



Volunteering in the classroom - JA Elementary Programs

About JA Elementary Programs

JA's elementary programs help students learn the basic concepts of business and understand the important role of education in preparing for a future career. Through hands-on activities, students better understand what it means to be a good citizen, consumer and worker. We rely on the support of approximately 3,000 JA volunteers to deliver our elementary school programs to approximately 2,500 metro classrooms each school year. Learn more at www.jaum.org/elementary-school-programs.

Volunteer Role

Classroom volunteers deliver our curriculum in one of two ways:

- Multi-visit delivery – classroom visits are scheduled directly with the assigned teacher, allowing for flexibility in scheduling.
- JA in a Day – all five classroom lessons are taught back-to-back during a half day visit.

Time Commitment

- Multi-visit delivery – volunteers visit the classroom on five separate occasions, 30-45 minutes per visit
- JA in a Day – volunteers deliver all five lessons during a half-day visit to the classroom (approximately 3 to 4 hours)
- Pre-classroom preparation is also required to familiarize the volunteer with the curriculum and organize/prepare the kit materials (approximately 4 hours)

Location

Lessons are delivered on-site at the school.

Volunteer Training

JA provides training and materials, including [online training videos](#) and [hints and tips](#). At each JA in a Day, JA staff will provide an orientation and offer tips in working with students.

Students

JA's elementary school curriculum is geared toward kindergarten through 5th graders. Classroom size depends on the school, ranging from 18 to 30 students.

Next Steps

We'll work with you to select the ideal school and/or grade level opportunity that works with your schedule. Contact your JA lead to find available dates or to sign up, or contact JA at 651-255-0055 or info@jaum.org.