



2021 Virtual JA JobSpark FAQ

Q: What is JA JobSpark?

A: JA JobSpark 2021 is an online virtual career expo for Indianapolis 8th graders during the week of September 21 (September 21 & 22).

Q: What virtual platform will JA JobSpark be on?

A: Ignition

Q: How does JA JobSpark work on a virtual platform?

A: Through the use of pre-recorded videos & demonstrations, LIVE videos & demonstrations, keynote panels, fun activities, and LIVE Q&A sessions with Industry Professionals. We are looking for a variety of options so students are able to have the opportunity to learn about in-demand careers and engage in meaningful conversations through an online, virtual platform. [Please see Content Resources Page 2021 for ideas and helpful tips.](#)

Q: How will students be engaging with the virtual JA JobSpark platform?

A: Teachers will be able to present in a class setting, or students may be able to access 1:1 on their own device. All live sessions will be a one-way interaction, and students will be able to ask questions via the Q&A option on Zoom.

Q: How many activities do we need to do/is there a limit to the number of activities?

A: We want to showcase as many careers in demand as possible and all who have participated in the past to return! You are able to use the material/content you provided last year, add new content, or both!

Q: Is there a certain time limit per experience?

A: With JA JobSpark being on a virtual platform, we have the option to have longer amount of time “with the students” because there is no need to limit time to 3-5 minutes (you can make longer pre-recorded videos). We do recommend pre-recorded videos to be anywhere between 2-15 minutes, but it is not required. All live session time-slots are 15 minutes with a 5 minute break in-between. Talk to your Cluster Co-Chair for more information!

Q: Does this platform allow for digital handouts? Spreadsheets, worksheets, etc?

A: Yes! We can add a PDF directly into the “experience” on the platform, but we can also make additional materials available in the “Resources” section of the virtual platform, and/or on our website if need be.

Q: Is the cluster budget the same?

A: It will be slightly lower because we won't need as many materials as we have had in the past for an in-person event. Please reach out to the JA JobSpark team for any specific questions or requests.

Q: What Technology do I need to be a part of this event?

A: Your normal browser is fine, Chrome is recommended. We will have time leading up to the event to

make sure you are able to access the platform. We recommend a strong internet connection and the most up-to-date version of Zoom if you are presenting/attending a live session.

Q: How do I log on to volunteer during the event days?

A: After registering, you will receive a personal email with the link to join the event, and personal code based on your role (school, volunteer, guest, etc). You will also be able to access the virtual platform on www.jajobspark.org/curriculum.

Q: What is the schedule for the day? How long is my “session” ?

A: JA JobSpark will still run for two days, September 21 & 22. Schools will attend on one day only during a designated time slot for their school, similar to years past. Volunteers will receive prior training to be prepared to engage students in planning for their futures. We ask that all volunteers register when the time comes (whether you provided pre-recorded content or conducting a live experience during event days). All cluster members/volunteers providing a live experience will be asked to sign up for a live time slot(s) per cluster.

Q: How can my company be more involved or help me with this virtual event?

A: Check with your marketing department or other departments to see if there is already a virtual activity or video available. Many companies have moved their work virtual for other events and something might have already been created.

Q: What video file type are you looking for?

A: .MP4 or .MOV for videos, PDF is preferred for all handouts.

Q: How do we upload our content/videos?

A: Junior Achievement will provide instructions on how to upload your content to your cluster’s Dropbox folder as we get closer to the content deadline (likely end of July 2021).