

JA Virtual Learning Resources Focus: Middle School

During this difficult time, the safety and well-being of our staff, students, teachers, volunteers and supporters, is our number one priority. We understand the current challenges facing education and are honored to do our part by offering the following Virtual Learning Resources to teachers and parents.

The following programs and virtual classroom enhancements are available to you at no charge. Along with curriculum, JA also may provide the following:

- Recruitment of virtual "guest speaker" volunteers
- Virtual training of teachers, if needed
- Digital platform assistance
- Where applicable, student will be granted direct access to curriculum/platforms

Note: *JA programs correlate with CT Common Core State Standards.* To learn more please follow the link provided - <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-usa/middle-school-state-standard>

Virtual Volunteer Opportunities:

- **JA Career Speaker Series:** A volunteer "guest speaker" visits the classroom virtually and shares information about his or her career, work, and education experience.
- **JA Launch:** A point-of-entry program delivered virtually by community entrepreneurs. Students gain firsthand knowledge about starting a business and the entrepreneurial journey.
- **JA Career Panel:** Three to four volunteer guest speakers will visit the classroom virtually and participate in a panel discussion led by a moderator. Panels can vary in career or be concentrated around a particular industry.

Teacher or Parent Led Bite-Size Digital Resources

- **Grades 6-8**
 - From *JA Economics for Success*, intro to goal setting and how goals correlate to future economic success. Complete this guide to keep as a reminder of your career goals.
 - https://www.juniorachievement.org/documents/20009/7204536/JA_MiddleSchool_Career_Pocket.pdf
 - From *JA Economics for Success - Skills, interests, and values help you focus on what kinds of jobs and careers you might like. Do you know yours?*
 - https://www.juniorachievement.org/documents/20009/7204536/JA_MiddleSchool_Self_Knowledge.pdf
- **Additional resources within the Junior Achievement Pillar of Financial Literacy**
 - <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-usa/middle-school-supplements>

- https://www.federalreserveconsumerhelp.gov/learnmore/credit-debit-gift-and-prepaid-cards?sc_lang=en
- <https://www.bls.gov/k12/students/>

Teacher-Led: JA Blended Learning Curriculum: This teacher led approach, provides educators with a dashboard preloaded with program specific curriculum. Educators will have the ability to manage and communicate with their students. Students will also receive direct access to a customized dashboard, including interactive modern day learning modules.

Enrollment required.

- **JA Global Marketplace:** Students are introduced to the global marketplace and the ways in which countries buy and sell from each other. Through completion of this program, students will gain an understanding of producers and consumers in the interconnected global market.
- **JA It's My Business!:** Through Engaging activates, middle school students are provided an opportunity to experience the initial steps necessary to start a business. New program content provides an authentic entrepreneurial experience for students, with each session building up to a product-pitch competition.
- **JA It's My Future:** Middle school students are offered practical information to help prepare them for the working world. Students will develop the personal-branding and job-hunting skills needed to earn a job.
- **JA Assembling Your Career:** JA Assembling Your Career helps provide middle school and high school students with practical information about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) careers and ways students can prepare for these careers while still in school.
 - <https://www.juniorachievement.org/s3/apps/STEM/index.html>