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A Correlation: Illinois Academic Standards and Junior Achievement Capstone Programs

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Overview

The following correlation features the knowledge and skills that students are introduced to in JA Capstone Programs and how they correspond to Illinois State Social Studies Framework. The correlation is not meant to be exhaustive, nor is it intended to infer that any one resource will completely address any given standard. It is designed to show how *JA BizTown*[®] and *JA Finance Park*[®] will enhance or complement efforts to meet educational standards. Alternate delivery methods, such as student self-guided, cover the same learning objectives for social studies standards and the JA Pathway Competencies. However, the varied implementation models may cause slight variation in English Language Arts and Mathematics correlations.

JA BizTown encompasses important elements of work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy, providing students with a solid foundation of business, economics, and free enterprise education. Through daily lessons, hands-on activities, and active participation in a simulated community designed to support differentiated learning styles, students develop a strong understanding of the relationship between what they learn in school and successful participation in an economy. *JA BizTown* helps prepare students for a lifetime of learning and academic achievement.

JA BizTown Adventures is an alternative (or supplement) to the simulated community experience when students do not have access to a facility. It provides the same great social studies, work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy concepts in an online self-guided format. *JA BizTown Adventures* can be easily used in remote implementation and independent study when combined with the student self-guided implementation of the *JA BizTown* curriculum. Both implementation options augment students' core curriculum in social studies, English language arts, and mathematics. Throughout the programs, students use critical-thinking skills to learn about key concepts as they explore and enhance their understanding of free enterprise.

JA Finance Park lessons address fundamental financial literacy and economic concepts, explore career interests and opportunities, and develop work-readiness skills. The lessons culminate in a hands-on budgeting simulation that includes decisions related to income, expenses, savings, and credit.

The *JA Finance Park* program provides two curriculum levels: Entry Level and Advanced. The Entry Level curriculum is geared towards students who are new to personal finance or have never taken a financial literacy class. The *JA Finance Park Advanced* curriculum is geared towards high school students, and those with some prior knowledge of personal finances, allowing students a peek at their future financial decisions. All curriculum options provide educators a method of delivery that will best meet the needs of their students and culminate with a visit to *JA Finance Park*, a realistic on-site or mobile facility, where students engage with volunteers and put into practice what they've learned by developing a personal budget. *JA Finance Park* simulation is also available virtually in the classroom,

JA Finance Park Entry Level offers three implementations' options:

- Traditional classroom format - educator-led presentation
- Project-Based Learning (PBL) format - structured to include student group and independent work and a culminating project
- Student-self guided format - designed for remote implementation and independent learning

JA Finance Park Advanced offers a teacher-led blended classroom curriculum with a number of optional self-guided extension activities.

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<p>Unit 1: Financial Literacy</p> <p>You must have money to spend money. Students need to understand this fundamental concept of earning and spending if they are to grasp the importance of sound personal finance. This unit introduces students to bank services and practices that will help them to be successful in <i>JA BizTown</i> and in life.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extrapolate services offered by financial institutions ▪ Complete a bank account application ▪ Demonstrate an ability to endorse a paycheck ▪ Complete a deposit ticket ▪ Maintain a check register correctly ▪ Describe the consequences of insufficient funds ▪ Write and sign checks ▪ State the benefit of an interest-earning savings account ▪ Explain how money in a savings account grows ▪ Explore the differences between checks, debit cards, and credit cards ▪ Explain how money changes hands when a debit card is used ▪ Demonstrate use of a check register to record a debit purchase 	<p>SS.IS.1.3-5: Develop essential questions and explain the importance of the questions to self and others.</p> <p>SS.IS.2.3-5: Create supporting questions to help answer essential questions in an inquiry.</p> <p>SS.IS.7.3-5: Identify a range of local problems and some ways in which people are trying to address these problems.</p> <p>SS.EC.FL.3.4. Analyze how spending choices are influenced by price as well as many other factors (e.g. advertising, peer pressure, options).</p> <p>SS.FL.4.5. Explain that interest is the price the borrower pays for using someone else’s money.</p>	<p>Competency I</p> <p>Describe ways to meet personal needs through work.</p> <p>Competency X:</p> <p>Describe the various roles an individual may have.</p> <p>Describe how family members depend on one another, work together and share responsibilities</p> <p>Competency IX</p> <p>Identify alternatives in decision-making situations.</p> <p>Describe how personal beliefs and attitudes affect decision-making.</p> <p>Describe how decisions affect self and others.</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>RI.4.3</p> <p>RI.4.4</p> <p>RI.4.5</p> <p>RI.4.7</p> <p>SL.4.1</p> <p>SL.4.3</p> <p>L.4.4</p> <p>Grade 5</p> <p>RI.5.4</p> <p>RI.5.5</p> <p>RI.5.7</p> <p>SL.5.1</p> <p>L.5.1</p> <p>L.5.3</p> <p>L.5.4</p> <p>Grade 6</p> <p>RI.6.7</p> <p>SL.6.1</p> <p>SL.6.2</p> <p>L.6.1</p> <p>L.6.3</p> <p>L.6.4</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>4.NBT.3</p> <p>4.NBT.4</p> <p>Grade 5</p> <p>5.NBT.5</p> <p>5.NBT.7</p> <p>Grade 6</p> <p>6.NS.3</p> <p>Mathematical Practices 4-6</p> <p>1-7</p>

