



**A Correlation between  
Common Core State Standards,  
Alabama Courses of Study Standards  
and  
Junior Achievement Capstone Programs**

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# Overview

The following correlation features the knowledge and skills that students are introduced to in JA Capstone Programs. The correlation is not meant to be exhaustive, nor is it intended to infer that any one resource will completely address any given standard. It is designed to show how *JA BizTown*<sup>®</sup> and *JA Finance Park*<sup>®</sup> will enhance or complement efforts to meet educational standards.

*JA BizTown* helps prepare students for a lifetime of learning and academic achievement through daily lessons, hands-on activities, and active participation in a simulated community designed to support differentiated learning styles. *JA BizTown* students develop a strong understanding of the relationship between what they learn in school and successful participation in an economy.

*JA BizTown* encompasses important elements of work-readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy, providing students with a solid foundation of business, economics, and free enterprise education. The program content augments students' core curriculum in social studies, English language arts, and mathematics. Throughout the program, students use critical-thinking skills to learn about key concepts as they explore and enhance their understanding of free enterprise. *JA BizTown* is correlated in this document to the Alabama Courses of Study standards for the elementary grades (4, 5, and 6.)

*JA Finance Park* helps students build a foundation upon which they can make intelligent financial decisions that last a lifetime, including decisions related to income, expenses, savings, and credit. *JA Finance Park* lessons provide a highly relevant learning opportunity in which students apply Language Arts and mathematics skills to solve problems arising in everyday life. The lessons also address fundamental business and economic concepts, explore career interests and opportunities, and develop work-readiness skills.

The *JA Finance Park* program is composed of 13 required teacher-taught, in-class lessons. It culminates in a hands-on budgeting simulation that is implemented either at a JA Finance Park facility, mobile unit, or virtual site. Additional extension activities are available for each lesson topic. Lessons are offered in a traditional classroom presentation format designed for middle-grade students, and in a Project-Based Learning (PBL) format created for high school students. Both provide educators a method of delivery that will best meet the needs of their students.

# JA BizTown

JA BizTown Unit	Social Studies Standards	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math
<p><b>Unit 1: Financial Literacy</b></p> <p>You must have money to spend money. Students need to understand this fundamental concept of earning and spending if they are to grasp the importance of sound personal finance. This unit introduces students to bank services and practices that will help them to be successful in <i>JA BizTown</i> and in life. In a society in which money transactions increasingly are instantaneous, it is critical that students understand the basics of deposits, checks, and withdrawals and then build on that knowledge to understand electronic banking and bank cards.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extrapolate services offered by financial institutions.</li> <li>▪ Complete a bank account application.</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate an ability to endorse a paycheck.</li> <li>▪ Complete a deposit ticket.</li> <li>▪ Maintain a check register correctly.</li> <li>▪ Describe the consequences of insufficient funds.</li> <li>▪ Write and sign checks.</li> <li>▪ State the benefit of an interest- earning savings account.</li> <li>▪ Explain how money in a savings account grows.</li> <li>▪ Explore the differences between checks, debit cards, and credit cards.</li> <li>▪ Explain how money changes hands when a debit card is used.</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate use of a check register to record a debit purchase.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity cost</li> <li>• Apply financial literacy principles, including money management skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 4</b>            RI.4.3            RI.4.4            RI.4.5            RI.4.7            SL.4.1            SL.4.3            L.4.4</p> <p><b>Grade 5</b>            RI.5.4            RI.5.5            RI.5.7            SL.5.1            L.5.1            L.5.3            L.5.4</p> <p><b>Grade 6</b>            RI.6.7            SL.6.1            SL.6.2            L.6.1            L.6.3            L.6.4</p>	<p><b>Grade 4</b>            4.NBT.3            4.NBT.4</p> <p><b>Grade 5</b>            5.NBT.5            5.NBT.7</p> <p><b>Grade 6</b>            6.NS.3</p> <p>Mathematical Practices 4-6            1-7</p>

