



Courtesy of the School District of Waukesha

Waukesha North High School sophomores Brooklyn Hingiss and Mady Schiekiera discuss with Amy Lange the cost of child support and daycare. The School District of Waukesha hosted their annual Reality for over 400 high school juniors and seniors at Waukesha County Technical College on Wednesday. This hands-on, interactive simulation was designed for young people to give them insights into personal money management.

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The simulation begins with an overview provided by Educators Credit Union explaining how their specially designed app works. Students are given their financial situation related to their anticipated career choice and their family dynamics including income, taxes, and a credit score, according to the district.

Next students enter the simulation

room where they are presented with a variety of choices and occurrences that they may face for a monthly budget, trying to make their money stretch as an adult. Each station in the simulation room has volunteers available to explain what they should be considering and the impact their choice may have on their finances. This allows them to select their life decisions and have a real-time checking account balance available.

“The event is a real eye-opener for many students as it tests their ability to stay afloat and get ahead if possible. We are thankful to have a strong partner like Educators Credit Union that sees the need and value of a simulated personal financial planning exercise,” the district said.