

Hello CTE Educators,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for today's presentation. For those who couldn't attend live, the session was recorded, and we hope you'll find time to watch it when your schedule allows.

The JA North team is committed to being active and engaged partners, ensuring you have support for the implementation and execution of JA programs that create a positive learning experience for educators and learners. Below is a brief recap of the Junior Achievement programs we highlighted (with live links to explore more!) and how they support CTE standards, career exploration, and real-world skill building for students across North Dakota.

Programs Highlighted:

- **JA BizTown Adventures**
 - Grades 4-6, with flexible classroom lessons
 - Gamified experiential learning simulation
 - Students work for businesses, manage money, and make decisions
 - Strong connection to financial literacy, teamwork, and employability skills
- **JA Career Expo**
 - Support for active career fairs and expos to enhance learning experience
 - Exposure to regional industries and career pathways
 - Flexible format for schools and districts
- **JA Job Shadow**
 - High impact, real-world career exploration experiences
 - Connects classroom learning to the workplace
 - Supports career awareness and professional skills
 - Can be combined with current district activities or VR experiences
- **JA Financial Literacy**
 - Meets all standards of new $\frac{1}{2}$ credit financial literacy requirement
 - Topics include budgeting, saving, credit, and decision-making
 - Grade-appropriate and classroom-ready
- **JA Finance Park (Entry Level) & JA Finance Park Advanced**
 - Entry Level – grades 7-9 & Advanced – grades 10-12
 - Capstone simulation for financial literacy and career readiness
 - Students explore careers, income levels, and postsecondary pathways
 - Hands-on budgeting experience tied to real-life choices (housing, transportation, childcare, savings, etc.)
 - Reinforces employability skills: decision-making, critical thinking, and problem-solving

- **JA Dream Accelerator**
 - Project-based learning experience
 - Career exploration, entrepreneurship, and future planning
 - Connects student interests to high-demand career pathways
 - Mobile unit launching for 26-27 school year
- **JA Company Program Learning Experience Overview**
 - Students create, operate, and dissolve a real business
 - Focus on entrepreneurship, teamwork, and problem solving
 - Builds career readiness and business fundamentals

Questions from Today's Meeting

- **Volunteer Needs & Sourcing**

Junior Achievement partners closely with schools to engage family members and community volunteers. We also leverage business and industry partners who are open to volunteering through our Compass volunteer platform, helping ensure local relevance and support.

- **Cost of Programs**

We work intentionally with schools to avoid cost being a barrier. Many programs are available at no cost to schools, and others may have a nominal fee. We are always happy to collaborate around budgets, funding options, and implementation needs.

If you're interested in bringing Junior Achievement programming to your classroom or school or would like to explore which options best align with your CTE goals, we'd love to connect.

Thank you again for your time, engagement, and the important work you do for students across North Dakota.

Wishing you the best!

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