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JA BizTown Unit	Social Studies Standards	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math
<p><b>Unit 2: Community and Economy</b></p> <p>Students explore their role as citizens of a community. They are introduced to the concept of the circular flow of money and goods in an economy. They define basic economic concepts and discuss the impact of taxes and philanthropy.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Define various vocabulary terms.</li> <li>▪ Explain how good citizens have a sense of responsibility to others and to their community.</li> <li>▪ Identify goods, services, and resources (human, natural, and capital).</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate the circular flow of an economy.</li> <li>▪ Discover the function of businesses in producing goods and services.</li> <li>▪ Define scarcity and learn more about free enterprise.</li> <li>▪ Identify the three basic economic questions (what, how, and for whom to produce).</li> <li>▪ Understand why people pay taxes.</li> <li>▪ Define gross pay and net pay.</li> <li>▪ Calculate tax by multiplying with decimals.</li> <li>▪ Differentiate between public goods and services and private goods and services.</li> <li>▪ Give examples of philanthropy.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the free enterprise system, the American economy, and differing economic views including the roles of entrepreneurs and the government;</li> <li>• Understand roles of consumers and producers in the market economy of the United States</li> </ul> <p>Civics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify rights and responsibilities of citizenship, including the practice of responsible citizenship.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 4</b>            RI.4.7            W.4.8            SL.4.1            SL.4.2            SL.4.3            L.4.1            L.4.4            L.4.6</p> <p><b>Grade 5</b>            RI.5.7            W.5.8            SL.5.1            SL.5.2            SL.5.3            L.5.1            L.5.4            L.5.6</p> <p><b>Grade 6</b>            R.6.7            SL.6.1            SL.6.2            L.6.1            L.6.4            L.6.6</p>	<p>Mathematical Practices 4-6            1            2            4</p>
<p><b>Unit 3: Work Readiness</b></p> <p>Citizens learn how their interests and skills can lead to exciting careers.</p> <p>They have an opportunity to assess their own skills and interests and to see what kinds of jobs are available at <i>JA BizTown</i>. They have an opportunity to fill out a job application and experience the job interview process.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognize their interests and skills.</li> <li>▪ Explain the relevance of interests and skills in career exploration and planning.</li> <li>▪ Distinguish the differences among the four primary career types: people, ideas, data, and things.</li> <li>▪ Categorize STEM careers into different types.</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate appropriate workplace behaviors.</li> <li>▪ Define resume, job interview, and applicant.</li> <li>▪ Complete a job application.</li> <li>▪ Model appropriate business greetings.</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate proper interview skills.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand roles of consumers and producers in the market economy of the United States</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 4</b>            RI.4.4            SL.4.1            L.4.1            L.4.2            L.4.4            L.4.6</p> <p><b>Grade 5</b>            RI.5.4            SL.5.1            L.5.1            L.5.2            L.5.4            L.5.6</p> <p><b>Grade 6</b>            SL.6.1            L.6.1            L.6.2            L.6.4            L.6.6</p>	<p><b>Grade 4</b>            4.MD.4</p> <p><b>Grade 5</b>            5.MD.2</p> <p>Mathematical Practices 4-6            2            4-6</p>

