

JA Career Adventures is a highly-engaging, digital program that encourages 6th grade students to think about not just *what* they want to be when they grow up, but also *who* they want to be! Through lessons aligned with state learning standards, assignments, examples, decision-making activities, videos, stickers and GIFs, JA Career Adventures tell a story for each student ... *their* story, as written by *them*!

After participating in JA Career Adventures, students will:

- Have a greater comprehension of how their personality, skills, interests and values may lead to a rewarding career
- Develop an introductory understanding of personal budgeting
- Have a deeper understanding of financial literacy topics such as earnings, savings, taxes, loans and credit scores
- Investigate Career Clusters based on the results of a Holland Codes Interests Survey
- Recognize that planning for their future starts now!

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Session Titles and Summaries

Session One: What Is My Happy Place?

Venn Diagrams are introduced as a way to compare multiple sets of data. Students learn how the convergence of their personality, skills, interests, and values may determine the path to their Happy Place (a successful and rewarding career).

Session Two: Who Am I?

Students complete the first circle of their Venn Diagram, learning about different personality types and the things that drive them (People Person, Ideas Person, Data Person, Things Person).

Session Three: What Am I Good At?

Students will complete the second circle of their Venn Diagram as they examine their skills and how those skills may be applied to a future career.

Session Four: What Do I Like to Do?

Students will complete the third circle of their Venn Diagram as they investigate their interests and learn how even their hobbies may lead them to a career they love.

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Session Five: What Is Important to Me?

Students will complete the fourth and final circle of their Venn Diagram as they determine their personal values. They will learn about business leaders who have exemplified values of courage, humility and kindness.

Session Six: Do I Want It or Do I Need It?

Students learn about budgets as they examine wants vs. needs. Students are faced with real-life scenarios in which they make choices regarding how they spend not just their money, but also their time.

Session Seven: How Much Do Things Cost?

Students will examine their personal budget, looking at costs for housing, transportation, utilities, etc. Students will learn about the many ways in which money can be spent and the importance of being a responsible consumer.

Optional Reflection Assignments

(fillable PDFs) are available at the end of each lesson.

Teachers may instruct their students to save the PDFs on their devices and send them to teachers upon completion.



Reflect

JA Career Adventures Include

- Ten (10) 15-minute lessons plus optional Reflection Assignments
- Sixteen (16) 15-minute Career Cluster lessons; we recommend that each student complete at least four (4) of these lessons
- Alignment to state financial literacy standards and Career Connections
- Flexible delivery options; teacher-led or student, self-guided
- Optional voice-over narration
- Vocabulary and content quizzes
- Diverse teacher iconography
- Positive, confidence-building language
- Pre- and post-test assessments

Session Eight: How Much Will I Make?

Students are presented with tips from *Seven Habits of Highly-Effective People*. Students are taught the difference between wages and salaries. Statistics are shared that show how education levels affect future salaries.

Session Nine: What Are Career Clusters?

Students learn that Career Clusters are a tool to find a career that matches their personality, skills, interests and values.

Session Ten: What Is An Interests Survey?

Students complete in an age-appropriate Interests Survey to determine their Holland Code.

Connect to a Career

Based on the results of their Interests Survey, students are asked to investigate at least four (4) Career Clusters where they will learn about exciting careers, salary ranges, education recommendations, common traits and job outlooks.