



Junior  
Achievement™

# Junior Achievement of Mid Michigan

Inspiring Boundless Possibility



# THANK YOU!

Junior Achievement inspires and prepares young people for a successful future.

Financial Literacy + Work & Career Readiness + Entrepreneurship



# K-4 Programming



## Kindergarten *JA Ourselves*

Students learn the values of earning, saving, sharing, and working ethically



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade *JA Our Families*

Students learn about the importance of work, the roles people play in local economy, and tools and skills they need to earn what they want



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade *JA Our Community*

Explores matters of business, citizenship, economics, and the interdependent roles of people working in a community



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade *JA Our City*

Explores the relationship between the jobs people perform, skills needed to perform, and the impact their work has in the community



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade *JA Our Region*

Students explore regional businesses and the relationship between natural, human, and capital resources

# JA BizTown®

Available for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

12 in-class teacher-led sessions prior to the simulation

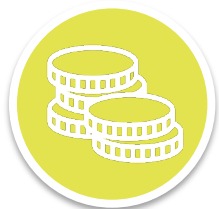
Cumulative 4-5 hour visit to JA BizTown where students act as employers, employees, and consumers in true-to-life simulation

- Students introduced to fundamentals such as:
  - The basics of banking
  - The circular flow of the economy
  - High-growth jobs and what skills are needed for different fields
  - Applying and interviewing for a desired position
  - Business management

JA BizTown feature on Fox17: [https://youtu.be/94Y0LTJ5Z-I?si=fYRqBD\\_8ry213OHN](https://youtu.be/94Y0LTJ5Z-I?si=fYRqBD_8ry213OHN)

# Personal Finance Graduation Requirement

- JA is excited to see the State of MI Dept of Education enact the new ½ credit financial literacy requirement. The following three (3) programs satisfy the requirement:
  - JA Economics
  - JA Finance Park Advanced
  - JA Personal Finance 2.0





# JA Personal Finance

- High school program aimed at introducing students to the basics of personal finance.
- Includes lessons on budgeting, risk management, savings techniques, credit and debit options, investing, and more!
- We aim to empower young people with essential financial skills and help students understand that *they can realize the American dream of homeownership.*



# Finance Park®

- Students will explore:
  - How their existing interests and skills can help them determine a career pathway
  - Taxes and other deductions withheld from paychecks
  - Time commitment, costs, and benefits of post-secondary education options
  - Budgeting for wants and needs
  - Investing and building a diversified investment portfolio
  - Gives students access to JA Here to Career

Two levels available: Entry or Advanced  
\*Advanced version meets new state requirements

Available for 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students

8-20 educator led in-class sessions prior to the simulation  
\*Materials provided by JA

Cumulative 4–5-hour visit where students see the long-term impact of education, savings, and credit decisions

# Girls' Dream Fair

- Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Trinity Church (3355 Dunckel Rd).
- Inspirational event designed to expose 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to career opportunities in STEM fields.
- Over 25 professional women in STEM for student to connect with.
- Small group workshops guided by work readiness *JA It's My Future* curriculum.
- Interactive career fair.
- No registration fee and lunch provided!





# Career Speaker Series

- Volunteer guest speakers visit your classroom and share their professional journey
- Volunteer provides guidance and insight for career education
- Available for K-12 classrooms
- Several upcoming volunteer opportunities
- 1-3 hour time commitment



# JA Job Shadow

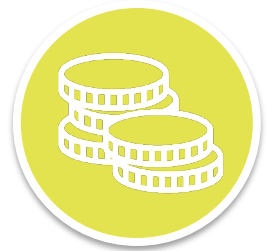
- Guided curriculum includes a field trip visit to a local business for a tour, HR presentation, mock interviews, hands on activities, and more!
- Get the most out of your Job Shadow experience, with educator-led lessons about job interview prep, identifying career paths based on interests and skills, and more.





# Volunteer FAQ

- Where do I get the materials?
- I'm not an expert in personal finance, can I still volunteer?
- What is the time commitment?
- Do I receive any training?
- Do you have any virtual volunteering options?
- What is the educator's role while I am in the classroom?



# Other Ways to Get Involved

- Host a National Association of Realtors “Ignite Others” event in support of JA’s fundraising event Play4JA.
- Events such as a walk/run/5k, bowling night, cornhole tournament, night golf event, evening roller skating and more!
- Play4JA is a creative way for large groups to raise funds for Junior Achievement’s education programs AND enjoy a celebratory team-building activity together!





# How Do I Get Involved?

Browse Available Classes Here!



Fill Out This Form to Be  
Contacted by JA Staff!



Contact me!

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