A Correlation:

TEXAS
Academic Standards and
Junior Achievement
High School Programs

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Overview

Junior Achievement programs offer a multidisciplinary approach that connects learning across social studies disciplines, such as economics, geography, history, government, and civics, while incorporating mathematical concepts and reasoning and language arts skills. By design, JA Programs incorporate grade level reading, speaking, and listening skills in all programs and many programs at the High School grade level also offer opportunities to do research, use technology for writing and responding, and practice presentation skills, all while supporting the JA Pillars of Financial Literacy, Work and Career Readiness and Entrepreneurship.

In this document, Junior Achievement programs are correlated to Texas Academic Standards for Social Studies, Career Development, Financial Math, and Career and Technical Education. This list is not meant to be exhaustive or intended to suggest that a JA program will completely address any given standard but is designed to show how it can enhance or complement efforts to do so. The flexibility of the programs and supplementary materials allow specific content or skills to be addressed in depth by the teacher and/or business volunteer as needed. Alternate delivery methods, such as remote digital delivery and student self-guided options, cover the same learning objectives for social studies standards and the JA Pathway Competencies. However, the varied implementation models may cause slight variation in English Language Arts and Mathematics correlations.

High School Programs

JA All About Cars™ allows students to consider their needs and wants for their first automobile.

JA Be Entrepreneurial (modular) is a reimagined, modular program that teaches students about the mindset and the skills needed for success by aspiring entrepreneurs and innovators. In JA Creative Problem Solving, students learn and apply design thinking, an innovative process for problem-solving used by entrepreneurs (and intrapreneurs).

JA Career Exploration Fair™ is an event where students learn about a range of career options across multiple career clusters.

JA Career Speaker Series™ brings a volunteer guest speaker into the classroom to share information about his or her career, work, and education experience.

JA Career Success® Blended Model introduces high school students to the workplace as interns of a fictional company, Orbit Boom. They participate in realistic work experiences in multiple departments and concentrate on soft skills and business best practices in the context of realistic scenarios and assignments through both digital and in-class implementation and optional self-guided modules.

JA Company Program® 2.0 empowers high school students to fill a need or solve a problem in their community and teaches them practical skills required to conceptualize, capitalize, and manage their own business venture.

JA Company Program® Pop Up teaches students how to plan, launch, and operate their own business venture within a structured, guided experience. Throughout the start-up process, students collaborate, make crucial business decisions, practice communication skills, and develop entrepreneurial knowledge and skills. (Grades 6-12)

JA Excellence Through Ethics™ affords students the opportunity to learn the importance of ethics and ethical decision-making and how ethical and unethical choices affect everyone in a community.

JA High School Heroes ™ provides leadership development opportunities to high school students who deliver JA programs in elementary schools.

JA Inspire Virtual® is more than a career fair, it brings together the business community and local schools and is designed to help launch students into their futures: high school, college, and careers beyond. Within the virtual experience, students attend webinars and presentations, explore career booths, and interact with career speakers. (Grades 9-12)
JA It’s My Job (Soft Skills)™ (Soft Skills) will help students understand the value of professional communication and soft skills, making them more employable to future employers across multiple career clusters.

JA Job Shadow™ Blended Model is a comprehensive experience that helps students design an individualized career path. Supporting blended as well as self-guided activities, JA Job Shadow provides a design-thinking structure for career exploration.

JA Launch Lesson™ is a point-of-entry program delivered by community entrepreneurs. Students gain firsthand knowledge about starting a business and the entrepreneurial journey.

JA Personal Finance® allows students to experience the interrelationship between today’s financial decisions and future financial freedom.

JA Take Stock in Your Future™ helps students discover the benefits and challenges of investing in the stock market as part of a broader, long-term investment strategy and the risks and rewards of trading.

JA Titan® introduces critical economics and management decisions through an interactive simulation.

JA Titan® Blended Model is a simulation-based program in which high school students compete as business CEOs in the phone industry, experiencing firsthand how an organization makes decisions.
# Session Description

**Session One: All About Cars**

JA All About Cars introduces students to the essential costs related to buying and operating a first car and offers tips on being a smart consumer when purchasing a vehicle. In this volunteer-led session, students will consider their needs and wants to make a real-world connection to the car-buying experience to help motivate them to make good financial decisions when buying or leasing.

**Students will:**

- Assess their driving needs
- Prioritize the car features that best meet their needs
- Compare the advantages of buying versus leasing a car
- Identify a care that meets their driving needs

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### Social Studies Standards

**Personal Finance Literacy**

8 - Credit and borrowing. The student understands the use of credit to make purchases. The student is expected to:

(A) compare and contrast sources of credit such as banks, merchants, peer-to-peer, payday loans, and title loans;

(B) compare and contrast types of credit, including revolving and installment credit, and collateralized loans versus unsecured credit;

12 - Insuring and protecting. The student identifies the costs and benefits of insurance for transferring risk. The student is expected to:

(G) explain the costs and benefits of supplemental types of insurance such as extended warranties, mortgage protection life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment life insurance, car loan payoff coverage, debt cancellation coverage, and credit life coverage.

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### Career Development; Financial Math; Career & Technical Education

- **NA**

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### TEKS ELA

- **English I**
  - 1.A, B
  - 4. B, C, E, F
  - 5. A, C, D, E
  - 11.A, E, G

- **English II**
  - 1.A, B
  - 4. B, C, E, F
  - 5. A, C, D, E
  - 11.A, E, G
## Session Description

**Session One: Identifying the Problem**

Students are oriented to problem/solution thinking practices and introduced to the Design Thinking process of creative problem solving. They explore the first step (Empathize) that teaches them to look at problems as human-centered, from the customer’s perspective.

**Students will:**
- Describe how brainstorming several ideas and then picking the best options will lead to creative problem solving.
- Describe the Design Thinking model and the steps involved in the process.
- Describe the advantages of applying the Design Thinking model to new ideas or problem solving.
- Describe the Empathize step in the Design Thinking model.
- Demonstrate how an empathy map can be used to identify a user’s needs.

**Session Two: Exploring Solutions**

Students focus on the second and third steps of the Design Thinking process (Define and Ideate). They summarize the root cause of the issue in a problem statement and then use brainstorming techniques to generate viable ideas as solutions.

**Students will:**
- Describe the Define step in the Design Thinking model.
- Demonstrate how to write a short, clear problem statement that reflects the problem to be solved.
- Describe the Ideate step in the Design Thinking model.
- Apply ideation methods by brainstorming ideas in a fast-paced activity.

## Social Studies Standards

NA

## Career Development; Financial Math; Career & Technical Education

**Career Development**

(3) The student applies concepts of critical thinking and problem solving. The student is expected to:

(A) employ critical-thinking skills with increased fluency both independently and in groups to solve problems and make decisions;

**Career Preparation II**

(4) The student applies and enhances academic knowledge and skills in the workplace. The student is expected to:

(A) apply critical- and creative-thinking skills to solve complex problems;

## TEKS ELA

# JA Be Entrepreneurial Creative Problem Solving

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<td>Session Three: Prototyping the Solution</td>
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| Students use rapid prototyping techniques to create an inexpensive model of their solution for customer review and feedback. This process teaches the importance of keeping customers involved in the process without large investments of time or money. Students will:  
• Describe the Prototype step in the Design Thinking model.  
• Construct a prototype based on a problem statement and a brainstormed solution to the problem. |  |  | |
| Students devise testing plans to validate the design and function of their prototyped ideas with customer participants. User testing emphasizes the importance of ongoing improvement cycles in the Design Thinking model. Students will:  
• Define the Test step in the Design Thinking model.  
• Develop a testing plan for a given product and target audience. |  |  | |
| Session Five: Applying Design Thinking (Optional, Self-Guided) | NA                       | Career Preparation II (4) The student applies and enhances academic knowledge and skills in the workplace. The student is expected to: (A) apply critical- and creative-thinking skills to solve complex problems; | English I 1. A, B, D 2. A 4. A, B, C, E, F, G 5. A, B, C, D, E, F, H  
| Students complete a cumulative Design Thinking project to demonstrate comprehension and execution of the creative problem-solving process. Students will:  
• Use the Design Thinking model to create a solution to an identified problem.  
• Produce an artifact for each step of the Design Thinking process to demonstrate their work. |  |  | |

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<td>Students are introduced to entrepreneurship and the characteristics of a mindset that promote success in their personal and professional lives.</td>
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<td>• Define entrepreneurship and some key qualities of entrepreneurs.</td>
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<td>• Differentiate the important components of a positive, growth mindset from a fixed mindset as a foundation of entrepreneurship.</td>
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<td>• Describe the advantages in life of embracing a growth mindset.</td>
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<td>• Define the entrepreneurial mindset.</td>
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<td>• Describe the key characteristics of a successful entrepreneur’s mindset.</td>
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<td>Students demonstrate their understanding of the entrepreneurial characteristics by identifying prevalent skills in scenarios. Then, they complete an introspective personal assessment about their entrepreneurial potential.</td>
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<td>• Analyze the characteristics of the entrepreneurial mindset.</td>
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<td>• Evaluate personal entrepreneurial strengths and areas for refinement using an entrepreneurial potential self-assessment.</td>
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<td>Students craft a personal action plan to start thinking like an entrepreneur in their daily life and career aspirations.</td>
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<td>• Evaluate the results of the entrepreneurial mindset self-assessment.</td>
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<td>• Develop a personal action plan that includes goal setting to strengthen aspects of an entrepreneurial mindset.</td>
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**Social Studies Standards**

**Career Development; Financial Math; Career & Technical Education**

**TEKS ELA**
### Planning with the Customer in Mind

Students are introduced to lean business planning and focus on the customer-focused segments of the Lean Canvas. They identify customer segments, the problem to be solved, and the intended solution.

