

JA Explore Your Path | Program Overview

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JA Explore Your Path is designed to spark the interest of 9th and 10th grade students in careers and educational and employment opportunities. During this program, students will work to explore career paths and things to consider as they enter the workforce. JA Explore Your Path consists of 4 sessions designed for 45-minute class periods. Session 1 is educator-led and Sessions 2-4 are volunteer-led. See below for program description and objectives.

Session One—Exploring JA Digital Career Book (Educator-led):

Students are introduced to the JA Digital Career Book in order to complete a Career Interest Survey that will match their interests and abilities to career, education, and employment opportunities.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Assess their personal interests
- Analyze the results of a career survey to identify top career choices
- Examine top career choices and identify educational and career paths
- Reflect on the results in order to set goals

Session Two—Career Close Up:

Students are exposed to the career path of their volunteer who will give them a glimpse into their career journey and the educational and professional choices they made to get to where they are today.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Analyze a volunteer's personal career journey
- Apply career skills to their own life expectations
- Identify educational resources to attain career goals

Session Three—Work Priorities:

Students learn about the importance of being prepared and adaptable in an ever changing workplace. Students will explore which of their priorities are most important to them as they prepare for their future careers.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Recognize the importance of being focused, proactive, and adaptable when exploring careers
- Rank work environment priorities as an anchor for future career planning decisions

Session Four—Collaboration and Teamwork in the Workplace:

Students learn the importance of collaboration and communication in the workplace.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate collaboration with team members to accomplish work-based challenges
- Recognize the importance of quality communication while working in a team
- Recognize the components of a high-performance team