## JA It’s My Business! (Blended Model)

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| **Session One: Entrepreneurs**  
Students learn about the relationship between entrepreneurs, their businesses, and the products and services they offer, and then take an entrepreneurial characteristics inventory to assess their own entrepreneurial skills and interests.  
**Objectives:**  
The students will be able to:  
- Define entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship  
- Describe the relationship between a business and its products and service  
- Identify entrepreneurial characteristics and recognize them, in varying degrees, in themselves  
**Colorado Essential Skills**  
- **Task/Time Management**  
- Demonstrate task-management attributes associated with producing high-quality products  
**Career Awareness**- Pursue a path of inquiry initiated by personal connections to careers and other life pursuits.  
**SS.6.1.2.2 a.** Explain how people, products, cultures, and ideas interact and are interconnected in the Western Hemisphere and how they have impacted modern times.  
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L.8.1-5 | | |
| **Session Two: Market and Need**  
Students are introduced to young entrepreneurs who have successfully met an identified market need, and then created a new product to meet the need. Students work in groups to brainstorm current needs within different product categories.  
**Objectives:**  
The students will be able to:  
- Define market and need  
- Explain the importance of identifying market and need when developing new product or service ideas  
**Colorado Essential Skills**  
- **Informed Risk Taking**- Innovate from failure, connect learning across domains and recognize new opportunities  
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| **Session Three: Innovative Ideas**  
Students learn about innovative idea generation, and examine cutting-edge products. Working in groups, students brainstorm their own product ideas and use graphic organizers to capture them.  
**Objectives:**  
The students will be able to:  
- Explain innovation and recognize it as a necessary entrepreneurial skill when starting a business  
- Participate in creative idea generation, from brainstorming to defending and selecting an idea  
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### Session Four: Design and Prototype

Students learn about product design and the prototype process. Each student will create a product sketch to show the features and explain the purpose of his or her product.

**Objectives:**
- Represent a product idea and its features by using rough sketches and drawings
- Recognize sketches as an important first step in the prototype process

**Colorado Essential Skills**
- **Innovation:** Engage in novel approaches, moves, directions, ideas and/or perspectives.
- **Inquiry/Analysis:** Test hypotheses/prototype with planned process for getting feedback

**Academic Standards**
- Grade 7: RI7.1.4,7, W.7.4, SL.7.1-2, L.7.1-6
- Grade 8: RI8.4, W.8.4, SL.8.1-2, L.8.1-5

### Session Five: Testing the Market

Students learn about the importance of obtaining market feedback about new product ideas. They will examine various survey question types and determine whether questions yield useful product feedback, and then practice developing survey questions in groups.

**Objectives:**
- Discuss the importance of market research in the product development process
- Describe multiple types of survey questions

**Colorado Essential Skills**
- **Critical Thinking:** Make connections between information gathered and personal experiences to apply and/or test solutions
- **Inquiry/Analysis:** Test hypotheses/prototype with planned process for getting feedback

**Academic Standards**
- Grade 7: RI7.1.4,7, W.7.4, SL.7.1-2, SL.7.4-5, L.7.1-6
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### Session Six: Seek Funding

Students learn how to plan and deliver a pitch presentation with the intent of attracting potential investors. In a mock competition, groups will pitch their product idea to guest judge(s) who will award teams with ceremonial startup funds.

**Objectives:**
- Describe the elements that make a strong pitch presentation
- Work together to create and deliver a product pitch for potential funding

**Colorado Essential Skills**
- **Communication:** Establish goals for communication and plan out steps accordingly
- **Communication Technologies:** Evaluate information through the use of technologies
- **Self-Advocacy:** Demonstrate confidence in sharing ideas/feelings

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