

JA JobSpark

September 25-26, 2018 * Indiana State Fairgrounds

Thank you for participating in JA JobSpark 2017!

Preparations for JA JobSpark 2018 are in full swing! Each month we will share program updates and "spotlights" as well as information about JA of Central Indiana to keep our connections strong.

Survey Says...

The success of JA JobSpark is measured in a number of ways. Surveys were provided to students, educators and volunteers. Thank you to those that completed the survey- your feedback is valuable and helps us with planning and evaluation.



A few highlights we'd like to share:

- Over 90% of educator respondents felt they were provided with the proper materials and were prepared to administer the sessions prior to JA JobSpark.
- 85% of educator respondents felt the JA JobSpark Introduction and Career Assessment Session increased students' knowledge of career opportunities and pathways.
- 94% of educator respondents felt JA JobSpark was worth their time and efforts.
- 79% of student respondents believe they have to continue their education/training to be successful in the future.

"The hands-on experiences and interactions at the stations were by far the best part. Students that couldn't see themselves liking any career path were really able to identify areas of interest. It was really fun and engaging, all the volunteers were high energy."

-Classroom Teacher

"The coolest thing I learned from going to Ja JobSpark was that you can be whatever you want, but you just have to set your goals. But when your an adult you have to take responsibility in everything like your job and paying bills."

-JA JobSpark Student

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Career Clusters

JA JobSpark centers around 8 career clusters. Career clusters are groups of careers that share common themes or require similar skills and represent pathways defined by Indiana Department of Workforce Development as industries in need of an educated and skilled workforce in coming years. Check out this month's highlighted career clusters below.

Architecture, Engineering & Construction



[More pictures of the AEC Cluster in action!](#)

SPARK questions for students:

Do you like to build structures that last a lifetime? Do you like to create things and work with your hands?

Hospitality & Tourism



[More pictures of the Hospitality Cluster in action!](#)

SPARK questions for students:

Do you enjoy the excitement that comes from planning big events? Would you enjoy creating a great guest experience at a hotel, restaurant, sporting event, play or concert?

JA Finance Park

Are you looking for a fun, engaging and easy to implement program as a follow up to JA JobSpark?

JA Finance Park is an [ELA Standards](#) and [Math Standards](#) based curriculum that is easy to follow and can be adjusted to meet the needs of students in grades 6-8. There are 13 lessons that can be tailored based on your objectives. At the end of the lessons, the students do a computer simulation that is like the game of "Life". Students will have a career, get a pay check, pay bills and taxes, save money, buy a house, car, etc. This simulation will teach students how to budget their money in order to succeed. The overall learning question is, "What do I need to do today, in order to accomplish what I want in the future?"

The standards covered are a part of the Indiana State Standards for Math, ELA, Social Studies, and Financial Literacy. If you are interested in participating in the program or have more questions please contact Dawn Watson at Dawn@jaindy.org or Alyssa Andis at Alyssa@jaindy.org.



[JA Finance Park Program Overview Video](#)



[JA Finance Park Curriculum Overview Video](#)

**"The coolest thing I learned was that education is the
number one requirement to have a good job."**

-2017 JA JobSpark Student



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