**Students will:**
- Identify the purpose of a business plan.
- Describe the key elements of the lean business plan model.
- State the problem to be solved in the Lean Canvas as a customer-centered problem statement.
- Identify the customers in the target audience for the proposed product or service.
- Identify the solution that answers the problem statement.

### Summarizing the Customer Elements

Students learn about customer communication channels and the most effective practices for reaching their customers. Then, they practice completing the customer elements of the lean business plan using an original or supplied idea.

**Students will:**
- Define channels as they relate to business planning
- Differentiate uses of each channel based on situations/context
- Practice the lean business planning process by applying information to the Problem, Customer Segments, Solution, and Channels sections of the Lean Canvas.
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| **Formulating the Finances:**  
Students focus on financial elements of the Lean Canvas, including cost structure, pricing, and revenue streams. Then, they identify what metrics are key to gauge the performance and health of the venture.  
**Students will:**  
• Identify the cost structure for a product/service by listing associated fixed and variable costs.  
• Determine the appropriate price for a product/service given data about the associated costs, breakeven point, and desired profitability. Recognize the revenue streams that will generate profitability for a product or service.  
• Explain how key metrics help determine the success of a product/service and impact the business decisions made about it.  
**Personal Finance Literacy**  
(10) Credit and borrowing. The student evaluates a decision to use credit. The student is expected to:  
(A) examine the components of the cost of borrowing, including annual percentage rate (APR), fixed versus variable interest, length of term, grace period, and additional fees such as late payment, cash advance, and prepayment penalties  | **NA** | **English I**  
1. A, B, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H | **NA** |
| **Conveying the Business’s Value:**  
Students identify the business’s unique value and competitive advantage to convey its “edge.” Then, they practice writing compelling unique value proposition (UVP) statements and identifying the business’s competitive advantage.  
**Students will:**  
• Describe the process used to convey the unique value proposition of a business idea.  
• Identify what competitive (or unfair) advantage is as it relates to a lean business plan.  
**Personal Finance Literacy**  
(10) Credit and borrowing. The student evaluates a decision to use credit. The student is expected to:  
(A) examine the components of the cost of borrowing, including annual percentage rate (APR), fixed versus variable interest, length of term, grace period, and additional fees such as late payment, cash advance, and prepayment penalties | **NA** | **English I**  
1. A, B, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H | **CTE – Money Matters**  
(4) The student demonstrates an understanding of the fundamental principles of money. The student is expected to:  
(E) explain the time value of money  | **English I**  
1. A, B, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
10. B  
**English II**  
1. A, B, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
10. B |
| **Completing and Testing the Lean Business Plan**  
Students practice completing the marketing and financial elements of the lean business plan using an original or supplied idea. Then, they review the importance of testing the business plan for ongoing refinement.  
**Students will:**  
• Practice the lean business planning process by applying information to the Cost Structure, Revenue Streams, Key Metrics, Unique Value Proposition, and Competitive (Unfair) Advantage sections of the Lean Canvas  
• Describe the importance of testing and validating the assumptions and ideas that frame a business plan  
**Financial Math**  
(2) The student uses mathematical processes to acquire and demonstrate mathematical understanding. The student is expected to:  
(B) use a problem-solving model that incorporates analyzing given information, formulating a plan or strategy, determining a solution, justifying the solution, and evaluating the problem-solving process and the reasonableness of the solution; | **NA** | **Financial Math**  
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**English I**  
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5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
10. B | **English I**  
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5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
10. B  
**English II**  
1. A, B, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
10. B |
## Session Description

### Developing a Lean Business Plan (Optional, Self-Guided)

Students construct a lean business plan with an original idea using the Lean Canvas to demonstrate comprehension and execution of business planning.

**Students will:**
- Produce a lean business plan in the Lean Canvas template using the identified problem or a startup business idea

### Social Studies Standards

**Economics**

- (23) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others. The student is expected to use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution.

### Career Development; Financial Math; Career & Technical Education

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### TEKS ELA/Math

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| **Session One: Before the Fair**  
In the pre-fair session, students will assess their abilities, interests, work preferences, and values in preparation for the JA Career Exploration Fair. **Students will:**  
• Define careers  
• Differentiate among abilities, interests, work preferences, and values  
• Identify their personal characteristics | Advanced Studies  
(1) The student will investigate, independently or collaboratively, a problem, issue, or concern within a selected profession or discipline. The student is expected to:  
(A) analyze the relationship between his or her interests and career/discipline; | Career Preparation II  
(10) The student identifies skills and characteristics necessary for professional advancement. The student is expected to:  
(E) determine personal priorities such as interests, abilities, and family responsibilities affecting career choice; | Reading for English I  
1. A, B, D  
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English II  
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5. A, C, D, E, F, H |
| **Session Two: Day of the Fair**  
During the JA Career Exploration Fair, students engage with volunteers and learn more about different businesses and jobs. **Students will:**  
• Relate the impact of personal interests and abilities on career choices  
• Investigate a variety of careers and the skills, educational preparation, training, and personal qualities needed for those careers  
• Examine how school skills apply to career paths  
• Explain the importance of staying in school and graduating high school | Advanced Studies  
(1) The student will investigate, independently or collaboratively, a problem, issue, or concern within a selected profession or discipline. The student is expected to:  
(A) analyze the relationship between his or her interests and career/discipline;  
(B) review literature from varied sources from the selected career or discipline | Career Preparation II  
(10) The student identifies skills and characteristics necessary for professional advancement. The student is expected to:  
(E) determine personal priorities such as interests, abilities, and family responsibilities affecting career choice; | English I  
1. A, B, D  
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5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
English II  
1. A, B, D  
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5. A, C, D, E, F, H |
| **Session Three: After the Fair**  
In the post-fair session, students will reflect on their JA Career Exploration Fair experiences. **Students will:**  
• Identify a future career goal  
• Create a personal action plan | Advanced Studies  
(1) The student will investigate, independently or collaboratively, a problem, issue, or concern within a selected profession or discipline. The student is expected to:  
(A) analyze the relationship between his or her interests and career/discipline; | Career Preparation II  
(1) The student uses and evaluates employability skills to improve marketability within the workplace. The student is expected to:  
(A) refine a professional electronic portfolio such as a two- to four-year individual career plan of study, [resume, cover letter, awards, commendations, and thank you letters;] | English I  
1. A, B, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
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English II  
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<td><strong>Career Preparation II</strong> (10) The student identifies skills and characteristics necessary for professional advancement. The student is expected to: (E) determine personal priorities such as interests, abilities, and family responsibilities affecting career choice; <strong>Financial Math</strong> (17) The student applies mathematical process standards to demonstrate an understanding for a postsecondary plan. The student is expected to: (B) research and align interests and skills with potential careers and postsecondary education to assure a life strategy that will produce employment the student enjoys with a desired standard of living</td>
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<td>• Equate job responsibilities with skills and interests</td>
<td>• Recall future high-demand occupations</td>
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| **Session Two: During the Event** | **Advanced Studies** (1) The student will investigate, independently or collaboratively, a problem, issue, or concern within a selected profession or discipline. The student is expected to: (A) analyze the relationship between his or her interests and career/discipline; | **Career Preparation** (3) The student discusses work ethics, employer expectations, interactions with diverse populations, and communication skills in the workplace. The student is expected to: (E) develop listening skills; (F) apply effective listening skills used in the workplace | **English I** 1. A, B, D 4. A, B, C, E, F, G 5. A, C, D, E, F, H **English II** 1. A, B, D 4. A, B, C, E, F, G 5. A, C, D, E, F, H |
| Students learn about the guest speaker’s job experiences and stories, ask questions, and take notes. | **Students will:** | **Students will:** | **Students will:** |
| Students will: | • Practice active listening skills. | • Equate job responsibilities with skills and interests | • Recognize Career Clusters |

<p>| <strong>Session Three: After the Event</strong> | <strong>Advanced Studies</strong> (1) The student will investigate, independently or collaboratively, a problem, issue, or concern within a selected profession or discipline. The student is expected to: (A) analyze the relationship between his or her interests and career/discipline; | <strong>Career Development – Project-Based Research</strong> (6) The student evaluates the research project. The student is expected to: (D) compose written reflections regarding strengths and weaknesses as well as areas of growth; | <strong>English I</strong> 1. A, B, D 4. A, B, C, E, F, G 5. A, C, D, E, F, H 10.B <strong>English II</strong> 1. A, B, D 4. A, B, C, E, F, G 5. A, C, D, E, F, H 10.B |
| Students reflect on what they learned during their preparation and the speaker event. | <strong>Students will:</strong> | <strong>Students will:</strong> | <strong>Students will:</strong> |
| Students will: | • Recognize Career Clusters | | |</p>
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<td>Extended Career Preparation (1) The student demonstrates professional standards/employability skills as required by business and industry.</td>
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### Session Four: Get Hired—Strong Soft Skills

Students will review soft skills that are in demand by employers and rate their own soft skills. They will use personal stories in a job interview workshop to communicate these skills to a potential employer.

**Students will:**
- Identify soft skills that are in demand by employers
- Demonstrate personal soft skills in a mock interview

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(A) refine a professional electronic portfolio such as a two- to four-year individual career plan of study, resume, cover letter, awards, commendations, and thank you letters;
(B) obtain letters of recommendation;
(C) expand personal communication skills; and
(D) refine interview skills. |

### Session Five: Know Your Work Priorities

Students learn that in the current workforce, people change jobs or careers several times over a lifetime. That means it is important to be prepared and adaptable. Students explore which of their priorities should be their anchors as they prepare to enter the working world.

