



FUNDAMENTALS

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What are Junior Achievement Fundamentals?

What exactly will I be presenting?

What is the time commitment for a JA Fundamentals volunteer?

What time of day would I be presenting the program?

Will I be alone in the classroom?

Do I receive any sort of training before entering the class?

What if I have never worked with students before?

Do I need to create the session plans and activities?

Do I need clearances to enter the school?

Junior Achievement Volunteer Opportunities

Parents and community volunteers visit the elementary school classroom for five 30 to 55-minute sessions in the grade level and school of their choice. Volunteers complete the program with the students in their classroom during the school day. As a classroom volunteer, you will discover the benefits of having a direct impact on local education and the fun of sharing your life experiences with a classroom full of students.

You will be presenting financial literacy/career readiness programs created by professional curriculum developed by staff at JA Worldwide. JA programs begin at the elementary school level, teaching children how they can impact the world around them as individuals, workers and consumers. JA programs continue through the middle school and high school grades, focusing on the key content areas of financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship.

You will be presenting five 30 to 55-minute sessions. Volunteers also spend about 20-30 minutes familiarizing themselves with each of the session's material before presenting it to the classroom

JA programs occur during normal school hours - typically 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., though the exact hours will vary. Volunteers coordinate with the teacher to determine the exact time of day and day(s) of the week that you will visit.

No. The teacher will always remain in the classroom to assist with any issues that may arise.

Absolutely! JA provides orientation to all new volunteers. Program Managers will be available from beginning to end to assist you with support to any questions or concerns you may have.

Don't worry! Many JA volunteers have not been in a classroom since graduating. Yet, they finish their visits eager to present another JA program again. Volunteers receive orientation prior to starting their program, have the support of a JA Program Manager throughout the school year, and the classroom teacher will always be present in the classroom to deal with any issues that may arise.

No. All session plans, materials, and activities, along with an easy-to-follow guidebook will be provided to you.

Yes. Per Pennsylvania state law, JA volunteers that go into a school on multiple occasions during a school year are required to have clearances on file with Junior Achievement of S. Central PA. You will receive information from our office on what is required and easy to follow instructions on how to obtain them.