

Junior Achievement Overview



What is Junior Achievement?

Junior Achievement (JA) is the world's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future and make smart academic and economic choices. Today JA reaches more than 4.6 million students per year in 113 markets across the United States, with an additional 5.6 million students served by operations in 121 other countries worldwide. JA is the fastest growing financial education organization, providing programs to students in Grades K-12.

What does JA teach?

The JA curriculum prepares students to be successful and learn 21st century skills. JA educates students on personal finance, entrepreneurship, and workforce readiness. There are more than 20 programs for elementary, middle and high school students.

How long does it last?

JA programs generally consist of five classroom periods for elementary school programs and six classroom periods for middle school programs.

How does JA Train its Volunteers?

JA staff trains all volunteers before they go into a classroom and provides each volunteer with a comprehensive guide for each program that includes detailed lesson plans, scripts and helpful tips on teaching techniques.

of five to twelve visits to the classroom. Number of visits depends on the grade level. The volunteer and classroom teacher work together to schedule these visits. Schedules are based on the flexibility and availability of the teacher and the volunteer.

- **What do volunteers do?**

The volunteers participate in a training session prior to the program start date where they will obtain their classroom materials. Volunteers commit to the five to twelve dates and the agreed upon times that are needed to complete the program. They teach the outlined sessions to the students, as well as share their own career pathway.

- **What is the time commitment?**

Between five and twelve class periods, class periods averaging 45 minutes to an hour.

- **What is the role of the teacher?**

During the program, teachers are present in the classroom at all times to help maintain classroom management, discipline and answer any of the volunteer's questions.

- **What is the role of JA staff?**

A JA staff member plans and coordinates the program and is always available for questions and support.

Interested in volunteering in your child's classroom?

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