

JA Economics for Success®

JA Economics for Success provides practical information about personal finance and the importance of identifying education and career goals based on a student's skills, interests, and values.

Following participation in the program, students will be able to:

- Explore their skills, interests, values, and the world of work to make informed education, career, and life decisions.
- Develop their knowledge of personal finance to apply strong financial-management skills regardless of income.



Session Titles and Summaries:

- Session One: Mirror, Mirror
 Students make choices to better understand the concept of self-knowledge—the awareness of their skills, interests, and values—as they consider education, careers, and other life choices.
- Session Two: Be a Success
 Students learn how to set goals for their financial future. They play the Be a Success Game to see the connection between personal finance, education, and careers.
- Session Three: Keeping Your Balance
 Students receive Occupation Cards and observe how different jobs provide different monthly salaries. Based on those monthly salaries, students evaluate the opportunity cost when making budget decisions.
- Session Four: Savvy Shopper
 Students examine how consumers pay for goods and services. They discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using debit and credit cards.
- Session Five: Keeping Score
 Students examine how a credit score is determined and learn about the consequences of a positive and negative credit report.
- Session Six: What's the Risk?
 Students learn that life involves risk and that insurance and personal responsibility help to reduce the financial consequences of loss or injury.