**Students will:**
- Recognize the importance of being focused, proactive, and adaptable when exploring careers
- Rank work environment priorities as an anchor for making career planning decisions

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| (1) The student will investigate, independently or collaboratively, a problem, issue, or concern within a selected profession or discipline. The student is expected to:
(A) analyze the relationship between his or her interests and career/discipline;
(B) review literature from varied sources from the selected career or discipline | (1) The student demonstrates professional standards/employability skills as required by business and industry. |

### Session Six: Know Who’s Hiring

In groups, students analyze factors to consider when researching careers: skills learned through training and education; interests in various career clusters; and specific high-growth jobs and the requirements needed to earn them.

**Students will:**
- Analyze requirements needed for high-growth industries, such as those offering STEM-related jobs
- Identify the education and training needed to be adaptable and competitive in the job market

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| (B) participate in a paid work-based application of previously studied knowledge and skills related to career and technical education; | (A) participate in training, education, or preparation for licensure, certification, or other relevant credentials to prepare for employment; |
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#### Session Seven: Know Your Personal Brand

Students work in teams to rate the personal brand of candidates applying for a job by comparing cover letters, resumes, and digital profiles of the candidates.

**Students will:**
- Explore how to hunt for a job and the tools needed
- Determine choices they can make to create a positive personal brand as they build their careers

#### Social Studies Standards

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- **Career Development – Project-Based Research**
  5. The student uses technology needed to complete a research project. The student is expected to:
     1. Use search engines, databases, and other digital electronic tools effectively to locate information

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<td><strong>Welcome to the Workplace</strong> Students are onboarded by the Human Resources department on their first day at Orbit Boom, explore the employee handbook and organizational hierarchy, and set SMART goals for their internship. <strong>Students:</strong>  - Examine a company’s organizational hierarchy and cultural norms to adapt to the specific business environment.  - Establish SMART performance goals that align with the company’s key success factors.</td>
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<td><strong>Conflict Resolution in the Workplace</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students role-play conflicts in the Logistics department and apply conflict management techniques through improvisation to resolve conflicts in the warehouse.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Students:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Apply logic and reason to determine a win-win outcome for the team’s success.&lt;br&gt;• Express empathy and use active listening in a conflict resolution situation.</td>
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<td><strong>Workplace Creativity</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students collaborate to generate, narrow down, and elaborate on creative ideas for new products and services with the R&amp;D department.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Students:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Invent creative and reasonable solutions using collaborative brainstorming techniques.&lt;br&gt;• Present the creative idea clearly and briefly, highlighting the solution’s features and benefits.&lt;br&gt;• Adjust the chosen solution based on business requirements and real-world limitations.</td>
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### Meeting One: Start a Business

Students are introduced to the JA Company Program experience, explore ways to raise capital for their business venture, and analyze their personal strengths to help inform their individual roles in their company project.

**Students will:**
- Identify the JA Company Program overall objectives by reviewing the major milestones.
- Describe the importance of setting goals and developing a vision as first steps toward entrepreneurial success.
- Identify the roles and associated skill sets that are integral in a company structure. Assess personal strengths against the designated company roles to determine a potential business role.
- Identify different means by which to raise capital for a start-up business.
- Differentiate between facts and myths about entrepreneurs.
- Reflect on personal and professional vision and set some immediate goals for becoming an entrepreneur.

**Social Studies Standards**

**Economics**

1. (C) describe the economic factors of production: land, labor, capital, and entrepreneurship;

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3. (B) describe entrepreneurial opportunities in the occupational area;

### Meeting Two: Solve a Customer's Problem

Students use creative problem solving to brainstorm ideas for a business service/product, with the goal of identifying their top choices to research.

**Students will:**
- Describe how brainstorming several ideas and then picking the best option will lead to creative problem solving.
- Describe the Design Thinking model and the steps involved in the process.
- Describe the advantages of applying the Design Thinking model to new ideas or problem solving.
- Describe the Empathize, Define, and Ideate steps in the Design Thinking model.
- Apply the Empathize, Define, and Ideate steps of the Design Thinking model to identify a customer need and some plausible solutions.

**Social Studies Standards**

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**English II**

1. A, B, D

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11. A, B, C, D, E, F, I
Meeting Three: Evaluate the Options

Students apply their personal entrepreneurial skills while exploring good decision making and vetting the viability of a venture, using a SWOT analysis tool to narrow their decision on their company’s final product idea.

**Students will:**
- Explain why innovation is an integral factor for a company’s health and growth.
- Explain how failure leads to success and how using a growth mindset can provide the appropriate perspective in challenging situations.
- Define the entrepreneurial mindset.
- Describe the key characteristics that a successful entrepreneur embodies.
- Explain the uses and benefits of a SWOT analysis for a start-up venture.
- Apply a SWOT analysis to each product/service the company is considering.
- Define the terms pivot and persevere related to business venture startups.
- Use data to make informed decisions about the direction of the business.
- Execute a final decision about whether to proceed with the team’s chosen product/service using data-informed decision making.
- Demonstrate that entrepreneurs have accountability by completing a Product Approval application to submit to JA.

### Advanced Studies

3) The student will develop products that meet standards recognized by the selected profession or discipline. The student is expected to:

- (A) collaborate with the appropriate professionals to define the product;
- (B) develop a plan for product completion;
- (C) develop assessment criteria for successful completion of the project;
- (D) establish the appropriateness of the product for the intended audience;
- (E) implement the plan for product completion; and
- (F) maintain a journal to document all phases of the implementation of the plan and reflections on learning experiences and processes.

### Career Preparation I

8) The student evaluates personal attitudes and work habits that support career retention and advancement. The student is expected to:

- (B) describe entrepreneurial opportunities in the occupational area;

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### Math

Algebra I and II
1. A, B, C, D, E
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### Meeting Four: Create a Structure

Students initiate the company’s structure by establishing roles, commence planning within business teams, and finalize capitalization decisions.

**Students will:**

- Explain the five functional roles of the company and the essential responsibilities of each role.
- Relate the sections of the Business Snapshot with the business planning information necessary to identify for a start-up company.
- Evaluate personal strengths aligned to each role and select team members for business teams.
- Evaluate the different means for raising capital and select an option for the company’s start-up venture.
- Identify essential tasks for different roles in the startup by drafting Business Team task lists for each functional role.
- Discuss collaboration and communication strategies within and between business teams.

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#### English II
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7. D, F
8. A, B, C, D

#### Math
- Algebra I and II
  1. A, B, C, D, E

## Meeting Five: Launch the Business

Students explore corporate leadership roles and responsibilities, evaluate personal leadership skills, and elect leaders for the business venture. Then, they organize their business teams, start deep dives into business team roles, and complete work on the Business Snapshot and Company Charter.

**Students will:**

- Evaluate different leadership styles and the most positive leadership influence for companies in different situations.
- Assess personal leadership styles and reflect on what considerations might be important in decision making as a leader of a start-up company.
- Describe the significance of accountability as an entrepreneur and a student as it relates to a company venture and JA experience.
- Evaluate the different leader candidates, and elect people for the company leadership positions.

### Advanced Studies

3) The student will develop products that meet standards recognized by the selected profession or discipline. The student is expected to:

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<td>Over the course of several meetings, students launch their business, work in their business teams to run the business, and share weekly progress with Leadership. They have access to self-guided content to support their specific roles.</td>
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### Topic: Finances (Self-Guided)

Students learn how the finance department is a vital part of an organization and review the characteristics that contribute to a strong finance team.

Students will:

- Describe the importance of finance in a company.
- Explain the primary tasks and responsibilities of the finance team to understand this team’s role in company operations.

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<td>(5) The student uses mathematical processes with graphical and numerical techniques to study patterns and analyze data related to finance. The student is expected to: (A) use rates and linear functions to solve problems involving finance and budgeting, including compensations and deductions;</td>
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3. A, B, C, E, F, G
4. A, B, C, E, F, G
5. A, C, D, E, F, H
6. A, B, C, D
7. D, F
8. A, B, C, D

### English II

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3. A, B, C, E, F, G
4. A, B, C, E, F, G
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| **Topic: Leadership and Management (Self-Guided)** | NA | Career Preparation II  
(7) The student applies the use of interpersonal skills to improve personal development. The student is expected to:  
(B) participate in leadership and career-development activities. | English I  
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English II  
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5. A, C, D, E, F, H |
| Students will:  
• Describe the importance of leadership and management in a company.  
• Explain the primary tasks and responsibilities of the Leadership and Management team to understand this team’s role in company operations. | | | |
| **Topic: Marketing (Self-Guided)** | NA | Advanced Studies  
3) The student will develop products that meet standards recognized by the selected profession or discipline. The student is expected to:  
(A) collaborate with the appropriate professionals to define the product;  
(B) develop a plan for product completion;  
(C) develop assessment criteria for successful completion of the project;  
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| Students will:  
• Describe the importance of marketing in a company  
• Explain the primary tasks and responsibilities of the Marketing team to understand this team’s role in company operations. | | | |
| **Topic: Sales (Self-Guided)** | NA | Personal Finance Literacy  
(4) Earning and spending. The student critically evaluates consumption decisions. The student is expected to:  
(D) apply strategies for making informed decisions about purchasing consumer goods such as comparing prices per unit, looking for sales or promotions, and negotiating price. | English I  
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English II  
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| Students will:  
• Describe the importance of sales in a company  
• Explain the primary tasks and responsibilities of the Sales team | | | |

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### JA Company Program

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| **Topic: Supply Chain Workflow (Self-Guided)** Students learn that a supply chain is the network established to gather components, manufacture a product, and distribute that product to consumers. responsibilities. **Students will:**  
  • Describe the function of a supply chain and the purpose of each link in the supply chain as it relates to company operations. | **Personal Finance Literacy**  
  (4) Earning and spending: The student critically evaluates consumption decisions. The student is expected to:  
  (D) apply strategies for making informed decisions about purchasing consumer goods such as comparing prices per unit, looking for sales or promotions, and negotiating price. | NA | English I  
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  English II  
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  4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
  5. A, C, D, E, F, H |
| **Meeting Twelve: Liquidate the Company** Students finalize their company’s operations, initiate the steps necessary to liquidate their company’s assets, and complete the steps to close out their company. **Students will:**  
  • Describe the liquidation process for the company and the associated tasks.  
  • Demonstrate the liquidation process of a business by executing the tasks to complete the student company. | NA | NA | English I  
  1. A, B, D  
  4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
  5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
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  4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
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  Math  
  Algebra I and II  
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| **Meeting Thirteen: Create a Personal Plan of Action** Students recognize the necessity of networking as an entrepreneur and work on a personal action plan to develop their personal network and to refine their entrepreneurial skills. **Students will:**  
  • Describe the importance of networking related to your business and overall entrepreneurial success.  
  • Execute an introductory plan to initiate networking by determining immediate people and organizations you can connect with.  
  • Execute a personal action plan to detail the next steps you will take in your entrepreneurial journey. | **Special Topics in Social Studies**  
  (1) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others, in a variety of settings. The student is expected to:  
  (G) depending on the topic, use a decision-making process to identify a situation that requires a decision, gather information, identify options, predict consequences, and take action to implement a decision. | NA | English I  
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  4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
  5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
  9. A, E  
  English II  
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  9. A, E |
### Session Descriptions

**Meeting Fourteen: Develop an Annual Report (Optional)**

During this optional meeting, students create an annual report as a summary of their student company experience.

