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

• Recognize career clusters and potential job positions.
• Understand the importance of researching the requirements needed to earn a position.
• Implement job-hunting tools, such as networking, resumes, and interviewing skills.
• Identify the next steps needed for success in their academic and career preparation and acknowledge the importance of decisions made in high school to be better prepared for a successful career path.
• Communicate and interact with industry professionals.
• Have a better understanding of their career interests, skills, and work priorities.

Session Topics

Implementation of the in-class sessions is flexible, based on educator and JA Area preference. A minimum of two pre-JA Inspire events class sessions is required. Six optional videos are available to help guide class discussion and preparation.

1 Career Planning Starts with You
Students are introduced to JA Inspire. Through close examination of specific skills and career clusters, they learn the key factors to investigate career planning, skills, interests, work priorities, and job outlooks.

2 Making the Most of JA Inspire
Students refine a plan for the event. Encourage students to spend additional time outside of class researching the participating companies, if possible.

3 JA Inspire: The Event
At JA Inspire, local business teams offer learning experiences designed to show students what they will need from future employees. The event is designed to transform students’ abstract ideas about work into tangible ambitions and plans.

4 Debrief and Next Steps
Students reflect on what they have learned and identify next steps to further define their academic choices and career paths.
Join Junior Achievement’s national network of more than 240,000 volunteers and help students in your community connect the dots between what they learn in school and the “business of life”—work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

JA’s Turnkey Volunteer Solution:

Placement
During the JA Inspire event, volunteers guide and assist students in one of several ways including: mentors sharing career activities, bus greeters, check-in, welcome/prep team, information desk and more.

Training and Support
JA staff provides direction and training so you are comfortable with the event experience and timeline. You will become familiar with the schedule, the activity and work expected of students, and your roles and responsibilities.

Minimal Time Commitment
The time commitment is flexible to maximize the impact you make. The JA Inspire event typically takes place over one to three days, each day lasting four to six hours. As a volunteer you choose your schedule for just one, or multiple days. You will be astonished by how much the students can see, do, and learn in a short period of time.

JA Staff Follow-Up and Support
Volunteers are key to the success of this program. JA staff will be available to answer your questions or make suggestions about your volunteer assignment.