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JA BizTown Unit	Social Studies Standards	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math
<p><b>Unit 4: Business Management</b></p> <p>Citizens prepare for their visit to <i>JA</i></p> <p><i>BizTown</i> by working in business teams to learn about key factors in operating a business, such as teamwork, operation costs, pricing, and advertising.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Describe costs associated with operating a business.</li> <li>▪ Calculate business expenses.</li> <li>▪ Use teamwork to create a paragraph that describes a business.</li> <li>▪ Define selling price, revenue, and inventory.</li> <li>▪ Describe factors that affect selling price.</li> <li>▪ Explain the relationship between revenue, costs, and profit.</li> <li>▪ Define advertising.</li> <li>▪ Describe characteristics of effective advertising.</li> <li>▪ Acknowledge how effective teamwork and cooperation enhance business teams.</li> <li>▪ Appreciate how careful completion of details ensures a more successful <i>JA BizTown</i> visit.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand roles of consumers and producers in the market economy of the United States</li> <li>• Apply financial literacy principles including money management skill</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 4</b></p> <p>W.4.1 W.4.2 W.4.4 SL.4.1 L.4.1 L.4.3 L.4.4 L.4.6</p> <p><b>Grade 5</b></p> <p>W.5.1 W.5.2 W.5.4 SL.5.1 L.5.1 L.5.3 L.5.4 L.5.6</p> <p><b>Grade 6</b></p> <p>W.6.1 W.6.4 SL.6.1 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4 L.6.6</p>	<p><b>Grade 4</b></p> <p>4.NBT.5</p> <p><b>Grade 5</b></p> <p>5.NBT.5</p> <p><b>Grade 6</b></p> <p>6.NS.2 6.NS.3</p> <p>Mathematical Practices 4-6 1-7</p>
<p><b>Unit 5: Visit and Debrief</b></p> <p>Citizens participate in the <i>JA BizTown</i> simulation and then return to class for a debriefing lesson to ensure they have a well-rounded learning experience. The debrief lesson allows citizens to reflect on their <i>JA BizTown</i> experience and further identify the relevance of classroom learning to their future plans and goals.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Function in their job capacity at <i>JA BizTown</i>.</li> <li>▪ Manage their personal finances and time.</li> <li>▪ Carry out responsibilities of citizenship, such as voting and obeying laws.</li> <li>▪ Evaluate team performance at <i>JA BizTown</i>.</li> <li>▪ Explain the circular flow of economic activity.</li> <li>▪ Describe how citizens use financial institutions.</li> <li>▪ Describe how citizens work within a quality business.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the free enterprise system, the American economy, and differing economic views including the roles of entrepreneurs and the government;</li> <li>• Explain the law of supply and demand in a market economy.</li> <li>• Understand roles of consumers and producers in the market economy of the United States</li> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity cost</li> <li>• Apply financial literacy principles, including money management skills</li> </ul> <p>Civics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify rights and responsibilities of citizenship, including the practice of responsible citizenship.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 4</b></p> <p>W.4.1 SL.4.1 SL.4.4 L.4.1 L.4.6</p> <p><b>Grade 5</b></p> <p>W.5.1 SL.5.1 SL.5.4 L.5.1 L.5.6</p> <p><b>Grade 6</b></p> <p>W.6.1 SL.6.1 SL.6.4 L.6.1 L.6.4</p>	<p><b>Grade 5</b></p> <p>5.NBT.5</p> <p>Mathematical Practices 4-6 1-7</p>

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Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math
<p><b>Unit 1: Income</b></p> <p>Students recognize the fundamental role that income plays in their personal finances and the factors that affect income and take-home pay. They discover how their decisions about education and careers impact their potential income and quality of life.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rate their interests, abilities, and values.</li> <li>▪ Determine work preferences and match them to career choices.</li> <li>▪ Define taxes and explain their purpose and impact on income.</li> <li>▪ Figure net monthly income.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity costs</li> </ul> <p>Civics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify rights and responsibilities of citizenship, including the practice of responsible citizenship.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> SL.6.1 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> SL.7.1 L.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4</p> <p><b>Grade 8</b> SL.8.1 L.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4</p> <p><b>Grades 9-10</b> SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4</p> <p><b>Grades 11-12</b> SL.11-12.1 L.11-12.1 L.11-12.4</p>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 SP.6.1 SP.6.2</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> RP.7 R2.b NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2</p>
<p><b>Unit 2: Saving, Investing and Risk Management</b></p> <p>Students explore and compare saving and investing options as part of their overall financial planning. They also examine risk and how insurance may help protect savings from both planned and unplanned events.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify the benefits of saving a portion of income for future use.</li> <li>▪ Explain short- and long-term saving options.</li> <li>▪ Explain some of the advantages and disadvantages of various saving and investing options.</li> <li>▪ Assess personal risk and risk management.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity costs</li> <li>• Apply financial literacy principles including money management skill</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> RI.6.2 SL.6.1 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> RI.7.2 SL.7.1 L.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4</p> <p><b>Grade 8</b> SL.8.1 L.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4</p> <p><b>Grades 9-10</b> SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4</p> <p><b>Grades 11-12</b> SL.11-12.1 L.11-12.1 L.11-12.4</p>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 SP.6.1 SP.6.2</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> RP.7 R2.b NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2 SP.7.5</p>