**Students will:**

- Describe an annual report and its purpose.
- Develop a summary annual report project to complete the business venture experience.

### Social Studies Standards

**Advanced Studies**

3) The student will develop products that meet standards recognized by the selected profession or discipline. The student is expected to:

(A) collaborate with the appropriate professionals to define the product;
(B) develop a plan for product completion;
(C) develop assessment criteria for successful completion of the project;
(D) establish the appropriateness of the product for the intended audience;
(E) implement the plan for product completion;

### Career Development; Financial Math; Career & Technical Education

**Career and Technical Education – Money Matters**

(3) The student describes investment analysis and selection processes. The student is expected to:

(E) analyze information that can be obtained from financial statements and annual reports;

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### Session One: Pop-Up Warm-Up

This meeting introduces the Pop-Up program experience and reviews the milestones related to the project. The entrepreneurial mindset and characteristics are explored to guide students in envisioning the pop-up experience through the eyes of an entrepreneur. Finally, students review the primary business goal for the pop-up project and discuss how to set business success goals and personal growth goals.

**Students will:**

- Explain what a pop-up business is and its intended purpose.
- Document goals for the pop-up business in S.M.A.R.T. goal-writing format that reflect business planning elements.
- Recognize the entrepreneurial characteristics that an entrepreneur must possess to achieve a successful business venture.

### Session Two: Doing the Research

This meeting focuses on the main goal for the pop-up business: making a profit. Students will examine the factors of the profit equation and learn about what they need to consider when determining a pricing strategy for achieving their goal. They also will define their target audience and explore the importance of market research for ensuring that their product meets customers’ needs. They will prepare market research surveys and conduct independent market research that they will analyze in Meeting Three.

**Students will:**

- Identify the elements of the profit equation and understand how to calculate profit.
- Explain what a target audience is.
- Recognize the importance of the customers’ wants and needs related to the business’s goals.
- Identify appropriate market research techniques to use when collecting information.

### Academic Standards

**Career Development - Career Preparation I**

(B) The student evaluates personal attitudes and work habits that support career retention and advancement. The student is expected to:

- Describe entrepreneurial opportunities in the occupational area;

**Social Studies Personal Finance Literacy**

(E) Analyze information that can be obtained from financial statements and annual reports;

**Advanced Studies**

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- Implement the plan for product completion; and
- Maintain a journal to document all phases of the implementation of the plan and reflections on learning experiences and processes.
### Session Three: Defining the Pop-Up Structure

During this meeting, students review the market research data they have compiled and look for patterns to inform their decision-making as they plan their pop-up business. Then, students explore the different roles and responsibilities of the pop-up company and evaluate their own personal skills and interests to determine what role they will assume during their pop-up experience.

**Students will:**
- Analyze market research data to make planning decisions about the pop-up business to maximize sales.
- Describe the different roles and responsibilities necessary to organize and run a pop-up business.
- Reflect on personal strengths and weaknesses to determine a personal role on the pop-up team.
- Draft a timeline of tasks and associated due dates needed to meet the company's goals.

### Academic Standards

**Career Development – Project-Based Research**

1. The student applies mathematics, science, English language arts, and social studies in an independent study. The student is expected to:
   - Apply statistical concepts to analyze data, evaluate results, and draw conclusions;
   - Compare and contrast findings in a coherent and organized manner;

**Advanced Studies**

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### Session Four: The Ps of Pop-Up

This meeting introduces students to the Four Ps of marketing (Product, Price, Place, and Promotion), which act as the framework for their pop-up business planning tasks. Students explore which factors to consider when making the important decision of where to locate the pop-up business, and they learn about merchandising, product display, and store layout as important elements of marketing strategy to maximize sales.

**Students will:**
- Explain the importance of the four Ps of the marketing mix related to a pop-up business.
- Identify the location for the pop-up business to include dates and hours of operation for the Place "P" detail of the marketing mix.
- Design an optimal layout for a pop-up business that will maximize sales.

### Social Studies – Personal Finance Literacy

4. Earning and spending. The student critically evaluates consumption decisions. The student is expected to:
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### Session Descriptions

**Session Five: Creating the Buzz**

This meeting focuses on selecting a price for the product or service, as well as promotional strategies for attracting attention to the pop-up store. Students will determine their expenses and the revenue necessary to break even so that they can set a price for their product that will achieve their profit goal. Additionally, they will determine how to promote their business and will work on tasks for advertising.

**Students will:**

- Formulate the appropriate price for their product to achieve the pop-up store’s monetary goal.
- Design promotional strategies and materials to attract interest in the pop-up business.

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**Session Six: Open for Business!**

In this meeting, students explore essential customer service and sales skills to use while their pop-up store is operating. Additionally, they review and finalize all logistics necessary to launch and open the store.

**Students will:**

- Select appropriate sales strategies to use while interacting with customers during pop-up store sales.
- Practice excellent retail customer care skills to maximize the pop-up store’s sales potential to reach its business goals.
- Resolve final logistics before launching the pop-up business, including transaction types, starting cash, inventory tracking, and staffing schedule.

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### Academic Standards

#### Social Studies – Personal Finance Literacy

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### TEKS ELA

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Session Seven: Pop-Up Wrap-Up

This meeting guides students through the final tasks necessary to close the popup business, reconcile the finances, and determine the business’s final profit. Students will use the final metrics and the intangible lessons they learned to discuss best practices for future businesses and to assess whether they achieved their business and personal goals. Finally, students deliver the pop-up store’s proceeds to their charitable recipient and celebrate their accomplishments.

Students will:

- Complete the tasks to calculate final sales and profit and close out the business.
- Analyze final sales information and compare it to the pop-up business’s initial profit goal.
- Assess company and personal goals to determine successes and areas for improvement.

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<td>Work independently to discover more about ethics.</td>
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<td>Students explore the importance of leadership skills and the value of community involvement. They learn the importance of communication and conflict-management skills to achieve group goals.</td>
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<td>• Use strong presentation skills to communicate effectively.</td>
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<td>Students advance their critical thinking skills so that they can adapt quickly to new circumstances and develop successful solutions to problems.</td>
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<td>• Use a problem-solving technique to solve personal and professional problems.</td>
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**Reflection**  
Students share their JA High School Heroes experience and learn about its relevance to their futures. They complete a self-assessment designed to reiterate lessons about leadership, presentations, and critical thinking.

**Students will:**  
- Implement objective criteria to self-evaluate  
- Recognize the value of constructive feedback and the growth mindset  
- Develop a personal action plan.

### Social Studies Standards

#### Advanced Studies
(4) The student will demonstrate an understanding of the selected problem, issue, or concern by explaining or justifying findings to an appropriate audience for public comment or professional response. The student is expected to:

- Implement objective criteria to self-evaluate
- Recognize the value of constructive feedback and the growth mindset
- Develop a personal action plan.

### Career Development; Financial Math; Career & Technical Education

#### Career Development
(3) The student applies concepts of critical thinking and problem solving. The student is expected to:

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<td>• Complete the What I Learned section of the chart from their Learn from the Experts worksheet.</td>
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<td>• Evaluate personal goals and priorities based on their experience at the JA Inspire Virtual event.</td>
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<td>• Identify next steps, including exploration of high school coursework and other research.</td>
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### Social Studies Standards

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### Career Development; Financial Math; Career & Technical Education

**Career Preparation I**

(3) The student discusses work ethics, employer expectations, interactions with diverse populations, and communication skills in the workplace. The student is expected to:

- (E) develop listening skills;
- (F) apply effective listening skills used in the workplace

**Career Development – Project-Based Research**

(6) The student evaluates the research project. The student is expected to:

- (D) compose written reflections regarding strengths and weaknesses as well as areas of growth;

### TEKS ELA

**English I**

1. A, B, D
4. A, B, C, E, F, G
5. A, C, D, E, F, H

**English II**

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| **Communicating About Yourself** | Career Preparation I  
(2) The student develops skills for success in the workplace. The student is expected to:  
(A) identify and model appropriate grooming and appearance for the workplace;  
(B) demonstrate dependability, punctuality, and initiative;  
(C) research positive interpersonal skills, including respect for diversity;  
(D) model appropriate business and personal etiquette in the workplace;  
(E) exhibit productive work habits, ethical practices, and a positive attitude; | Grades 9-10  
RI.9-10.1,4,11  
SL.9-10.1-3  
L.9-10.1-2  
L.9-10.4  

