

JA Finance Park: build a foundation where you can learn to make intelligent financial decisions that last a lifetime!

JA Finance Park is geared for middle grades and high school students, where they will learn how to make intelligent financial decisions when it comes to earning an income, savings, investing, and risk management, as well as wise choices when it comes to debit and credit, and the importance of creating and keeping to a budget. We will cover this material over 8 classroom sessions, with hands on activities and learning. Through these lessons, students learn about financial institutions, taxes and salaries, and budgeting.

The classroom curriculum culminates with a visit to the state-of-the-art Lincoln Finance Park facility, where students put their learning into practice. During this one-day experience, students “become” adults faced with real-life financial situations and choices. Each student is given a personal profile that includes details relating to his or her simulated family, educational background, career, and income-level. Then, the students are immersed in a reality-based experience that involves individual and family budgeting and decisions relating to housing, transportation, food, utilities, health care, investments, philanthropy, and banking. At all times, adult volunteers (homeschool teachers/parents) guide students toward sound financial and lifestyle choices.

For more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfUiSEOV1-M>

Class Starts: **Friday, September 6 at 2:00pm-3:00pm**

Class Meets: UltraCamp, 123 East Main Street, Niles, MI 49120

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Class Schedule

September 6: Income: Plan Your Future & Careers

September 13: Income: Taxes and My Income

September 20: Savings and Investing

September 27: Risk Management

October 4: Debit and Credit: Banking Partners / Personal Spending

October 11: Debit and Credit: Savvy Shopping / Managing Credit

October 28: Budget: Think Before You Spend

October 25: Budget: What is a Budget / Who Uses a Budget?

Fort Wayne Simulation Day: TBD

Please note: **Simulation Day is required/mandatory attendance**, as this is our final project for the class. Only registered students and their teachers/volunteers are allowed in simulation facility.

*We need to have a minimum of 3 students registered to have this class.