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Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math
<p><b>Unit 3: Debit and Credit</b></p> <p>Students compare financial institutions and their services. Through discussion and a game activity, they also weigh the advantages and disadvantages of debit and credit. Students also examine the role that credit scores and credit reporting have on personal finances.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Define financial institutions and identify the services they provide.</li> <li>▪ Examine debit and credit cards and their use.</li> <li>▪ Explain the benefits and common pitfalls of credit cards.</li> <li>▪ Explain the benefits of debit cards.</li> <li>▪ Define credit score and describe how it influences the ability to get credit and borrow money.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity costs</li> <li>• Apply financial literacy principles including money management skill</li> <li>• Understand roles of consumers and producers in the market economy of the United States</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> SL.6.1 SL.6.2</p> <p><b>Grades 9-10</b> L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4</p> <p><b>Grades 11-12</b> SL.11-12.1 L.11-12.1 L.11-12.4</p>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> RP.7.R2.b NS.7.3 SP.7.5</p> <p><b>Grade 8</b> G.8 SP.8.2</p>
<p><b>Unit 4: Budget+</b></p> <p>Students recognize the importance of spending wisely to achieve financial success and the value of creating and maintaining a budget.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Categorize spending by needs and wants.</li> <li>▪ Compare teen and adult spending patterns.</li> <li>▪ Determine which categories belong in a budget.</li> <li>▪ Relate the need to save money to meet goals.</li> <li>▪ Prepare a budget using goals and income.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity costs</li> <li>• Apply financial literacy principles including money management skill</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> RI.6.1 SL.6.1 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> RI.7.1 SL.7.1 L.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4</p> <p><b>Grade 8</b> RI.8.1 SL.8.1 L.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4</p> <p><b>Grades 9-10</b> SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4</p> <p><b>Grades 11-12</b> SL.11-12.1 L.11-12.1 L.11-12.4</p>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2</p>

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<p><b>Unit 5: Simulation and Debriefing</b></p> <p>Students participate in the <i>JA Finance Park</i> simulation. They put into action all they have learned in the classroom by making important spending decisions and maintaining a balanced budget. Following their simulation experience, students participate in a reflective assessment.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create a family budget using hypothetical life situations.</li> <li>▪ Make saving and investment decisions.</li> <li>▪ Reflect on their simulation experience.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity costs</li> <li>• Apply financial literacy principles including money management skill</li> <li>• Understand roles of consumers and producers in the market economy of the United States</li> </ul> <p>Civics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify rights and responsibilities of citizenship, including the practice of responsible citizenship.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 6</b>            RI.6.1            W.6.1            W.6.4            W.6.9</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b>            RI.7.1            W.7.1            W.7.4            W.7.9</p> <p><b>Grade 8</b>            RI.8.1            W.8.1            W.8.4            W.8.9</p> <p><b>Grades 9-10</b>            RI.9-10.1            W.9-10.4            W.9-10.9</p> <p><b>Grades 11-12</b>            W.11-12.4            W.11-12.9</p>	<p><b>Grade 6</b>            RP.6.3b            NS.6.2            NS.6.3            NS.6.5</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b>            RP.7.R2.b            NS.7.2            NS.7.3</p>