Grades 11-12  
RI.11-12.1,4,11  
SL.11-12.1-3  
L.11-12.1-2  
L.11-12.6 |
| Students will:  
• Recognize the importance of manners as an element of professionalism.  
• Identify language and style appropriate for the workplace.  
• Listen actively for content, not to anticipate response. | | |

| **Applications and Resumes** | Career Preparation II  
(1) The student uses and evaluates employability skills to improve marketability within the workplace. The student is expected to:  
(A) refine a professional electronic portfolio such as a two- to four-year individual career plan of study, resume, cover letter, awards, commendations, and thank you letters; | English I  
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5. A, C, D, E, F, H  

English II  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H |
| Students will:  
• Identify information necessary for a job application.  
• Recognize key features and formatting of resumes.  
• Use appropriate language for a resume. | | |

| **Interviewing for a Job** | Career Preparation II  
(1) The student uses and evaluates employability skills to improve marketability within the workplace. The student is expected to:  
(D) refine interview skills. | English I  
1. A, B, D  
5. A  

English II  
1. A, B, D  
5. A |
| Students will:  
• Identify appropriate content for a personal brag sheet  
• Adapt personal information to interview situations.  
• Develop answers to common interview questions.  
• Recognize appropriate professional dress and demeanor for a job interview. | | |
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<td><strong>Students will:</strong></td>
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<td>• Adapt cell phone behavior and functions for professional uses.</td>
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<td>• Identify and use an appropriate professional tone in workplace communication.</td>
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<td>• Identify appropriate and inappropriate subjects for workplace discussion.</td>
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<td>• Enable cooperative and productive group interactions.</td>
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<td>• Communicate to solve problems collaboratively and respectfully.</td>
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<td><strong>Workplace Writing</strong></td>
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<td>• Use proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation in the workplace.</td>
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<td>• Use clear language and appropriate style for written communication in the workplace.</td>
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<td>• Identify important ideas and express them clearly and concisely in writing.</td>
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<td><strong>Session One: Finding Your Future</strong></td>
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| In this session, students are introduced to the Design for Delight innovation model and how to use it for career planning. They examine career options and pathways in relation to their skills and interests, to allow them to choose potential occupations to explore.   | (7) The student applies the use of interpersonal skills to improve personal development. The student is expected to:  
(B) participate in leadership and career-development activities. |          |
| **Students will:** | |          |
| • Identify the three Design for Delight innovation principles | |          |
| • Correlate the Design for Delight innovation principles to the development of a personal career plan | |          |
| • Explain career clusters and their relationship to career pathways, industries, and careers | |          |
| **Session Two: Career Exploration & Informational Interviews** | **Career Preparation II**                                             |          |
| In this session, students work with a partner to explore their top three career choices and explain how they made their selections. They learn what an informational interview is and how to conduct one with a professional contact to learn more about a career of interest, and they prepare for a site visit. | (10) The student identifies skills and characteristics necessary for professional advancement. The student is expected to:  
(E) determine personal priorities such as interests, abilities, and family responsibilities affecting career choice; |          |
| **Students will:** | |          |
| • Analyze which career options most closely relate to their interests, strengths, and skills | |          |
| • Describe informational interviews and their relevancy to personal career exploration | |          |
| • Develop questions for informational interviews to identify preferable careers | |          |
| • Practice positive interview techniques and etiquette | |          |
| • Research local individuals working in preferable careers (optional) | |          |
| • Craft a personal elevator pitch (optional) | |          |
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| • Practice positive interview techniques and etiquette | |          |
| • Research local individuals working in preferable careers (optional) | |          |
| • Craft a personal elevator pitch (optional) | |          |

**Career Preparation II**

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| **Session Three: Job Site Visit** | Financial Math  
(17) The student applies mathematical process standards to demonstrate an understanding for a postsecondary plan. The student is expected to:  
(B) research and align interests and skills with potential careers and postsecondary education to assure a life strategy that will produce employment the student enjoys with a desired standard of living; | English I  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
9. A, B, C |
| Students will:  
• Observe and analyze a company’s presentations to discern business mission, values, and functions  
• Make ethical decisions related to a business scenario  
• Conduct informational interviews  
• Relate what was learned from a workplace visit to a personal career path | **Career Preparation I**  
(1) The student demonstrates professional employability skills to gain an entry-level position. The student is expected to:  
(C) develop a resume;  
(D) demonstrate proper interview techniques in various situations; and  
(E) create and complete appropriate documents such as electronic portfolio, employment application, letter of intent, I-9 form, W-4 form, and thank you letters. | English I  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
9. A, B, C |
| **Session Four: Site Visit Reflection** |  
In this session students reflect on their site visit and write a thank you note to their hosts and any informational interview subjects. They create a resume and an online professional profile. | **Career Preparation II**  
(1) The student uses and evaluates employability skills to improve marketability within the workplace. The student is expected to:  
(A) refine a professional electronic portfolio such as a two- to four-year individual career plan of study, resume, cover letter, awards, commendations, and thank you letters;  
(B) obtain letters of recommendation;  
(C) expand personal communication skills; and  
(D) refine interview skills. | English I  
1. A, B, C, D  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
9. A, B, C |
| Students will:  
• Evaluate personal career plan  
• Create a resume  
• Research local individuals working in preferable careers (optional)  
• Create an online job search profile  
• Write thank you notes | **Session Five: Interviewing for a Job**  
In this session students learn how to behave professionally and answer questions on job interviews, and they practice interviewing for a job. They explore how to secure a job shadow placement. | **English II**  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
9. A, B, C |
| Students will:  
• Identify common interview mistakes  
• Investigate common job interview formats  
• Practice job interviews from both the employer’s and applicant’s perspectives  
• Prepare for job interview  
• Plan and obtain job shadow commitment |  
In this session students attend a workplace site visit. They see presentations about the company, conduct informational interviews, and participate in a series of challenges. A detailed itinerary is in the JA Job Shadow Site Coordinator Guide.  
Students will:  
• Observe and analyze a company’s presentations to discern business mission, values, and functions  
• Make ethical decisions related to a business scenario  
• Conduct informational interviews  
• Relate what was learned from a workplace visit to a personal career path | **English II**  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
9. A, B, C |

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| In this session students prepare for their job shadow experience by developing questions to ask of their job shadow subjects, learning about appropriate workplace behavior, and researching the companies where they will spend time. | **Career Preparation II**  
(2) The student demonstrates professional employability skills as required by business and industry. The student is expected to:  
(A) maintain appropriate grooming and appearance for the workplace;  
(B) demonstrate positive interpersonal skills, including respect for diversity;  
(C) demonstrate appropriate business and personal etiquette in the workplace; | **English I**  
1. A, B, C, D  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
9. A, B, C  
**English II**  
1. A, B, C, D  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
9. A, B, C |
| Students will:  
- Research the job shadow subject’s company, employees, and industry  
- Develop questions for the job shadow experience  
- Distinguish between appropriate and inappropriate workplace behavior  
- Assess personal preparedness for the job shadow experience | **Financial Math**  
(17) The student applies mathematical process standards to demonstrate an understanding for a postsecondary plan. The student is expected to:  
(B) research and align interests and skills with potential careers and postsecondary education to assure a life strategy that will produce employment the student enjoys with a desired standard of living; | **English I**  
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5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
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| In this session students visit a workplace and participate in an independent job shadow experience with the host(s) they identified. | **Career Preparation I**  
(3) The student discusses work ethics, employer expectations, interactions with diverse populations, and communication skills in the workplace. The student is expected to:  
(E) develop listening skills;  
(F) apply effective listening skills used in the workplace | **English I**  
1. A, B, C, D  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
9. A, B, C  
**English II**  
1. A, B, C, D  
5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
9. A, B, C |
| Students will:  
- Complete a job shadow experience  
- Observe and analyze a workplace to evaluate relevancy to personal career plan  
- Adapt behavior to a work environment  
- Develop professional networking contacts | | |

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<td>In this session students reflect on their job shadow experience and write up their notes. They analyze the relevance of the company and jobs they observed to their own career path plans and consider next steps.</td>
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| Students will:  
- Analyze job shadow experience.  
- Re-evaluate personal career plan.  
- Demonstrate appropriate workplace etiquette. | | |
### Optional Pre-Lesson Enhancements

To prepare for the guest entrepreneur, consider these optional entrepreneurship-focused opportunities:

**Students will:**
- Determine their entrepreneur profile
- Brainstorm possible products or services that meet product criteria

#### Day of the Visit

Students engage in an inspirational experience that explores entrepreneurship and highlights the opportunities, challenges, and preparation required for successful participation in the global economy.

**Students will:**
- Analyze a real-world example of entrepreneurship.
- Determine one next step that could lead to a new business venture.

#### Extended Learning Opportunities (Optional)

Students will reflect and discuss their learnings after interacting with a local business professional.

Students can log on to the JA My Way website to learn more about ethics or have a debate about an ethical dilemma.

