

A Correlation between Common Core State Standards, New York Learning Standards, and Junior Achievement Capstone Programs

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*[®] and *JA Finance Park*[®] 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 New York Social Studies Framework 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 Unit	Objectives and Concepts	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	Academic Standards
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 JA BizTown 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.	 Complete a bank account application. 	Grade 4 RI.4.3 RI.4.4 RI.4.5 RI.4.7 SL.4.1 SL.4.3 L.4.4 Grade 5 RI.5.4 RI.5.5 RI.5.7 SL.5.1 L.5.1 L.5.3 L.5.4 Grade 6 RI.6.7 SL.6.1 SL.6.2 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4	Grade 4 4.NBT.3 4.NBT.4 Grade 5 5.NBT.5 5.NBT.7 Grade 6 6.NS.3 Mathematical Practices 4-6 1-7	Social Studies Practices Grade 4 F.1-2 Grade 5 E.3 Grade 6 A.1-2 Career Development 1.1 Consumer Science 3.1



JA BizTown Unit	Objectives and Concepts	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	Academic Standards
Unit 2: Community and Economy 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.	 Objectives: The students will: Define various vocabulary terms. Explain how good citizens have a sense of responsibility to others and to their community. Identify goods, services, and resources (human, natural, and capital). Demonstrate the circular flow of an economy. Discover the function of businesses in producing goods and services. Define scarcity and learn more about free enterprise. Identify the three basic economic questions (what, how, and for whom to produce). Understand why people pay taxes. Define gross pay and net pay. Calculate tax by multiplying with decimals. Differentiate between public goods and services and private goods and services. Give examples of philanthropy. Concepts: Circular flow, Resources, Free enterprise, Scarcity Skills: Critical thinking, interpretation, innovation, adaptability, self-direction, role playing, teamwork, economic literacy, summarizing, comparing and contrasting, math computation, posing and answering questions, visual interpretation 	Grade 4 RI.4.7 W.4.8 SL.4.1 SL.4.2 SL.4.3 L.4.1 L.4.4 L.4.6 Grade 5 RI.5.7 W.5.8 SL.5.1 SL.5.2 SL.5.3 L.5.1 L.5.4 L.5.6 Grade 6 R.6.7 SL.6.1 SL.6.2 L.6.1 L.6.4 L.6.6	Mathematical Practices 4-6 1 2 4	Social Studies Practices Grade 4 E.1-2 E.3-4 E.6 Grade 5-6 A.1 E.1-2 E.4 E.6 F.8-9 Career Development 2.1



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Unit 3: Work Readiness Citizens learn how their interests and skills can lead to exciting careers. They have an opportunity to assess their own skills and interests and to see what kinds of jobs are available at JA BizTown. They have an opportunity to fill out a job application and experience the job interview process.	Objectives: The students will: Recognize their interests and skills. Explain the relevance of interests and skills in career exploration and planning. Distinguish the differences among the four primary career types: people, ideas, data, and things. Categorize STEM careers into different types. Demonstrate appropriate workplace behaviors. Define resume, job interview, and applicant. Complete a job application. Model appropriate business greetings. Demonstrate proper interview skills. Concepts: Interests and skills, Careers, Soft skills, Jobs Skills: Word recognition and understanding, discussion, self- direction, interrogative questioning, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning, interpretation, personal expression, cooperation, public speaking and listening, adaptability, self-discipline	Grade 4 RI.4.4 SL.4.1 L.4.1 L.4.2 L.4.4 L.4.6 Grade 5 RI.5.4 SL.5.1 L.5.1 L.5.2 L.5.4 L.5.6 Grade 6 SL.6.1 L.6.1 L.6.2 L.6.4 L.6.6	Grade 4 4.MD.4 Grade 5 5.MD.2 Mathematical Practices 4-6 2 4-6	Social Studies Practices Grade 4 A.4-5 F.1-2 F.4-5 Grades 5 -6 A.4-5 F.1-2 F.4-5 Career Development 1.1 2.1