# JA Finance Park Extension Activities

Unit 1: Income			
Extension Activity Description	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	CTE
<b>1. Junior Achievement Career Exploration Tool</b> Students take an online career assessment to learn about their interests, skills, and work values.	L.6.4 L.7.4 L.8.4		<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 11
<b>2. Career Choice Research</b> Students access career information online and use the <i>Occupational Outlook Handbook</i> to record their findings on a Career Critique Chart.	RI.6.1 SL.6.1 L.6.4  RI.7.1 SL.7.1 L.7.4  RI.8.1 SL.8.1 L.8.4  RI.9-10.1 SL. 9-10.1  RI.11-12.1 SL. 11-12.1		<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 11
<b>3. Being an Entrepreneur</b> Students examine entrepreneurial skills and present new business ideas to the class.	SL.6.1 SL.6.4 SL.6.5  SL.7.1 SL.7.4 SL.7.5  SL.8.1 SL.8.4 SL.8.5  SL.9-10.1 SL. 9-10.4 SL. 9-10.5  SL.11-12.1 SL.11-12.5		<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 8
<b>4. Starting a Lawn Care Business</b> Students identify a business and figure fixed and variable costs.	SL.6.1 L.6.4  SL.7.1 L.7.4  SL.8.1 L.8.4  SL.9-10.1 L. 9-10.4	6.SP.1  HSS.IC.B.6	<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 8

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Unit 1: Income			
Extension Activity Description	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	CTE
<b>5. STEM Careers</b> Students explore STEM occupations and use creativity and problem solving to make a pencil holder from a single sheet of paper.	SL.6.1 SL.7.1 SL.8.1  SL.9-10.1 SL.11-12.1		<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 11
<b>6. Social Security and Medicare</b> Students read a brief history of Social Security and Medicare and review tax tables for income examples.	RI.6.1 RI.7.1 RI.8.1  RI.9-10.1	6.NS.3 7.RP.3	
<b>7. Sales Receipt Analysis</b> Students examine the cost of sales tax for items in their shopping cart.	RI.6.1 RI.7.1 RI.8.1	7.RP.3	
<b>8. How to Complete a 1040-EZ Income Tax Form</b> Students complete an IRS Form 1040-EZ and examine the equity of a progressive tax.	RI.6.1 SL.6.1  RI.7.1 SL.7.1  RI.8.1 SL.8.1  SL. 9-10.1 SL.11-12.1		<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 12

# JA Finance Park Extension Activities

Unit 2: Saving, Investing and Risk Management			
Extension Activity Description	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	CTE
<p><b>1. Understanding College Costs and the FAFSA</b> The FAFSA form is used to evaluate a student's (and parents') financial ability to pay for college.</p>	RI.6.1 W.6.7  RI.7.1 W.7.7  RI.8.1 W.8.7  RI.9-10.1		
<p><b>2. Understanding Stock Quotes</b> Students use the information found in a sample stock quote table to analyze a stock portfolio.</p>	RI.6.1 L.6.4  RI.7.1 L.7.4  RI.8.1 L.8.4  RI.9-10.1		<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 2
<p><b>3. Roth IRAs: Teens and Retirement Savings</b> With earned income, students can invest and watch their savings grow for retirement.</p>	SL.6.1 L.6.4  SL.7.1 L.7.4  SL.8.1 L.8.4  SL.9-10.1 L. 9-10.4  SL.11-12.1 L. 11-12.4		<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 10
<p><b>4. Compound Interest and the Rule of 72</b> Students use an online compound interest calculator to determine the growth of investments with varying interest rates and time horizons.</p>	RI.6.1 RI.7.1 RI.8.1		<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 2
<p><b>5. Junior Achievement Save, USA "Risk and Insurance" Online Lesson</b> This interactive lesson helps students define risk, common insurance terms, and the different types of insurances.</p>	RI.6.1 L.6.4  RI.7.1 L.7.4  RI.8.1 L.8.4		<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 9

