

JA Our Community®

JA Our Community introduces students to the intersection of work readiness and early elementary grades social studies learning objectives, including how citizens benefit from and contribute to a community's success.

Following participation in the program, students will be able to:

- Describe a community.
- Identify the variety of careers people have in a community and how each job requires specific skills.
- Identify how business and government jobs help a community.
- Explain how taxation supports government services.
- Recognize voting as a way responsible citizens act.
- Describe the flow of money in a community's economy.



Session Titles and Summaries:

- 1 Session One: People in a Community Work Together**
Students learn what a community is and the variety of careers that people have in a community.
- 2 Session Two: Sweet “O” Donuts**
Students learn that workers who produce goods and services earn money for their work.
- 3 Session Three: Business and Government Jobs**
Students locate businesses, pay taxes, and explore government careers.
- 4 Session Four: Let’s Vote**
Students participate in decisions that benefit their school community. They vote to express their choice and to determine the will of the majority.
- 5 Session Five: Money Moves in a Community**
Students learn about money and how it moves through a community.



Join Junior Achievement's national network of more than 213,000 volunteers and help students in your community connect the dots between what they learn in school and the "business of life"—work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

JA's Turnkey Volunteer Solution:

Personalized Placement

JA works with you to ensure you teach at the location and grade level of your choice.

Comprehensive Training

JA staff provides training so you are comfortable visiting the classroom. You will be trained in classroom management, understanding and delivering the JA curriculum, working with the classroom teacher, and communicating effectively with students.

Minimal Time Commitment

The time commitment is minimal compared to the significant impact you make. This elementary grade-level program includes five 40-minute sessions.

JA provides you with a kit containing all of the session plans and student materials you'll need to make every minute count.

JA Staff Follow-Up and Support

JA staff is available to answer your questions or make suggestions about your volunteer assignment.

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Citizens benefit from and contribute to a community's success. This hands-on program identifies the variety of jobs in a community and how each needs specific skills. It further explores how the work people do has a positive effect on a city's economy.



1 Guide for Volunteers and Teachers
Provides session plans, teaching tips, and talking points.

2 Certificate of Achievement
Given to students in recognition of their participation.

3 Junior Journal
A take-home piece for students to share with their families.

4 Illustrated Key Term Flash Cards
Help students see, hear, and learn words.

5 JA Our Community Poster
Displayed to help students connect concepts presented in each session.

6 Job Cards
Students use the cards to identify careers found in a community.

7 Business Sticker Sheets
Reinforces the ways businesses contribute to a community's success.

8 Make-a-Decision Sheet
Students apply a decision-making tool.

9 Music CD
Demonstrates how money moves throughout a community.

10 Business Table Tents
Assist students with a class role-play activity.