**Students will:**
- Work independently to discover more about entrepreneurship.

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| **Optional Pre-Lesson Enhancements** | Career Preparation II  
(8) The student evaluates personal attitudes and work habits that support career retention and advancement. The student is expected to:  
(B) describe entrepreneurial opportunities in the occupational area; | English I  
1. A, B, D  
5. A |
| | Career Preparation II  
(9) The student acquires the academic and technical skills for future education and employment in high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations. The student is expected to:  
(C) research entrepreneurial opportunities;  
(D) analyze rewards and demands for various levels of employment;  
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<td><strong>Session One: Earning, Employment, and Income</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students learn that healthy personal finances require planning and managing. They begin to analyze the financial implications of their educational and career choices as a basis for understanding the relationship between earnings and personal finance. Students also explore how their decisions can affect other people with whom they have relationships and practice using healthy behaviors to discuss shared financial decisions.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Students will:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Explain how values, priorities, and educational goals can affect career decisions.&lt;br&gt;• Identify employment options that align with your priorities and values.&lt;br&gt;• Recognize how your financial decisions can affect others.&lt;br&gt;• Use healthy relationship behaviors to discuss shared financial decisions.</td>
<td>Personal Financial Literacy&lt;br&gt;(15) College and postsecondary education and training. The student recognizes the costs and benefits of various types of college, postsecondary education, and training. The student is expected to:&lt;br&gt;(A) analyze the relationship between education and training and earnings;</td>
<td>Career Preparation II&lt;br&gt;(9) The student acquires the academic and technical skills for future education and employment in high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations. The student is expected to:&lt;br&gt;(A) research and identify current or emerging occupations;&lt;br&gt;(B) analyze future employment outlook;&lt;br&gt;(C) research entrepreneurial opportunities;&lt;br&gt;(D) analyze rewards and demands for various levels of employment;&lt;br&gt;(E) identify the academic and technical entry requirements for employment in various high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations;</td>
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<td><strong>Session Two: Budgeting</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students investigate the importance of budgeting and how to plan for staying within a budget. They review characteristics of a healthy relationship and explore how shared budgeting creates opportunities to talk about equality, independence, and respect.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Students will:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Recognize the importance of making and keeping a budget or spending plan.&lt;br&gt;• Identify categories of expenses on a budget.&lt;br&gt;• Explain how to use a budget to clarify shared financial decisions with another person.&lt;br&gt;• Prioritize expense categories on a budget.</td>
<td>Personal Financial Literacy&lt;br&gt;(2) Earning and spending. The student understands how financial statements are used to assess and monitor financial well-being. The student is expected to:&lt;br&gt;(B) track income and expenses and develop an income statement;&lt;br&gt;(C) develop a budget that incorporates short-, medium-, and long-term financial goals;</td>
<td>Financial Math&lt;br&gt;(15) The student applies mathematical process standards to demonstrate an understanding of the budgeting process. The student is expected to:&lt;br&gt;(A) create a comprehensive balanced personal budget, including fixed and variable expenses, college savings, emergency savings, and retirement savings;&lt;br&gt;(B) identify free resources to assist with maintaining a budget;</td>
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<td>Students analyze the role that saving plays in their personal finances. They explore how having a healthy savings plan is necessary in all phases of life but is especially critical for big-ticket items and emergencies. Students learn how to apply communication strategies when discussing financial issues.</td>
<td>(5) Saving and investing. The student understands the importance of saving and investing in creating wealth and building assets. The student is expected to: (A) develop a short-term saving strategy to achieve a goal such as establishing and maintaining an emergency fund; (B) develop an intermediate-term saving and investing strategy to achieve a goal such as accumulating a down payment on a home or vehicle;</td>
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<td>Students analyze the importance of credit and the outcomes of wise and poor use of credit. They examine the potential consequences of sharing credit or cosigning for loans.</td>
<td>(8) Credit and borrowing. The student understands the use of credit to make purchases. The student is expected to: (C) evaluate the impact of credit decisions on monthly budget, income statement, and net worth statement.</td>
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<td>• Differentiate between credit and debt.</td>
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<td>• Recognize the factors that affect an individual’s credit score and credit history.</td>
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<td>• Recognize the consequences of a low credit score.</td>
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<td>Students explore consumer protection basics, including how to avoid scams, manage their money, use credit and loans carefully, and protect their personal information. They learn some of the risks associated with sharing finances with others.</td>
<td>(9) Credit and borrowing. The student identifies factors that affect credit worthiness. The student is expected to: (A) develop a credit report and score; (B) identify and describe suspicious activity related to your finances; (C) describe the importance of monitoring credit reports regularly and addressing mistakes;</td>
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<td>• Recognize how a credit report can help identify suspicious activity related to your finances.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Six: Smart Shopping</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students learn about comparison shopping and participate in a simulated shopping experience. They explore communicating with other people about consumer behaviors and shared shopping. A volunteer or the teacher can introduce and wrap up the session.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br<strong>Students will:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Identify the factors necessary for making an informed purchase.&lt;br&gt;• Compare and contrast prices and data when making a purchase decision.&lt;br&gt;• Calculate savings gained through smart shopping.</td>
<td><strong>Personal Finance Literacy</strong>&lt;br&gt;(4) Earning and spending. The student critically evaluates consumption decisions.&lt;br&gt;(D) apply strategies for making informed decisions about purchasing consumer goods such as comparing prices per unit, looking for sales or promotions, and negotiating price</td>
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<td><strong>Session Seven: Risk Management</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students practice applying appropriate risk management strategies in scenarios and learn how to discuss risk management and manage the risks associated with shared financial choices.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br<strong>Students will:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Recognize the risk of financial loss as an everyday reality for everyone.&lt;br&gt;• Recognize risk management strategies and apply them appropriately.&lt;br&gt;• Understand the role of personal responsibility in preventing financial loss.</td>
<td><strong>Personal Finance Literacy</strong>&lt;br&gt;(11) Insuring and protecting. The student recognizes financial risks faced by individuals and families and identifies strategies for handling these risks. The student is expected to:&lt;br&gt;(A) identify risk as potential loss of assets or earning potential;</td>
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<td><strong>Session Eight: Investing</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students explore the difference between saving and investing, the advantages and potential returns of investing, and common types of investment products. Students also learn about various types of investment risks and self-assess their personal investment risk tolerance and communication with others about shared investments.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br<strong>Students will:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Evaluate investments with different levels of risk and reward.&lt;br&gt;• Describe the role that compound interest plays in wealth over time.&lt;br&gt;• Recognize that investment options carry different levels of risk and reward.&lt;br&gt;• Analyze the risk tolerances for different investment strategies. Recognize the importance of practicing healthy relationship behaviors in shared investment decisions.</td>
<td><strong>Personal Finance Literacy</strong>&lt;br&gt;5) Saving and investing. The student understands the importance of saving and investing in creating wealth and building assets. The student is expected to:&lt;br&gt;(D) develop a long-term investing strategy to achieve a goal such as a financially secure retirement (</td>
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| **Session Nine: Credit Cards (Optional: Self-Guided)**<br>These 10-minute, student self-guided activities introduce credit cards as a form of short-term financing that can be used to pay a bill or make a purchase. Other topics covered include credit card types, credit card terms and credit card rights.<br>Students will:<br>• Define the term “credit card.”<br>• Understand the difference between a credit card and a debit card.<br>• Discuss the reasons to use—and not to use—a credit card.<br>• Describe how using a credit card can impact your credit rating for better or worse.<br>• Discuss some of the pros and cons of sharing a credit card. | 8) Credit and borrowing. The student understands the use of credit to make purchases. The student is expected to:<br>(B) compare and contrast types of credit, including revolving and installment credit, and collateralized loans versus unsecured credit; and<br>(C) evaluate the impact of credit decisions on monthly budget, income statement, and net worth statement. | Career and Technical Education - Money Matters<br>(4) The student demonstrates an understanding of the fundamental principles of money. The student is expected to:<br>(A) explain forms of financial exchange, including cash, credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfer | English I 1. A, B, C, D 4. A, B, C, E, F, G 5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
| **Session Ten: Debt Management (Optional: Self-Guided)**<br>These 10-minute, student self-guided activities include lessons on bankruptcy, loans, managing debt, defaulting on loans, and consumer credit counselling.<br>Students will:<br>• Recognize the process, purpose, and outcomes of declaring bankruptcy.<br>• Identify the different types of bankruptcy.<br>• Evaluate the pros and cons of declaring bankruptcy in different situations.<br>• Analyze the impact of bankruptcy when debt is shared. | Economics<br>(18) Personal financial literacy. The student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze the costs and benefits of personal financial decisions. The student is expected to:<br>(A) examine ways to avoid and eliminate credit card debt;<br>(B) evaluate the costs and benefits of declaring personal bankruptcy; | NA | English I 1. A, B, C, D 4. A, B, C, E, F, G 5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
| **Session 11: Net Worth (Optional: Self-Guided)**<br>These 10-minute, student self-guided activities explain net worth and the process of determining net worth. Students will explore the different types of net worth, set financial goals, and learn about investing to build wealth.<br>Students will:<br>• Define net worth.<br>• Explore the process of determining net worth.<br>• Summarize the different types of net worth.<br>• Investigate the significance of shared net worth.<br>• Calculate personal net worth. | Personal Finance Literacy<br>(2) Earning and spending. The student understands how financial statements are used to assess and monitor financial well-being. The student is expected to:<br>(D) identify assets and liabilities;<br>(E) construct a balance sheet or net worth statement; | NA | English I 1. A, B, C, D 4. A, B, C, E, F, G 5. A, C, D, E, F, H  
# JA Take Stock in Your Future

## Session Descriptions

### Session One: Understanding Stocks
Students are introduced to the foundational concepts of stocks and the stock market through the analysis of an authentic, real-time stock market report. Then, they practice selecting stocks from a fictitious market to develop a portfolio.

**Students will:**
- Distinguish between private and public companies.
- Explain how and why people invest in corporations when they purchase stocks.
- Identify why companies issue stock.
- Explain how stocks can increase and decrease in value.
- Identify the steps in the process for buying and selling stocks on the stock market.

### Session Two: Stock Trading
Students explore how stocks are traded, how stock prices are affected by current events, and how investors make investment decisions and diversify their portfolios. Students are introduced to stock indexes/averages and stock tables, and they practice buying, selling, or holding stocks from their fictitious stock portfolio.

**Students will:**
- Discuss the impact that economic events have on stock prices and supply and demand.
- Analyze the data in a stock table.
- Practice following the process for buying and selling stocks on the stock market.

### Session Three: Exploring Dividends
Students analyze today’s stock market and explore the concept of dividends. Students analyze their fictitious stock portfolio and calculate their dividend payments.

