



Junior Achievement FAQ

What is JA in a Day?

JA stands for Junior Achievement. JA in a Day is a common core-aligned program that introduces K-12 students to a lifetime of learning about finance and career success. The program aims to inspire and prepare students to succeed in our world's economy by delivering grade appropriate real world experiences and material to the classroom.

What types of skills can students learn from JA?

The JA program helps students to explore, experience, and realize both opportunities and realities of work life. Students can begin to develop skills in work readiness, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and facing real world challenges.

When is JA at Clemens Crossing?

JA in a Day is scheduled for **Monday, March 11** for grades K-5.

Trainings are **Monday, March 11** at 4:00 p.m. in the **Conference Room** or **Monday, March 11** at 6:00 p.m. **PM** in the **Conference Room**. Returning volunteers do not need to attend a training again.

Who teaches Junior Achievement?

The JA program is solely reliant on school/community volunteers to teach the program in classrooms. The idea is to attract parents and/or workforce volunteers (past or present) to deliver the JA material from their own unique and diverse perspectives. Any adult can be a JA volunteer because the program focuses on real world skills.

What exactly does a JA volunteer need to do?

Volunteers receive a comprehensive lesson plan that they are responsible for reviewing and then teaching to the class. All lessons, materials, and activities are provided in the instructional material provided by the JA program. Volunteers are also given an in-person training meeting at the school. JA volunteers teach in the classroom for the day, with the classroom teacher for support as needed.

What are the time commitments?

Volunteers need to attend a training meeting, pick up their teaching packets, and prepare to teach the material prior to the actual JA day. Our goal is to have at least two volunteers per classroom to share the responsibility. Grade specific information will be provided, but JA volunteers ARE the teachers for the day, and need to accept the responsibility accordingly.

What can I expect to gain from volunteering?

Being a JA volunteer is so rewarding! The material is easy to follow, and the activities are all set up and planned out. This is a fantastic opportunity to support your kids and your school, and the students love seeing parents in their classroom. You are almost guaranteed to walk away with not only some personal satisfaction, but some smiles and laughs as well!

How can I get more information or sign up?

You can read more about Junior Achievement by going online to: www.jamaryland.org or contact Diana Emerson, JA Regional Director, at demerson@jamaryland.org, Dani Gardner at dnr318@gmail.com or Ed Cosentino at edward_cosentino@hcpss.org.

Sign up on Google Forms: <https://goo.gl/forms/QDCgQqRwnyvXUzC2>