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Unit 4: Business Management Citizens prepare for their visit to JA BizTown by working in business teams to learn about key factors in operating a business, such as teamwork, operation costs, pricing, and advertising.	Objectives: The students will: Describe costs associated with operating a business. Calculate business expenses. Use teamwork to create a paragraph that describes a business. Define selling price, revenue, and inventory. Describe factors that affect selling price. Explain the relationship between revenue, costs, and profit. Define advertising. Describe characteristics of effective advertising. Acknowledge how effective teamwork and cooperation enhance business teams. Appreciate how careful completion of details ensures a more successful JA BizTown visit. Concepts: Running a business, Operating costs, Advertising, Quality business, Personal finance Skills: Leadership, discussion, self-direction, linking opinion and reason, math computation, choosing words and phrases to convey ideas precisely, teamwork, class discussion, personal expression, understanding cause and effect relationships, visual interpretation, graph skills, following directions	Grade 4 W.4.1 W.4.2 W.4.4 SL.4.1 L.4.1 L.4.3 L.4.4 L.4.6 Grade 5 W.5.1 W.5.2 W.5.4 SL.5.1 L.5.3 L.5.4 L.5.6 Grade 6 W.6.1 W.6.4 SL.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4 L.6.6	Grade 4 4.NBT.5 Grade 5 5.NBT.5 Grade 6 6.NS.2 6.NS.3 Mathematical Practices 4-6 1-7	Social Studies Practices Grade 4 A.2 Grade 5 F.4-5 Grade 6 A.1-2 Career Development 3a.2-4



JA BizTown Unit	Objectives and Concepts	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	Academic Standards
Unit 5: Visit and Debrief Citizens participate in the JA BizTown 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 JA BizTown experience and further identify the relevance of classroom learning to their future plans and goals.	Objectives: The students will: Function in their job capacity at JA BizTown. Manage their personal finances and time. Carry out responsibilities of citizenship, such as voting and obeying laws. Evaluate team performance at JA BizTown. Explain the circular flow of economic activity. Describe how citizens use financial institutions. Describe how citizens work within a quality business. Concepts: Business management, Economics, Free enterprise, Performance evaluation Skills: Self-direction, planning, self-discipline, adaptability, initiative, interpersonal communication, math computation, teamwork, self-reflection, self-expression, recalling and presenting relevant information	Grade 4 W.4.1 SL.4.1 SL.4.4 L.4.1 L.4.6 Grade 5 W.5.1 SL.5.1 SL.5.4 L.5.1 L.5.6 Grade 6 W.6.1 SL.6.1 SL.6.4 L.6.1 L.6.4	Grade 5 5.NBT.5 Mathematical Practices 4-6 1-7	Social Studies Practices Grade 4 E.1-2 E.3-4 E.6 F.1-2 F.4-5 F.6 F.8 Career Development 3a.2-4 3a.5-7 3a.8



Unit Description	Key Learning Objectives	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	Academic Standards
Unit 1: Income 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.	Objectives: The students will: Rate their interests, abilities, and values. Determine work preferences and match them to career choices. Define taxes and explain their purpose and impact on income. Figure net monthly income. Concepts: Career, Goals, Government, Income, Values, Salary, Taxes, Wages Skills: Active listening, critical thinking and reasoning, collaboration, employing valid research strategies, information literacy, invention, self-knowledge and self-reflection, math computation, reading, speaking and listening, using technology to enhance productivity	Grade 6 SL.6.1 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4 Grade 7 SL.7.1 L.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4 Grade 8 SL.8.1 L.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4 Grades 9-10 SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4 Grades 11-12 SL.11-12.1 L.11-12.1	Grade 6 RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 SP.6.1 SP.6.2 Grade 7 RP.7 R2.b NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2	Social Studies Practices Grade 6 A.5 E.1 E.4 Career Development 1.1 Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1



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Unit 2: Saving, Investing and Risk Management 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.	Objectives: The students will: Identify the benefits of saving a portion of income for future use. Explain short- and long-term saving options. Explain some of the advantages and disadvantages of various saving and investing options. Assess personal risk and risk management. Concepts: Benefits, Goals, Interest, Saving, Savings, Investment, Opportunity cost, Risk Skills: Active listening, brainstorming, comparing, critical thinking and reasoning, collaboration, decision making, following directions, information literacy, math computation, reading for information, self- direction, speaking and listening, teamwork, summary writing	Grade 6 RI.6.2 SL.6.1 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4 Grade 7 RI.7.2 SL.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4 Grade 8 SL.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4 Grades 9-10 SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4 Grades 11-12 SL.11-12.1 L.11-12.1 L.11-12.4	Grade 6 RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 SP.6.1 SP.6.2 Grade 7 RP.7 R2.b NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2 SP.7.5	Social Studies Practices Grade 7-8 A.1-2 A.4-6 E.1 E.4 C.1 Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1 Career Development 3a.1-2



