

JA Finance Park Virtual®

PLANNING A LIFETIME OF SUCCESS



What is JA Finance Park Virtual?

As high school students mature, they begin to make their own decisions about how to spend money. They also face countless messages trying to get them to spend more money in more ways.

Florida now requires financial education in all high schools. Junior Achievement (JA) is a premier partner with education and JA is in a position to fulfill the need for financial education throughout the Tampa Bay area. Working closely with business and education communities, JA has been teaching financial education for many years prior to the state mandate.

JA Finance Park Virtual is Junior Achievement's Common Core-aligned program for high school students that provides a foundation for making intelligent, lifelong personal financial decisions. It offers a hands-on, computer-based simulation in which students manage their own life situation. The interactive online simulation guides them through an exploration of salaries, budgeting, taxes, savings, charitable giving, investments, and more..



JA FINANCE PARK VIRTUAL CURRICULUM

Prior to the simulation, students participate in a series of teacher-driven lessons on earnings, credit, debt, banking, savings, investments, taxes, and other core financial topics.

Students then have the opportunity to apply this knowledge to each aspect of their financial life when they enter JA Finance Park Virtual. During the online simulation—and within the parameters of their unique career and life situation—they will use bank services, contribute to charities, purchase housing, transportation, furnishings, food, and health care, and budget for education expenses. They will also make investment decisions and work to create and balance their personal budgets.



To register to attend a volunteer training:
Visit <http://form.iotform.com/form/12305204268>
Contact Carla Prescott at (813) 631-1410 ext. 222 or email Carla.prescott@ja.org

JA FINANCE PARK VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteers for JA Finance Park Virtual have the opportunity to serve as content experts in the classroom during the pre-simulation lessons. You are invited to share your perspective and experience on personal finance concepts, as well as subject matter in a specific area of financial or work readiness expertise, such as investing, saving or career exploration.

A volunteer experience typically includes:

- A two-hour training
- Three, 50 minute in-class visits or
- 1 half day at a select high school to include 3 to 5 class periods.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve as a “JA Champion” that will be responsible for coordinating a team of three volunteers. Each volunteer would spend 3 to 5 class periods sharing one lesson from the Volunteer Guide at their select high school.

In a “one day contained” volunteer approach you would have the responsibility of coordinating your team members with the school schedule, with the benefit of saving on travel and preparation time.

Please contact Carla Prescott for training dates and times: (813) 631-140 ext. 222 or carla.prescott@ja.org
Trainings to be held at the, home of the Muma JA BizTown at the Bill Poe Family JA Center
13707 N. 22nd Street, Tampa, FL 33613

Sponsoring JA Finance Park Virtual

The financial education mandate is unfunded by the state. JA is providing the JA Finance Park Virtual program, which includes curriculum and support, to the students and schools at no charge. Please consider sponsoring a class or entire school in your community. Contact Jon Epps (813) 490-4496 or jon.epps@ja.org



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