



JA Academy for Leadership & Entrepreneurship

AT A GLANCE

- Principal: Dr. Leigh Ann Bradshaw
- Capacity: 600 students
- Average class size: 25
- A “full immersion” curriculum that mixes leadership, business and academic concepts and promotes the principles of free enterprise
- Hands-on experiences such as job shadowing, internships, volunteer opportunities, field trips and guest lectures
- Mentoring and networking through JA's vast network of business supporters
- College credit through a flexible dual enrollment program
- State-of-the-art facility and learning technology, including a laptop for each student
- Teachers with real-world business experience and advanced degrees in business, economics, etc.

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM

Students at the JA Academy have the advantage of learning a variety of practical entrepreneurial and leadership concepts, which are integrated into every aspect of our rigorous academic curriculum. This exclusive “full immersion” experience inspires students to think about each of their courses — from math to history to science and technology to language arts — in terms of the subjects’ business applications in a free enterprise system. And through partnerships with local community colleges and universities, students can take advantage of our flexible dual enrollment program.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

Through hands-on, interactive experiences such as internships, mentorships, guest lectures and field trips, students of the JA Academy gain first hand knowledge of the skills necessary for success in the world of entrepreneurship. These extraordinary opportunities are available to students through Junior Achievement’s business connections, which range from global corporations to small businesses making an impact at the local level.

Students also have the chance to give back to their communities by volunteering with JA and other local community service organizations.

QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS

The JA Academy’s knowledgeable, skilled instructors offer an impressive array of business and leadership experience. Our teachers help students appreciate the relevance and purpose of their academic coursework through their business backgrounds, anecdotes and wisdom. Our staff is supported by both an assistant principal and a full-time program director, ensuring the support and resources necessary to create meaningful instruction for our students.

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

The JA Academy is committed to connecting our achievers to the limitless career and leadership options available to them to support a market economy. Students can tap into JA’s renowned career exploration programs and take advantage of our counselors’ personalized assistance. Guidance with college and scholarship applications also is available.

OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE

The JA Academy is open to all Orange County incoming ninth and tenth grade students. Potential students must meet requirements including a minimum GPA of 2.5, evidence of leadership and entrepreneurship skills, and compliance with the JA Academy Code of Conduct and Standards.

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