**Students will:**
- Analyze how current events are affecting stock prices.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how cash dividends are earned and calculated.
- Evaluate the success of a fictitious stock portfolio in relation to market events.

## Social Studies Standards

| (6) Saving and investing. The student understands the implementation of a saving and investing plan. | (A) discuss the role of financial institutions and markets in saving and investing; |
| (D) evaluate risk and return of various investment options, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. | (A) identify the factors involved in the various methods of buying and selling stocks and mutual funds, including load and no-load funds, by evaluating the stock dividend yield, price-earnings ratio, return on investment, earnings per share, and net asset value; |

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### Career and Technical Education – Money Matters

(11) The student identifies various investment strategies. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate different types of investments such as stocks, bonds, and property;

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## Session Descriptions

### Session Four: Best-in-Class Competition

Students put their new stock market knowledge and skills into practice as they compete to win an in-class competition. This session is designed to be flexible based on students’ grade level and experience, plus the online stock market simulation tool selected by local JA Areas.

**Students will:**
- Implement knowledge of how to buy and sell stocks.
- Apply knowledge of how current events can impact stock prices.
- Evaluate the possible trade-off for each stock decision, prior to committing to the decision.
- Communicate and collaborate effectively within a team to successfully implement game strategies.

### Session Five: Planning for the Future

Students reflect on the experience of participating in the in-class competition and/or the JA Stock Market Challenge event and connect the simulations to the real world. They conclude the program by developing their own.

**Students will:**
- Compare and contrast real vs. simulated stock markets.
- Identify various asset classes and assess the risks of each.
- Develop a personal financial plan.
- Reflect on your learning and growth throughout the program.

### Analyzing Initial Public Offerings (IPOs)

Students learn some of the factors that investors consider when selecting an IPO for investment.

**Students will:**
- Identify the factors to consider when deciding whether to invest in an IPO.

## Social Studies Standards

(6) Saving and investing. The student understands the implementation of a saving and investing plan.

(7) Saving and investing. The student demonstrates an understanding of the importance of planning for retirement. The student is expected to:
- Identify costs of retirement such as living expenses, health care expenses, and long-term care expenses;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of saving early and at a sufficient level to achieve financial security in retirement.

(6) Saving and investing. The student understands the implementation of a saving and investing plan.

(D) Evaluate risk and return of various investment options, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds.

## Career Development; Financial Math; Career & Technical Education

### Financial Math

(9) The student applies mathematical process standards to demonstrate an understanding of investment options. The student is expected to:
- Identify the factors involved in the various methods of buying and selling stocks and mutual funds, including load and no-load funds, by evaluating the stock dividend yield, price-earnings ratio, return on investment, earnings per share, and net asset value.

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**Math**
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**Career and Technical Education - Money Matters**

(2) The student uses career planning concepts, tools, and strategies to explore, obtain, and develop a financial plan. The student is expected to:
- Discuss the nature and benefits of financial planning;
- Identify the factors to consider when deciding whether to invest in an IPO.

(11) The student identifies various investment strategies. The student is expected to:
- Evaluate different types of investments such as stocks, bonds, and property.
### Comparing Investment Channels

Students learn about several ways in which investors buy and sell stocks, uncovering the upsides and downsides of each method.

**Students will:**
- Compare the advantages and disadvantages of buying and selling investments through various channels.

**Social Studies Standards**

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(D) evaluate risk and return of various investment options, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds.

**Career and Technical Education - Money Matters**

(11) The student identifies various investment strategies. The student is expected to:

- (A) evaluate different types of investments such as stocks, bonds, and property
- (B) evaluate investment goals and objectives as they relate to risk tolerance;
- (C) investigate the opportunities and costs of postsecondary education;
- (D) investigate long-term needs and financial goals, including retirement;
- (E) investigate the factors that affect the value of investments.

**TEKS ELA/Math**


### Data Gathering

Students learn where investors can find detailed information about companies and how to evaluate each source of information.

**Students will:**
- Identify what resources investors use to make informed investment decisions.
- Express why investors research companies before making investment decisions.

**Social Studies Standards**

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**TEKS ELA/Math**


### Diversification and Risk

Students learn that, even though individual investors may have different risk tolerances, smart investors always seek to minimize their risk by diversifying their portfolios.

**Students will:**
- Identify different levels of risk tolerance.
- Express how and why investors use diversification to minimize risk.

**Social Studies Standards**

(6) Saving and investing. The student understands the implementation of a saving and investing plan.

(D) evaluate risk and return of various investment options, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds.

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<td><strong>Factors That Influence Stock Prices</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students learn the basics of supply and demand in the stock market, explore factors that impact stock price, and read and respond to scenarios related to determining stock price.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br<strong>Students will:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Explain how supply and demand govern the price of a stock when it is traded on a stock market.&lt;br&gt;• Describe the factors that can influence stock price.</td>
<td>Economics&lt;br&gt;• (2) Economics. The student understands the interaction of supply, demand, and price. The student is expected to:&lt;br&gt;• (A) understand the effect of changes in price on the quantity demanded and quantity supplied;</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Watchdogs</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students learn about several groups who oversee the financial sector, set and enforce the policies and laws regulating it, and protect investors.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br<strong>Students will:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Identify the protections provided to investors by market regulatory agencies that oversee financial markets, products, and professionals.</td>
<td>Economics&lt;br&gt;• (17) Personal financial literacy. The student understands the role of individuals in financial markets. The student is expected to:&lt;br&gt;• (A) assess ways to be a wise investor in the stock market and in other personal investment options such as developing a personal retirement plan;</td>
<td>NA</td>
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## JA Take Stock in Your Future

### Session Descriptions | Social Studies Standards | Career Development; Financial Math; Career & Technical Education | TEKS ELA/Math
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**Investing for the Long Term**  
Students learn why investing over the long-term offers the best path toward success in the market and why day trading can be fraught with risk.  
**Students will:**  
- Identify the value of and benefits associated with long-term investments.  
- Express the risks associated with day trading and short-term investments.  
**Personal Finance Literacy**  
(2) Earning and spending. The student understands how financial statements are used to assess and monitor financial well-being. The student is expected to:  
5. (C) demonstrate an understanding of the importance of saving early and at a sufficient level to achieve financial security in retirement.  
(6) Saving and investing. The student understands the implementation of a saving and investing plan.  
**English I**  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C  
5. A, B, C  
11. A  
**English II**  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, B, C  
11.A  
**Math**  
Algebra I and II  
1. A, B, C, D, E

### My Stock Portfolio  
This student self-guided activity enables students to practice what they have learned about investing as they research, select, and track real stocks on the stock market using an initial imaginary investment of $10,000. This activity has no time limit, and students may track and adjust their portfolios for as long as they’d like. You might want to set time parameters on this project, such as a month, six weeks, or some other period of time that makes sense for students to be able to track their portfolios.  
**Students will:**  
- Apply research-based investment decisions.  
- Practice following the process for buying and selling stocks.  
**Financial Math**  
(9) The student applies mathematical process standards to demonstrate an understanding of investment options. The student is expected to:  
(A) identify the factors involved in the various methods of buying and selling stocks and mutual funds, including load and no-load funds, by evaluating the stock dividend yield, price-earnings ratio, return on investment, earnings per share, and net asset value;  
**English I**  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C  
5. A, B, C  
11. A  
**English II**  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, B, C  
11.A  
**Math**  
Algebra I and II  
1. A, B, C, D, E

### Preparing for the JA Stock Market Challenge  
Students learn about the JA Stock Market Challenge and review the big ideas about stocks and the stock market.  
**Students will:**  
- Review the big ideas about investing, specifically stocks and stock trading.  
- Prepare for the JA Stock Market Challenge.  
**Career and Technical Education - Money Matters**  
(11) The student identifies various investment strategies. The student is expected to:  
(A) evaluate different types of investments such as stocks, bonds, and property;  
**English I**  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C  
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<td>Students learn the basics of company ownership models using a pizza business scenario. They explore the advantages and disadvantages for a company of remaining private or becoming publicly owned.</td>
<td>Students learn why public companies sell stock, what happens during a company’s initial public offering, and how stocks are traded on a stock exchange.</td>
<td>Students learn the basics of stock market investing, read and respond to scenarios about investing, and are introduced to three investing strategies.</td>
<td>Students learn about short- and long-term capital gains and the ways in which they are taxed differently, depending upon income.</td>
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<td>Students will: • Demonstrate an understanding of the differences between private and public companies as they relate to company ownership. • Explain why a company would remain private or go public.</td>
<td>Students will: • Identify how a stock’s price is set during a company’s initial public offering. • Identify the steps in the process for buying and selling stocks on a stock exchange.</td>
<td>Students will: • Recognize basic principles of investing in stocks. • List strategies for smart investing.</td>
<td>Students will: • Examine how short- and long-term capital gains are taxed.</td>
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<td>Government (4) Economics. The student understands the roles played by local, state, and national governments in both the public and private sectors of the U.S. free enterprise system.</td>
<td>Personal Finance Literacy (5) Saving and investing. The student understands the importance of saving and investing in creating wealth and building assets.</td>
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<td>(3) (A) identify sources of income, including wages and salaries, interest, rent, dividends, and capital gains;</td>
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<td>Career and Technical Education - Money Matters &lt;br&gt; (9) The student examines how personal financial decisions are used to achieve financial goals. The student is expected to: &lt;br&gt; (A) develop a budget based on personal financial goals; &lt;br&gt; (B) explain the benefits of saving and investing;</td>
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<td><strong>Session One: How Much? How Many?</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students explore how price and production can affect business performance.</td>
<td>Advanced Studies&lt;br&gt;(3) The student will develop products that meet standards recognized by the selected profession or discipline. The student is expected to:&lt;br&gt;(A) collaborate with the appropriate professionals to define the product;&lt;br&gt;(B) develop a plan for product completion;</td>
<td><strong>English I</strong>&lt;br&gt;1. A, B, C, D&lt;br&gt;4. A, B, C&lt;br&gt;5. A, B, C</td>
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<td><strong>Session Two: How Much? How Many? – The Simulation</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students make decisions about price and production levels using the JA Titan computer simulation.</td>
<td>Personal Finance Literacy&lt;br&gt;(4) Earning and spending. The student critically evaluates consumption decisions. The student is expected to:&lt;br&gt;(D) apply strategies for making informed decisions about purchasing consumer goods such as comparing prices per unit, looking for sales or promotions, and negotiating price.</td>
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<td><strong>Session Three: Cutting Edge</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students design a marketing plan.</td>
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<td>Students solicit capital investment.</td>
<td>(5) Economics. The student understands the basic characteristics and benefits of the U.S. free enterprise system. The student is expected to:</td>
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<td><strong>Students will:</strong></td>
<td>(A) explain the benefits of the U.S. free enterprise system, including individual freedom of consumers and producers, variety of goods, responsive prices, investment opportunities, and the creation of wealth;</td>
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<td>• Discuss reasons that businesses use different capital investment strategies</td>
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<td>• Make recommendations for capital investment based on set parameters</td>
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<td>• Define charitable giving and explain why businesses make decisions to share their resources</td>
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<td>Students make decisions about capital investment, price, production, research and development, and charitable giving using the JA Titan computer simulation.</td>
<td>(18) Personal financial literacy. The student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze the costs and benefits of personal financial decisions.</td>
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<td>• Demonstrate how business decisions affect business performance</td>
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<td>• React appropriately to decisions made by other businesses</td>
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**English I**
1. A, B, C, D
4. A, B, C
5. A, B, C