# JA Finance Park Extension Activities

Unit 3: Debit and Credit			
Extension Activity Description	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	CTE
<b>1. Checks and Checking Accounts</b> Students practice check writing and keep a check register to track their checks, deposits, withdrawals, and automatic electronic payments.	RI.6.1 L.6.4  RI.7.1 L.7.4  RI.8.1 L.8.4		
<b>2. Installment Debt</b> Students become aware that an installment debt can be considerably greater than the original purchase price of an item.	RI.6.1 RI.7.1 RI.8.1		<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 3
<b>3. Rent or Home Ownership</b> Students compare the benefits and responsibilities that come with renting or owning a home.	RI.6.1 SL.6.1 L.6.4  RI.7.1 SL.7.1 L.7.4  RI.8.1 SL.8.1 L.8.4  RI.9-10.1 SL. 9-10.1 L.9-10.4  RI.11-12.1 SL. 11-12.1 L.11-12.4		
<b>4. Leasing vs. Buying a Car</b> Students assess the pluses and minuses of leasing or buying a car.	RI.6.1 L.6.4  RI.7.1 L.7.4  RI.8.1 L.8.4		
<b>5. Identity Theft</b> Students learn about steps they can take to help protect their payment cards and personal identity from theft.	RI.6.1 SL.6.1  RI.7.1 SL.7.1  RI.8.1 SL.8.1  RI.9-10.1 SL.9-10.1 SL.11-12.1		

# JA Finance Park Extension Activities

Unit 4: Budget +			
Extension Activity Description	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	CTE
<p><b>1. Sample Budgets</b> Students practice preparing budgets and making budgeting decisions. They work in teams, pairs, or individually.</p>	RI.6.1 SL.6.1  RI.7.1 SL.7.1  RI.8.1 SL.8.1  SL.9-10.1 SL.11-12.1		<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 1
<p><b>2. Personal Budget</b> Through discussion and research, students recognize the need for responsible spending and the benefit of budgeting.</p>	RI.6.1 W.6.7 SL.6.1  RI.7.1 W.7.7 SL.7.1  RI.8.1 W.8.7 SL.8.1  SL.9-10.1 SL.11-12.1	7.RP.3	<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 1
<p><b>3. Paying for Postsecondary Education</b> Students see that education after high school is an investment in their future. They explore options to pay for higher education.</p>	RI.6.1 SL.6.1 L.6.4  RI.7.1 SL.7.1 L.7.4  RI.8.1 SL.8.1 L.8.4  SL.9-10.1 SL.11-12.1		
<p><b>4. Completing a Budget</b> Students continue to prepare for the <i>JA Finance Park</i> simulation by researching the price of goods and services and practicing their budgeting skills. They evaluate hypothetical life situations and prioritize budget items.</p>	RI.6.1 SL.6.1 L.6.4  RI.7.1 SL.7.1 L.7.4  RI.8.1 SL.8.1 L.8.4  SL.9-10.1 SL.11-12.1	Mathematical Practices 1-7	<b>Grades 9 - 12</b> Financial Management 1

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Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math
<p><b>Unit 1: Income</b></p> <p>Students recognize the fundamental role of income in their personal finances and the factors that affect income and take home pay. Through Project Based Learning (PBL) students understand how the decisions they make about education and careers have an impact on their potential income and quality of life.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tell the difference between abilities, interests, work preferences, and values.</li> <li>▪ Identify career interests and goals as a way to earn future income.</li> <li>▪ Interpret sources of income</li> <li>▪ Calculate net monthly income, income tax, Social Security and Medicare.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity costs</li> </ul> <p>Civics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify rights and responsibilities of citizenship, including the practice of responsible citizenship.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grades 9-10</b>            RI .9–10.4            W. 9-10. 1,4            SL. 9-10. 1            L.9-10. 1,4</p> <p><b>Grades 11-12</b>            RI 11/12.4            W.11/12. 1,4            SL.11/12. 1            L.11/12. 1,4</p>	<p>Mathematical Practices            1-2            4-7</p>
<p><b>Unit 2: Saving, Investing and Risk Management</b></p> <p>Students explore savings and compare investments as part of their overall financial planning. They also examine risk and how insurance may help protect savings from both planned and unplanned events.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify the benefits of saving a portion of income for future use.</li> <li>▪ Explain short- and long-term saving options.</li> <li>▪ Explain some of the advantages and disadvantages of savings options and investment vehicles.</li> <li>▪ Assess personal risk and risk management.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity costs</li> <li>• Apply financial literacy principles including money management skill</li> </ul> <p>Economics Grade 12</p> <p>Explain how rational decision making entails comparing additional costs of alternatives to additional benefits</p>	<p><b>Grades 9-10</b>            RI .9–10.1            W. 9-10. 1,4,9            SL. 9-10. 1            L.9-10. 1,4</p> <p><b>Grades 11-12</b>            RI .11-12. 1            W.11-12. 1,4,9            SL11-12. 1            L.11-12. 1,4</p>	<p>Mathematical Practices            1-7</p>