Unit Description	Key Learning Objectives	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	Academic Standards
Unit 3: Debit and Credit 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.	Objectives: The students will: Define financial institutions and identify the services they provide. Examine debit and credit cards and their use. Explain the benefits and common pitfalls of credit cards. Explain the benefits of debit cards. Explain the benefits of debit cards. Define credit score and describe how it influences the ability to get credit and borrow money. Concepts: Banking, Credit, Credit reports, Credit score, Debit, Debt, Deposit insurance, Financial responsibility, Identity theft, Interest, Loans, Payment methods Skills: Comprehension and collaborative learning, critical thinking and reasoning, information literacy, inquiry, speaking and listening, research strategies, self-direction, small group discussion, vocabulary acquisition	Grade 6 SL.6.1 SL.6.2 Grades 9-10 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4 Grades 11-12 SL.11-12.1 L.11-12.1 L.11-12.4	Grade 6 RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 Grade 7 RP.7.R2.b NS.7.3 SP.7.5 Grade 8 G.8 SP.8.2	Social Studies Practices Grade 7-8 A.1-2 A.4-6 E.1-2 Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1 Career Development 3a.3-4 3a.6



Unit Description	Key Learning Objectives	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	Academic Standards
Unit 4: Budget+ Students recognize the importance of spending wisely to achieve financial success and the value of creating and maintaining a budget.	Objectives: The students will: Categorize spending by needs and wants. Compare teen and adult spending patterns. Determine which categories belong in a budget. Relate the need to save money to meet goals. Prepare a budget using goals and income. Concepts: Wants and needs, Goal setting, Impulse buying, Budgets, Categorizing spending Skills: Active listening, critical thinking, self- knowledge, self-reflection, math computation, reading, working in pairs and teams, and interpreting and working with data	Grade 6 RI.6.1 SL.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4 Grade 7 RI.7.1 SL.7.1 L.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4 Grade 8 RI.8.1 SL.8.1 L.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4 Grades 9-10 SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4 Grades 11-12 SL.11-12.1 L.11-12.1 L.11-12.4	Grade 6 NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 Grade 7 NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2	Social Studies Practices Grade 7-8 A.1 A.6 E.1 Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1 Career Development 3a.7
Unit 5: Simulation and Debriefing Students participate in the JA Finance Park 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.	Objectives: The students will: Create a family budget using hypothetical life situations. Make saving and investment decisions. Reflect on their simulation experience. Concepts: Budget, Expenses, Income, Needs, Savings, Taxes, Wages, Wants Skills: Active listening, critical thinking, interpersonal communication, math computation, self-reflection, teamwork	Grade 6 RI.6.1 W.6.1 W.6.4 W.6.9 Grade 7 RI.7.1 W.7.1 W.7.4 W.7.9 Grade 8 RI.8.1 W.8.1 W.8.4 W.8.9 Grades 9-10 RI.9-10.1 W.9-10.4 W.9-10.9 Grades 11-12 W.11-12.4 W.11-12.9	Grade 6 RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 Grade 7 RP.7.R2.b NS.7.2 NS.7.3	Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1 Career Development 2.1 3a.3-5



Unit 1: Income			
Extension Activity Description	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	Social Studies
1. Junior Achievement Career Exploration Tool Students take an online career assessment to learn about their interests, skills, and work values.	L.6.4 L.7.4 L.8.4		Career Development
2. Career Choice Research 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		Career Development 1.1
	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		
3. Being an Entrepreneur Students examine entrepreneurial skills and present new business ideas to the class.	SL.6.1 SL.6.4 SL.6.5		Career Development 1.1 2.1
	SL.7.1 SL.7.4 SL.7.5		Social Studies- Economics 4.2
	SL.8.1 SL.8.4 SL.8.5		4.2
	SL.9-10.1 SL. 9-10.4 SL. 9-10.5		
	SL.11-12.1 SL.11-12.5		
4. Starting a Lawn Care Business Students identify a business and figure fixed and variable costs.	SL.6.1 L.6.4	6.SP.1 HSS.IC.B.6	Career Development 1.1
	SL.7.1 L.7.4		2.1 Social Studies- Economics
	SL.8.1 L.8.4		4.2
	SL.9-10.1 L. 9-10.4		



