

LEARNING EXPERIENCE BRIEF

JA Here to Career

■ Work and Career Readiness



JA Here to Career provides middle and high school students with a unique opportunity to engage in detailed career exploration, with a focus on opportunities in their own community and regional area. State-of-the-art technology includes graphic depiction of careers; an assessment to provide students with suggestions on careers that best suit their interests, talents, and values; and the opportunity to explore postsecondary education requirements, cost, and regional opportunities.

JA Here to Career supports and extends learning for JA programs in the Work and Career Readiness Pathway.

RESOURCE DESCRIPTION

- JA Work and Career Readiness Pathway
- Placement: Grades 7–12, in-school, after-school, or out-of-school
- Duration: ICH** will vary based on length of student engagement with the content.
- Students can engage with the *JA Here to Career* one or many times during and after completion of a JA program.
- Volunteers are not required.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Self-guided student resource that can be used inside or outside of the classroom
- Exploration of potential careers and pathways and links to real-time job market data
- Immersive, hands-on experience, inspiring students to explore their future by exposing them to in-demand careers in their region
- For use in entry and advanced level versions of the JA Finance Park simulation and in-classroom curriculum
- Integration with all JA work and career readiness programs, including *JA Career Success*[®], *JA Career Exploration Fair*[™], *JA It's My Future*[®], *JA Job Shadow*[™], and *JA Inspire*[™]
- Aligned with school district work and career readiness objectives
- Sponsorship opportunity for regional businesses to highlight career opportunities
- National data and local data updates for postsecondary education and career opportunities

**Students must create or use an existing account to track and award ICH to JA Areas.

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STUDENT TAKEAWAYS AND ARTIFACTS

- Comprehensive assessment of student interests, talents, and potential using the Holland codes model
- Define possible pathways in a career cluster that inform student career selection
- Overview of educational opportunities that align to student's desired career path
- Postsecondary education and training requirements; guidance on paying for education and training; and up-to-date career information, including salary, career growth, and typical job responsibilities
- Resource guides, plus access to other JA websites and resources, for further career exploration and planning
- Understanding of community and regional career opportunities
- Future functionality to include creation of a student portfolio

The screenshot displays the JA Here to Career website interface. The top navigation bar includes the Junior Achievement logo, the 'JA HERE to CAREER' branding, a search bar, and the 'JA USA' link. A left sidebar contains navigation options: Register, Log In, Career Inventory, Career Explorer, Education Explorer, and Employer Explorer. The main content area is titled 'Career Interest Inventory' and features a video thumbnail of a person's feet on a path. Below the video, there is a 'Watch Now' button. The right sidebar, titled 'Quick Info', shows salary data for 'Local' (\$32,020) and 'National' (\$46,250) and lists related careers like 'Construction Foreman' and 'Plans Reviewer'. The bottom section shows a detailed view of a career profile for 'Explosives Workers, Ordnance Handling Experts, & Blasters', including a description, job duties, and a 'Quick Info' section with salary options.