

JA FINANCE PARK®

DSHS DVR 2021 Summer Program

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July Camp

Online Workshops: July 12-16 & 19-23 (10am-12pm)
Simulation: July 28 (9am-2pm)

August Camp

Online Workshops: Aug 9-13 & 16-20 (10am-12pm)
Simulation: Aug 24 (9am-2pm)

JA Finance Park helps high school students build a foundation of personal finance skills through an experiential, real-life simulation.

JA Finance Park—In-Depth

The Classroom Learning

The students' experience will begin with 10 online sessions on personal finance. These 10 sessions are organized into 4 themes:



- ◆ **Income:** Students learn that their decisions about education and careers have an impact on their potential income and quality of life. They discuss factors that affect income and take-home pay.
- ◆ **Saving, Investing, and Risk Management:** Students explore saving and compare investment options. They examine risk and how insurance helps protect savings.
- ◆ **Debit and Credit:** Students explore services offered by financial institutions, weigh the advantages and disadvantages of credit and debit, and examine the role of credit scores and credit reporting on personal finances.
- ◆ **Budget:** Students create personal budgets and discover the importance of spending money wisely.

The Simulation - Virtual or In-person

The classroom experience will culminate in an exciting in-person or virtual visit to *JA Finance Park*, a simulated town with actual business storefronts. Students will have the option to join an in-person simulation in Auburn, an in-person simulation in Yakima, or an online, virtual simulation. (The in-person simulation has limited availability.) This reality-based simulation gives students the opportunity to apply classroom learning by creating a family budget based on hypothetical life situations. Assuming "real-life" personas, students develop a personal budget that includes expenditures for housing and food, savings, transportation, entertainment, health care, utilities, clothing, and education. They learn the impact of credit history on budget planning and purchasing options.

"My son worked at a cherry warehouse for 6 weeks and decided to blow all his money on a gaming computer. He ordered it, but then had second thoughts after looking at his money on paper and seeing that the planned budget he'd originally created would no longer be met. He decided on his own to cancel the order and put half that money into savings instead and follow a budget with the rest. So grateful for this class and all that has been taught!" — Parent of a JA Finance Park student

Sign up today with your Regional Transition Consultant! For more information, please contact:

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Junior Achievement of Washington (JA) is dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of those that utilize JA Education Center facilities. We commit to following guidelines from the CDC to provide necessary sanitation and social distancing protocols for students, staff, and volunteers while at *JA Finance Park*.