



Allowance as teaching tool

- Create budget together – discuss each category
- Discuss long and short term goals
- Discuss saving
- Discuss sharing
- Create containers
- Consider your own present financial situation – be realistic about spending · Remember to clarify “wants” and “needs” in allowance budget
- Pace allowance based on child’s interest and abilities
- Add areas of spending as child displays ability to manage money
- Consider child’s age, interest, and math ability
- Allow natural consequences
- Celebrate progress and effort
- Stay open and curious

Allowance Budget Sample:

- Spending money - \$5/week \$260/year
- (Includes toys, games, special treats, activities with friends, Halloween costume, etc.)
- School lunches - \$10/week \$520/year
- Gifts for friends and family - \$20/month \$240/year
- Saving - \$5/week \$260/year
- Sharing - \$10/month \$120/year
- \$1,400/year
- \$1,400 divided by 52 weeks = Allowance \$27/week

