

JA Real Jobs in Colorado Program Overview

Connecting Kids with Real Jobs In Colorado

Let Junior Achievement (JA) help your students discover their career goals. JA Real Jobs in Colorado is a program that will guide young people through their career-searching process, from high school, to post-secondary education, to employment. This program aligns with ICAP — Colorado’s Individual Career and Academic Plan Initiative.

Overview

Volunteers from area corporations serve as real-world career guides for high school students as they help connect students’ classroom career exploration activities with jobs in the real world. Students learn specifically about the “Hot Jobs” that represent Colorado’s top workforce needs.

Program Sessions

Real World Earning Power

Students learn to benchmark lifestyles associated with education and wage information. They will complete a family budget for an “Average American.” Student will be able to utilize this information when the research careers on the CollegelnColorado.org website.

Growing Industries in Colorado

Students receive an introduction to the concept of career clusters and industry/economic clusters. Students will be introduced to state characteristics and top industries in Colorado. They will apply this knowledge to evaluate their state’s opportunities.

Hot Jobs in Colorado

Students will explore Colorado’s top careers to find the opportunities projected for the future employment. They will compete in teams to evaluate various job postings and determine which “Hot Job” the posting represents.

Understanding Career Choices

Students learn the importance of making good education and career choices. They will study as a group “Oh No!” scenarios of individuals who have made less-than-ideal choices, exploring the concept of having a Plan B in place. They will use this information to look at their own life and map out career goals including their own Plan B.

Education Paths

Students will learn to develop an education path by understanding levels of education, school information, and other concepts related to pursuing post-secondary education.

Career Paths

Students learn to develop a career path and follow case studies, learning how to map career paths for each of the case studies. They will explain their own career path and choice through a “career commercial.”



“After students graduate from high school and are faced with the responsibilities of life, they are always appreciative of the practical life skills taught in JA Programs. A reward that we rarely get to see.”

— High School Teacher