

Virtual Business[®] and Individual Needs

Virtual Business enables you to provide meaningful instruction for students with special needs. Following is a guide for using *Virtual Business* as an instructional tool:

- For students who are slow to learn or who are having difficulty grasping basic concepts, use the **Instructor's Area** in *Virtual Business* to "Provide Cash." This will enable the students to run a business without worrying about making mistakes (see the *Instructor's Manual* for further directions). Students can then freely explore the world of business ownership using a hands-on approach.
- For students who are having a difficult time grasping specific topics, use the **Various Activities** in *Virtual Business* to reinforce the respective material (see the *Instructor's Manual* for further directions). For example, some students may have difficulty understanding supply and demand. Having these students complete the "Supply and Demand" activity will reinforce the material.
- For students who need to be continuously challenged, use the three **Competition Activities** in *Virtual Business*. Also encourage them to compete in the Bi-Monthly National Competitions that are available at www.knowledgematters.com. You can assign students who are gifted various teacher-created projects as extension activities. Classroom-wide competitions are also a creative way to motivate these students.

Use *Virtual Business* to encourage cooperative and collaborative learning. By organizing students into partnerships or teams, students with all levels of ability will be able to share ideas and strategies and learn from each other.