

## LEARNING EXPERIENCE BRIEF

# JA Finance Park<sup>®</sup> Entry Level Virtual

### ■ Financial Literacy

*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. The learning experience comprises several teacher-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. The *JA Finance Park* Virtual simulation has been fully redeveloped, with a brand-new experience geared towards middle school students.

## SAMPLE SIMULATION ACTIVITIES

In the new 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

- Be introduced to the concept of “adulting,” laying the groundwork for their future.
- Create a monthly budget based on a randomly assigned life persona.

The 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 may receive 18 or more ICH based on delivery of the optional content; the learning experience is traditionally teacher-led, however a student self-guided implementation option is also available.