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Extension Activity Description	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	Social Studies
5. STEM Careers 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		Career Development 1.1
6. Social Security and Medicare 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	6.NS.3 7.RP.3	Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1
7. Sales Receipt Analysis 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	Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1
8. How to Complete a 1040-EZ Income Tax Form 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		Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1 Social Studies Economics 4.2



Unit 2: Saving, Investing and Risk Mana	agement		
Extension Activity Description	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	Social Studies
1. Understanding College Costs and the FAFSA The FAFSA form is used to evaluate a student's (and parents') financial ability to pay for	RI.6.1 W.6.7		Family and Consumer
college.	RI.7.1 W.7.7		Sciences 3.1
	RI.8.1 W.8.7		Social Studies- Economics 4.2
	RI.9-10.1		
2. Understanding Stock Quotes Students use the information found in a sample stock quote table to analyze a stock portfolio.	RI.6.1 L.6.4		Family and Consumer Sciences
	RI.7.1 L.7.4		3.1
	RI.8.1 L.8.4		Social Studies- Economics 4.2
	RI.9-10.1		
3. Roth IRAs: Teens and Retirement Savings With earned income, students can invest and watch their savings grow for retirement.	SL.6.1 L.6.4		Family and Consumer Sciences
	SL.7.1 L.7.4		3.1
	SL.8.1 L.8.4		Social Studies- Economics 4.2
	SL.9-10.1 L. 9-10.4		
	SL.11-12.1 L. 11-12.4		
4. Compound Interest and the Rule of 72 Students use an online compound interest calculator to determine the growth of investments with varying interest rates and time horizons.	RI.6.1 RI.7.1 RI.8.1		
5. Junior Achievement \$ave, USA "Risk and Insurance" Online Lesson This interactive lesson helps students define risk, common insurance terms, and the different	RI.6.1 L.6.4		Family and Consumer
types of insurances.	RI.7.1 L.7.4		Sciences 3.1
	RI.8.1 L.8.4		



Unit 3: Debit and Credit				
Extension Activity Description	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	Social Studies	
1. Checks and Checking Accounts Students practice check writing and keep a check register to track their checks, deposits,	RI.6.1 L.6.4		Family and Consumer Sciences	
withdrawals, and automatic electronic payments.	RI.7.1 L.7.4		3.1	
	RI.8.1 L.8.4			
2. Installment Debt 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		Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1	
3. Rent or Home Ownership Students compare the benefits and responsibilities that come with renting or owning a home.	RI.6.1 SL.6.1 L.6.4		Family and Consumer Sciences	
	RI.7.1 SL.7.1 L.7.4		3.1	
	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			
4. Leasing vs. Buying a Car Students assess the pluses and minuses of leasing or buying a car.	RI.6.1 L.6.4		Family and Consumer	
	RI.7.1 L.7.4		Sciences 3.1	
	RI.8.1 L.8.4			
5. Identity Theft Students learn about steps they can take to help protect their payment cards and personal identity from theft.	RI.6.1 SL.6.1		Family and Consumer Sciences	
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	RI.8.1 SL.8.1			
	RI.9-10.1 SL.9-10.1 SL.11-12.1			



Unit 4: Budget +			
Extension Activity Description	Common Core ELA	Common Core Math	Social Studies
1. Sample Budgets Students practice preparing budgets and making budgeting decisions. They work in teams,	RI.6.1 SL.6.1		Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1
pairs, or individually.	RI.7.1 SL.7.1		
	RI.8.1 SL.8.1		
	SL.9-10.1 SL.11-12.1		
2. Personal Budget Through discussion and research, students recognize the need for responsible spending and the benefit of budgeting.	RI.6.1 W.6.7 SL.6.1	7.RP.3	Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1
	RI.7.1 W.7.7 SL.7.1		Social Studies-
	RI.8.1 W.8.7 SL.8.1		Economics 4.2
	SL.9-10.1 SL.11-12.1		
3. Paying for Postsecondary Education Students see that education after high school is an investment in their future. They explore options to pay for higher education.	RI.6.1 SL.6.1 L.6.4		Family and Consumer Sciences
	RI.7.1 SL.7.1 L.7.4		3.1 Social Studies-
	RI.8.1 SL.8.1 L.8.4		Economics 4.2
	SL.9-10.1 SL.11-12.1		
4. Completing a Budget 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.	RI.6.1 SL.6.1 L.6.4	Mathematical Practices 1-7	Family and Consumer Sciences 3.1
situations and prioritize budget items.	RI.7.1 SL.7.1 L.7.4		Social Studies-
	RI.8.1 SL.8.1 L.8.4		Economics 4.2
	SL.9-10.1 SL.11-12.1		



