

Kindred Scholars Academy

Understanding Scams, Fraud & Online Security for Teens

Ongoing · 1x/week · 30 minutes

Non-Member Rate: \$12/class

Member Rate: \$10/class

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Overview

As technology becomes a bigger part of everyday life, teens are increasingly managing money, shopping online, using payment apps, gaming, and interacting through social media. This course helps scholars understand how financial crimes, scams, and online fraud occur while developing the knowledge and critical thinking skills needed to make informed, responsible decisions in today's digital world.

Taught by a real special agent with experience in intelligence, background investigations, and financial crimes, the course examines real-world scam tactics, digital manipulation, and emerging technology through an educational, discussion-based approach. Rather than focusing on fear, scholars analyze how criminals exploit trust, evaluate real case studies, and develop practical strategies for protecting themselves and their personal information.

Because each lesson examines a different aspect of financial crime and digital safety, scholars can join the course at any time without feeling behind. Throughout the course, they strengthen digital literacy, critical thinking, and responsible online decision-making while building skills that will benefit them throughout high school, college, and adulthood.

Topics Covered

- Financial crimes and online fraud
- Phishing, scams, and social engineering
- Identity theft and protecting personal information
- Password security and account protection
- Safe use of payment apps and online banking
- Online shopping, gaming, and social media scams
- Cryptocurrency and investment scam awareness
- AI, deepfakes, and emerging fraud technologies
- Digital footprints and online reputation
- Financial crime investigations and real-world case studies
- Responding to scams and reporting suspicious activity
- Building safe digital habits and financial awareness

Perfect for Scholars Who...

This class is ideal for scholars who:

- Spend time online using social media, gaming platforms, or payment apps.
- Want to better understand how scams and financial crimes occur.
- Are preparing for greater financial independence.
- Are interested in cybersecurity, criminal investigations, or law enforcement.
- Enjoy analyzing real-world case studies and current events.
- Want practical strategies for protecting their identity and personal information.
- Benefit from discussion-based learning and critical thinking activities.
- Want to make informed decisions about technology, money, and online interactions.
- Are considering careers in criminal justice, cybersecurity, finance, or public service.
- Want lifelong digital safety skills they can apply at school, work, and in everyday life.

Who We Are

At Kindred Scholars Academy, learning is not a solo journey. It is a shared adventure. Our classes are Socratic in nature and built around the belief that scholars should take the lead in their own education.

We do not hand out answers. We ask questions. We do not just cover material. We explore it together. Every class is a chance for scholars to talk, build, test, and discover side by side with their peers.

Teaching Philosophy and Approach

Our teachers do not lecture. They create an environment where scholars explore, practice, and make connections. They bring structure, model authentic ASL, and introduce advanced grammar and vocabulary, while scholars carry the conversation forward. Each group becomes its own learning community, where curiosity sparks collaboration and practice turns into shared accomplishment.

No two classes look the same because no two groups of scholars are the same. While the themes stay consistent, the path we take always reflects the unique voices in the room. That is what makes every session meaningful.

Inclusivity Statement

Our classrooms are welcoming spaces where every learner belongs. We celebrate differences and invite scholars to bring their full selves to the table. Collaboration works best when everyone has a voice, and at KSA every voice matters.

Homework Policy

We do not believe in piling on busywork. Each week brings one purposeful activity that encourages practice beyond class. Sometimes it is reflective, sometimes expressive, sometimes interactive, but it is always designed to make learning feel alive and connected.

Family Feedback and Communication

We see families as partners in this journey. That is why we provide consistent, open communication. Not just about progress, but about the moments that matter: the breakthroughs, the questions asked, the sparks of curiosity. Together, families, scholars, and educators create a true learning community where everyone is invested in the process.