**English II**
1. A, B, C, D
4. A, B, C, E, F, G
5. A, B, C
### Session Details

**Tutorial: Getting Ready for Business**

Students are guided through an interactive tour of the JA Titan simulation. They learn about the program’s goals and key terms used in the simulation, and how to play JA Titan.

**Students will:**
- Recognize and correctly express the program’s key terms.
- Predict and identify various business trade-offs based on business decisions.
- Apply business decisions that indicate an understanding of the importance of profit to the success of a business.

**Economics**

(23) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others. The student is expected to use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution.

**Competition Prep: Freestyle Exploration**

Students jump straight into playing the JA Titan simulation. There is no teacher or volunteer led guidance or focus on a business concept. Instead, students learn solely by playing, using the Student Quick Start Guide and Student Activity Sheet.

**Students will:**
- Apply the profit equation: profit equals total revenue minus total costs.
- Apply the concept of pricing based on costs, productivity, and profit.
- Demonstrate an understanding that companies are constrained by limited resources.
- Evaluate the possible trade-offs for each business decision before committing to the decision.
- Use a budget as a strategy to monitor income, expenses, and other financial records.
- Identify potential customers and their preferred phone features to increase profitability.
- Identify a new phone feature to be developed to potentially increase profits.

### Social Studies Standards

**Economics**

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**Career Development – Applied Math**

(2) The student uses mathematical concepts of algebra to explain linear and non-linear applications in business and industry situations. The student is expected to:

  - (B) distinguish the purpose and difference of a linear and non-linear increase and decrease of a variable with time such as cost or profit;
  - (C) write systems of equations and inequalities from real-life situations that compare “best deal opportunities” with profit and expenses in businesses;

### Career Development; Financial Math; Career & Technical Education

**Economics**

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**TEKS ELA/Math**

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4. A, B, C
5. A, B, C

**English II**
1. A, B, C, D
4. A, B, C, E, F, G
5. A, B, C

**Math**
1. A, B, C, D
5. A

**Algebra I and II**
1. A, B, C, D, E
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| Students learn key terms and concepts for the simulation: budget, cash-on-hand, CEO, expenses, income statement, price, and production. | Economics (23) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others. The student is expected to use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution. | Financial Math (15) The student applies mathematical process standards to demonstrate an understanding of the budgeting process. | English I 1. A, B, D 5. A  
English II 1. A, B, D 5. A  
Math  
Algebra I and II 1. A, B, C, D, E |
| Students will: | | | |
| • Express and use the program’s key terms. | | | |
| • Use a budget as a strategy to monitor income, expenses, and other financial records. | | | |
| • Demonstrate an understanding that businesses are constrained by limited resources. | | | |
| • Express the importance of profit to the success of a business. | | | |
| • Practice using the features and functionality of the simulation interface. | | | |

### Competition Prep: Exploring Production

Students focus on the interconnected aspects of profit, price, cost, and production.

**Students will:**

• Express the profit equation.
• Describe how price is determined by cost plus markup. Express the importance of profit to the success of a business.
• Practice using the features and functionality of the simulation interface.

**Economics (23) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others. The student is expected to use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution.**

**Career and Technical Education (5) The student examines economic systems. The student is expected to:**

(A) explain sole proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations;
(B) identify factors affecting profit, revenue, and expenses;

Math  
Algebra I and II 1. A, B, C, D, E**

### Competition Prep: Examining R&D and Marketing

Students focus on the impact R&D and marketing can have on the product and the profits.

**Students will:**

• Describe why R&D and marketing expenses are investments.
• Express how R&D and marketing decisions support the success of a company.
• Practice using the features and functionality of the simulation interface.

**Economics (23) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others. The student is expected to use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution.**

**Financial Math (2) The student uses mathematical processes to acquire and demonstrate mathematical understanding. The student is expected to:**

(B) use a problem-solving model that incorporates analyzing given information, formulating a plan or strategy, determining a solution, justifying the solution, and evaluating the problem-solving process and the reasonableness of the solution;

Math  
Algebra I and II 1. A, B, C, D, E**
## Session Details

### Competition Prep: Considering Economic Factors

Students explore economic circumstances under which they may implement different strategies in preparation of the alternative scenario games available in the simulation.

**Students will:**
- Express and use the program’s key terms.
- Express the importance of profit to a business’s success.
- Evaluate and select the optimal business-based choices using the resources available.
- Recognize that shocks to demand or supply affect business management decisions.

### Competition Prep: Presenting the JA Titan of Business Competition

In this game-based session, students compete as businesses to see which will be crowned the JA Titan of Industry.

**Students will:**
- Express the importance of profit to the success of a business.
- Apply the profit equation.
- Demonstrate an understanding that companies are constrained by limited resources.
- Evaluate the possible trade-offs for each business decision before committing to the decision.
- Use a budget as a strategy to monitor income, expenses, and other financial records.
- Identify potential customers and their preferred phone features to increase profitability.
- Identify a new phone feature to be developed to potentially increase profits. Additionally, depending on the simulation settings selected, students may:
  - Apply debt financing for profitability.
  - Express the benefits to a business of making intentional, positive CSR decisions for the business, its employees, and the community.

## Social Studies Standards

### Economics

(23) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others. The student is expected to use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution.

### Financial Math

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Algebra I and II

1. A, B, C, D, E

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### Financial Math

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### Career and Technical Education – Money Matters

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| **Deep Dive: Research & Development***<br>This session provides a deeper exploration and study of R&D concepts.  
**Students will:**  
• Express the importance of R&D to the continued profitability of a business.  
• Identify a new feature to be developed for a smartphone that would potentially increase profits and practice working through the product design phase. | **Economics**<br>(23) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others. The student is expected to use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution. | **Financial Math**<br>(2) The student uses mathematical processes to acquire and demonstrate mathematical understanding.  
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**Math**<br>**Algebra I and II**  
2. A, B, C, D, E |
| **Deep Dive: Marketing***<br>This session provides a deeper exploration and study of marketing concepts.  
**Students will:**  
• Express the importance of marketing as an investment in the continued profitability of a business.  
• Apply the Four Ps of Marketing (product, place, price, and promotion) to a marketing plan to potentially increase a company’s profits. | **Personal Finance Literacy**<br>(4) Earning and spending. The student critically evaluates consumption decisions. The student is expected to:  
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**Math**<br>**Algebra I and II**  
1. A, B, C, D, E |
| **Deep Dive: Corporate Social Responsibility***<br>In this session, students analyze how a company can be a good community partner and socially responsible, culminating in a case study to explore how investing in CSR and being a good corporate citizen can impact a business and its many stakeholders.  
**Students will:**  
• Express how a business, its employees, and the community all benefit when the business makes intentional, positive CSR decisions.  
• Resolve an ethical business dilemma between a business’s responsibilities of profit versus its responsibilities to various stakeholders, including employees, customers, and the community. | **Economics**<br>(23) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others. The student is expected to use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution. | **Career Development Project-Based Research**<br>(3) The student demonstrates professional ethical behavior standards and legal responsibilities. The student is expected to:  
(A) analyze ethical challenges determined by factors such as cost, new and emerging technologies, and allocation of limited resources;  
**Career Expectation I**<br>(3) The student discusses work ethics, employer expectations, interactions with diverse populations, and communication skills in the workplace. | **English I**  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C  
5. A, B, C  
**English II**  
1. A, B, C, D  
4. A, B, C, E, F, G  
5. A, B, C |
## Session Details

**Deep Dive: Daily Business Operations Speaker Session**

In this volunteer-led session, a volunteer presents how his/her own business knowledge applies and relates to the business concepts in the simulation.

**Students will:**
- Recognize real-world applications of the terms and concepts from the game through a volunteer guest speaker presentation.

## Social Studies Standards

### Economics

(22) Social studies skills. The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms.

## Career Development; Financial Math; Career & Technical Education

### Career Expectation I

(3) The student discusses work ethics, employer expectations, interactions with diverse populations, and communication skills in the workplace.

## TEKS ELA/Math

### English I

1. A, B, C, D
4. A, B, C, E
5. A, B, C

### English II

1. A, B, C, D
4. A, B, C, E, F, G
5. A, B, C