JA Finance Park PBL

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Unit 2: Saving, Investing and Risk Management 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.	invention, self-knowledge and self-reflection, math computation, reading, speaking and listening, using technology to enhance productivity Objectives: The students will: Identify the benefits of saving a portion of income for future use. Explain short- and long-term saving options. Explain some of the advantages and disadvantages of savings options and investment vehicles. Assess personal risk and risk management. Concepts: Benefits, Goals, Interest, Saving, Savings, Investment, Opportunity cost, Risk Skills: Active listening, brainstorming, comparing, critical thinking and reasoning, collaboration, decision making, following directions, information literacy, math computation, reading for information, self-direction, speaking and listening, teamwork, summary writing	Grades 9-10 RI.9-10.1 W.9-10.1,4,9 SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1,4 Grades 11-12 RI .11-12.1 W.11-12.1,4,9 SL11-12.1 L.11-12.1,4	Mathematical Practices 1-7	Economics 1.g



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Unit 3: Debit and Credit Students compare financial institutions and their services; examine the value of credit scores; and interpret the effect of credit worthiness.	Objectives: The students will: Describe the types of financial institutions and the services they provide. Examine debit and credit cards and their uses. Identify the advantages and disadvantages related to credit and debit cards. Give examples of the best ways to build credit. Demonstrate why credit scores are important Concepts: Banking, Credit, Credit reports, Credit score, Debit, Debt, Deposit insurance, Financial responsibility, Identity theft, Interest, Loans, Payment methods Skills: Comprehension and collaborative learning, critical thinking and reasoning, information literacy, inquiry, speaking and listening, research strategies, self-direction, small group discussion,	Grades 9-10 SL. 9-10.1,4 L.9-10. 1,4 Grades 11-12 SL11-12.1,4 L.11-12.1,4	Mathematical Practices 1-2 5-7	Economics 12.E.1.c
Unit 4: Budget+ 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.	Objectives: The students will: Categorize their spending by needs and wants. Determine which categories belong in a budget. Distinguish between different kinds of budgets. Prepare a budget using goals and income. Concepts: Wants and needs, Goal setting, Impulse buying, Budgets, Categorizing spending Skills: Active listening, critical thinking, self-knowledge, self-reflection, math computation, reading, working in pairs and teams, and interpreting and working with data	Grades 9-10 RI .9-10.1 SL. 9-10.1 L.9-10.1,4 Grades 11-12 RI .11-12.1 SL11-12.1 L.11-12.1,4	Mathematical Practices 1-7	Economics 12.E.1.a



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Unit 5: Simulation and Debriefing Students participate in the JA Finance Park simulation. They put into action all they have learned in the classroom by making important spending decisions and maintaining a balanced budget. Students also 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?	 Objectives: The students will: Create a family budget using hypothetical life situations. Make saving and investment decisions. Reflect on their simulation experience. Demonstrate understanding of the importance of making smart financial decisions now that will last throughout their lifetimes. Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written and nonverbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts Demonstrate originality and creativity Build confidence, self-esteem, and teamwork skills. Concepts: Budget, Expenses, Income, Needs, Savings, Taxes, Wages, Wants Skills: Active listening, critical thinking, interpersonal communication, math computation, self-reflection, teamwork 	Grades 9-10 RI .9-10.1,4,8 W. 9-10. 1,4,9 SL. 9-10. 1 L.9-10. 1,4 Grades 11-12 RI .11-12.1,4,8 W.11-12.1,4,9 SL11-12. 1 L.11-12. 1,4	Mathematical Practices 1-7	Economics 12.E.1.a