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<p><b>Unit 3: Debit and Credit</b></p> <p>Students compare financial institutions and their services; examine the value of credit scores; and interpret the effect of credit worthiness.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Describe the types of financial institutions and the services they provide.</li> <li>▪ Examine debit and credit cards and their uses.</li> <li>▪ Identify the advantages and disadvantages related to credit and debit cards.</li> <li>▪ Give examples of the best ways to build credit.</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate why credit scores are important.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity costs</li> <li>• Apply financial literacy principles including money management skill</li> <li>• Understand roles of consumers and producers in the market economy of the United States</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grades 9-10</b> SL. 9-10.1,4 L.9-10. 1,4</p> <p><b>Grades 11-12</b> SL11-12.1,4 L.11-12.1,4</p>	<p>Mathematical Practices 1-2 5-7</p>
<p><b>Unit 4: Budget+</b></p> <p>Students set financial goals, experience budgeting, and compare sample budgets before they are confronted with the financial responsibilities of being an adult. In each of the PBL lessons, integration of technology is essential. During the final lesson, students explain the value of planning their spending and maintaining a balanced budget.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Categorize their spending by needs and wants.</li> <li>▪ Determine which categories belong in a budget.</li> <li>▪ Distinguish between different kinds of budgets.</li> <li>▪ Prepare a budget using goals and income.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity costs</li> <li>• Apply financial literacy principles including money management skill</li> </ul> <p>Economics Grade 12</p> <p>Explain how rational decision making entails comparing additional costs of alternatives to additional benefits</p>	<p><b>Grades 9-10</b> RI .9–10.1 SL. 9-10.1 L.9-10.1,4</p> <p><b>Grades 11-12</b> RI .11-12.1 SL11-12.1 L.11-12.1,4</p>	<p>Mathematical Practices 1-7</p>
<p><b>Unit 5: Simulation and Debriefing</b></p> <p>Students use the knowledge and skills gained in this program to create a Portfolio and a Presentation that answer the following driving question: What do I need to do today to accomplish what I want in the future?</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create a family budget using hypothetical life situations.</li> <li>▪ Make saving and investment decisions.</li> <li>▪ Reflect on their simulation experience.</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate understanding of the importance of making smart financial decisions now that will last throughout their lifetimes.</li> <li>▪ Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written and nonverbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate originality and creativity</li> <li>▪ Build confidence, self-esteem, and teamwork skills.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conceptual Framework</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand concepts of money, personal finance, and opportunity costs</li> <li>• Apply financial literacy principles including money management skill</li> <li>• Understand roles of consumers and producers in the market economy of the United States</li> </ul> <p>Civics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify rights and responsibilities of citizenship, including the practice of responsible citizenship.</li> </ul> <p>Economics Grade 12</p> <p>Explain how rational decision making entails comparing additional costs of alternatives to additional benefits</p>	<p><b>Grades 9-10</b> RI .9–10.1,4,8 W. 9-10. 1 W. 9-10.4-9 SL. 9-10. 1 SL.9-10.4-6 L.9-10. 1-6</p> <p><b>Grades 11-12</b> RI .11-12.1,4,8 W.11-12.1 W. 11-12.4-9 SL.11-12. 1 SL.11-12.4-6 L.11-12. 1-6</p>	<p>Mathematical Practices 1-7</p>