

**Middle/High**

**Grades: 8-12**



## **[Airport Tycoon](#)**

Airport Tycoon is a fun strategy game for high school students and older kids where you get to learn all about real-life money management strategies and tips, through managing an airport. The goal is to run the airport as efficiently as possible, in order to get the highest score. You have to choose destinations and build runways; manage the airport café; keep all the staff happy; hire celebs to promote the airport; and most importantly, earn as much money as you can in 24 months! You need to look at the bigger picture, make decisions, ask yourself what's best for the business, try and keep people happy – and at the same time, let your entrepreneurial skills and personality shine!

FAQ

**How easy is it to get started?**

*No registration is required. For first-time players there is a Tutorial as well as a forum.*

**Is this website a stand-alone lesson or is it best used as a supplement?**

*This site supports middle school/high school students' understanding of resources and costs of resources used in production. An understanding of how productive resources are used to produce goods and how revenue is generated from the sale of goods is essential for understanding the lessons learned from this game. If playing against the computer, this 15 Week simulation can be played during a class period. No site should serve as the primary source of instruction. Basic background is required for any online interactive gaming or the instructional meaning is lost. This game as any online game is used as a supplement and application of knowledge gained.*

**How much time will my students need to complete the activity? Also, is this one activity or a series of activities that must be completed as a whole?**

*This game can be played multiple times with multiple outcomes. The game can be completed in one class period.*

**How To Play:** Use your computer mouse to play the game. Click on the “Next” button in the bottom right corner of the game screen to begin. Click on the various icons in the game screen (runways, destinations, café and shops, baggage handling, passport control and marketing) to make changes to the airport and to read information about current facility and staff situation. Note: You can see your available budget in the top right corner of the game screen. Then click on “Begin Month” in the bottom right corner to see your monthly report. Click on “Next” again to continue.

**TIP:** You can hire only one celebrity at a time. Do not try buying two as you will waste your money. And remember: You need to spend money to make money! Good luck!

**What kind, if any, assessments or pre-/post-testing is provided?**

*There are no pre/post testing opportunities available on this game.*

**Are there any supplements or lesson extensions provided for the classroom?**

*No*

**What grade levels would benefit from this website?**

*This website is best used with students grades 8-12. However, intermediate students must be advanced readers and exhibit a solid foundational background in economics & entrepreneurship.*

**What topics are covered by this website?**

*Students will be exposed to producers, consumers, productive resources, natural resources capital resources, human resources, profit, cost, benefits, taxes, stock, stock options, commodities, market, market place, and revenue.*

**This website is suitable for which high school classes? (If applicable)**

*Economic or Entrepreneur classes*

**What Kentucky Core Content does the website address?**

*This site meets all the Kentucky Core Academic Standards (KCAS) in the economics strand of social studies at all three levels: elementary, middle, and high.*