LEARNING EXPERIENCE BRIEF

JA Finance Park® Entry Level Virtual

▶ Financial Literacy

JA Finance Park helps students build a foundation upon which they can make informed financial decisions that last a lifetime, including decisions related to income, expenses, savings, and credit. The learning experience comprises several educator-led, in-class lessons and a variety of optional, extension activities. The experience culminates in a hands-on, online budgeting simulation that is supported by volunteers.

SAMPLE SIMULATION ACTIVITIES

In the *JA Finance Park* Entry Level Virtual simulation, students will:

- Select their own avatar and interests.
- Review personal information about their job, income, and family status.
- Research, shop, and pay for various categories.
- Make financial decisions within a young adult's life stage.
- View a summary and report of their budgeting, spending, and saving at the end of the simulation.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

- Flexible options to participate virtually:
  - Deliver activities using tailored volunteer guides, or assist with curriculum sessions.
  - Assist and support students during the simulation.
- Minimum of 3 hours required

ENTRY LEVEL VIRTUAL SIMULATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Are introduced to the concept of "adulting," laying the groundwork for their future
- Create a monthly budget based on a randomly assigned life persona

The *JA Finance Park* Entry Level experience has a primary focus of the JA Financial Literacy Pathway and a secondary focus of the Work and Career Readiness Pathway and can be used in Grades 7–8. The learning experience is traditionally educator-led, however a student self-guided implementation option is also available.

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