

Junior Achievement's middle school programs prepare teens to make difficult decisions about how to best prepare for their future. These programs supplement standard social studies curricula and help students develop communication and critical thinking skills essential for future educational and career success. All programs are offered at no cost to schools.

## Capstone Program

*JA Finance Park presented by Transamerica*  
*12 teacher-led sessions + field trip or virtual simulation*

JA Finance Park is JA's capstone curriculum for personal financial planning and career exploration. This teacher-led classroom curriculum culminates with a visit to JA Finance Park, realistic on-site facilities located in Thornton and the Denver Tech Center, where students engage with volunteers and put into practice what they've learned by developing a personal budget.

An advanced curriculum and simulation give high school students a more personal focus. Students select their career and define their future lifestyle and financial goals. The advanced simulation allows students to see the long-term impact of their education, savings, and credit decisions. A virtual version of the simulation is also available.



## Classroom Programs

**JA Economics for Success**  
*6 sessions*

JA Economics for Success introduces students to initial work and career readiness concepts. Students explore career interests and opportunities. They learn about planning for a career, including the importance of self-awareness to guide choices, relevant post high school education to enable those choices, and sufficient income to pay for their wants and needs. Students recognize and develop transferable skills.

**JA Global Marketplace**  
*6 sessions*

JA Global Marketplace introduces middle school students to the global marketplace and the ways in which countries buy and sell from each other. Through completion of this program, students gain an understanding of producers and consumers in the interconnected global market.

**JA It's My Future**  
*6 sessions*

JA It's My Future provides practical information about preparing for the working world while still in middle school. Following participation in the program, students will be able to explore potential careers and develop personal branding.

**JA Start it Up!**  
*5 sessions*

JA Start It Up immerses students in the world of business by challenging them to develop a business proposal for a real company. Students work together in teams to practice entrepreneurial thinking and experience the creativity, sense of accomplishment and excitement that comes with solving a real-world business challenge.