

## Teaching a Junior Achievement Class in Spanish

Some school districts within the Denver metro area have classrooms that are taught primarily in Spanish, so Junior Achievement does our very best to support the students and the school by providing bilingual volunteers in those classrooms. Every classroom is different; some might require the entire class be taught in Spanish, and others may have more of a mix of both Spanish and English throughout the day. In all cases, the teachers are there to support their JA volunteers and help when needed. JA greatly appreciates the support from our bilingual volunteers and the extra time you take to teach JA in Spanish.

### Why They Need You

The English Language Learning student population experiences a high drop out rate. These students are also among the lowest ranking in academic achievement and expectations. They represent an at-risk population faced with a wide range of challenges. The extra effort Junior Achievement volunteers make to teach JA programs in these Spanish classes can make a tremendous impact on the students. ELL students would not receive the Junior Achievement program without dedicated volunteers who are able to connect with them in their native language.

### Support From JA

Because all JA programs are in English, we have developed “Bilingual Teaching Tips” to better support volunteers with easy vocabulary translation and other helpful information. These tips are available for Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Please also reference and review the “Supporting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learners” article provided in your training packet for strategies to effectively engage English Language Learners.