

10 Ways To Teach Your Child Good Savings Habits

1. Start early. Teach your child to ‘pay yourself first’ by immediately setting aside some part of allowance or gifts of money as savings.
2. Label separate jars for Saving, Spending, and Sharing so your child can see these funds grow and shrink.
3. Open a savings account for him or her at Wahoo State Bank. Make deposits together every week or month.
4. Inspire saving by explaining how interest works – that your child’s money actually earns money.
5. Help your child set savings goals. Some can be short-term, like for a video game. Others can be long-term, like for a computer or a car. Include a target date and how much money needs to be saved each week or month to achieve each goal.
6. Provide reminders of what your child is saving for. Find pictures of the items and tape them up where your child will see them regularly – perhaps on a savings jar.
7. Match the amount your child saves, either as ongoing incentive or for a special savings goal.
8. Show your child how to create a budget that will guide spending, savings, and sharing.
9. Train your child to avoid impulse buying. Make it a habit for your child to ask “Do I really need this?” before making a purchase.
10. Model the behavior you want your child to exhibit. Talk about your savings goals and how you set aside money to reach them.