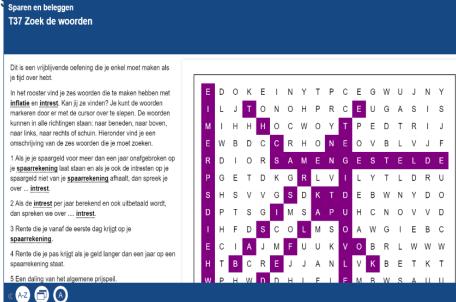


Digital tool: learning path



- Interactive & adaptive digital learning path (<u>www.Financiele-geletterdheid.org</u>) with different levels of feedback
- Topic: saving & investing
- Independent work in groups of two students Sparen en beleggen
- Detailed instructions for teachers







Digital tool: learning path

Sparen en beleggen de losbol





Je bent een losbol

Je koopt zomaar alles waar je zin in hebt.

Dat is toch niet zo slim. Er kan wel wat misgaan in je leventje waardoor je plots geld nodig hebt. Je moet echt proberen wat geld opzij te leggen.

Je bepaalt best eerst hoeveel je wil **sparen** en hoeveel je aan de kant moet leggen voor onvoorziene uitgaven. Houd ook bij hoeveel geld je nog hebt telkens wanneer je uitgaven gedaan hebt.



Trek van het zakgeld dat je krijgt in het begin van de maand het bedrag van je smartphone-abonnement en het bedrag van je clubabonnement af. Het overblijvende bedrag kan je vrij besteden.

De berekeningswijze is dus:

te besteden bedrag =

maandelijks zakgeld

- maandelijks smartphone-abonnement
- maandelijks clubabonnement

Conclusion

→ Promising digital tools

→Importance to test rigorously such that financial literacy education is provided in an evidence-based way



Knowing more?

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