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<p>Unit 2: Community and Economy</p> <p>Students explore their role as citizens of a community. They are introduced to the concept of the circular flow of money and goods in an economy. They define basic economic concepts and discuss the impact of taxes and philanthropy.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Define various vocabulary terms ▪ Explain how good citizens have a sense of responsibility to others and to their community ▪ Identify goods, services, and resources (human, natural, and capital) ▪ Demonstrate the circular flow of an economy ▪ Discover the function of businesses in producing goods and services ▪ Define scarcity and learn more about free enterprise ▪ Identify the three basic economic questions (what, how, and for whom to produce) ▪ Understand why people pay taxes ▪ Define gross pay and net pay ▪ Calculate tax by multiplying with decimals ▪ Differentiate between public goods and services and private goods and services ▪ Give examples of philanthropy 	<p>SS.CV.3.4: Identify core civic virtues (such as honesty, mutual respect, cooperation, and attentiveness to multiple perspectives) and democratic principles (such as equality, freedom, liberty, and respect for individual rights) that guide our state and nation</p> <p>SS.EC. 2.4: Describe how goods and services are produced using human, natural, and capital resources (e.g. tools and machines).</p> <p>SS.EC.FL.3.4: Analyze how spending choices are influenced by price as well as many other factors (e.g. advertising, peer pressure, options).</p> <p>SS.EC.FL. 4.4: Explain that income can be saved, spent on good and services, or used to pay taxes.</p> <p>SS.EC.2.5. Discover how positive incentives (e.g. sale prices and earning money) and negative incentives influence behavior in our nation’s economy and around the world.</p> <p>SS.EC.3.5. Determine the ways in which the government pays for the goods and services it provides.</p>	<p>Competency II</p> <p>Demonstrate effective skills for interacting with others</p> <p>Demonstrate group membership skills.</p> <p>Competency VII</p> <p>Describe the importance of personal qualities (e.g., dependability, promptness, getting along with others) to getting and keeping jobs.</p> <p>Demonstrate positive ways of performing working activities.</p> <p>Describe the importance of cooperation among workers to accomplish a task.</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>RI.4.7</p> <p>W.4.8</p> <p>SL.4.1</p> <p>SL.4.2</p> <p>SL.4.3</p> <p>L.4.1</p> <p>L.4.4</p> <p>L.4.6</p> <p>Grade 5</p> <p>RI.5.7</p> <p>W.5.8</p> <p>SL.5.1</p> <p>SL.5.2</p> <p>SL.5.3</p> <p>L.5.1</p> <p>L.5.4</p> <p>L.5.6</p> <p>Grade 6</p> <p>R.6.7</p> <p>SL.6.1</p> <p>SL.6.2</p> <p>L.6.1</p> <p>L.6.4</p> <p>L.6.6</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>4.MD.4</p> <p>Grade 5</p> <p>5.MD.2</p> <p>Mathematical Practices 4-6</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>4</p>

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<p>Unit 3: Work Readiness</p> <p>Citizens learn how their interests and skills can lead to exciting careers. They have an opportunity to assess their own skills and interests and to see what kinds of jobs are available at <i>JA BizTown</i>. They have an opportunity to fill out a job application and experience the job interview process.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognize their interests and skills ▪ Explain the relevance of interests and skills in career exploration and planning ▪ Distinguish the differences among the four primary career types: people, ideas, data, and things ▪ Categorize STEM careers into different types ▪ Demonstrate appropriate workplace behaviors ▪ Define resume, job interview, and applicant ▪ Complete a job application ▪ Model appropriate business greetings ▪ Demonstrate proper interview skills 	<p>SS.CV.2.4: Explain how a democracy relies on people’s responsible participation, and draw implications for how individuals should participate.</p> <p>SS.CV.3.4: Identify core civic virtues (such as honesty, mutual respect, cooperation, and attentiveness to multiple perspectives) and democratic principles (such as equality, freedom, liberty, and respect for individual rights) that guide our state and nation.</p> <p>SS.CV.4.4: Explain how rules and laws change society and how people change rules and laws in Illinois.</p>	<p>Competency I</p> <p>Identify personal interests, abilities, strengths, and weaknesses.</p> <p>Competency IV</p> <p>Describe how academic skills can be used in the home and community.</p> <p>Identify personal strengths and weaknesses in subject areas.</p> <p>Identify academic skills needed in several occupational groups</p> <p>Describe how the amount of education needed for different occupational levels varies.</p> <p>Competency VI</p> <p>Describe work of family members, school personnel and community workers. Identify occupations according to data, people, things and ideas.</p> <p>Identify work activities of interest to the student.</p> <p>Competency VI</p> <p>Describe the importance of personal qualities (e.g., dependability, promptness, getting along with others) to getting and keeping jobs.</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>RI.4.4</p> <p>SL.4.1</p> <p>L.4.1</p> <p>L.4.2</p> <p>L.4.4</p> <p>L.4.6</p> <p>Grade 5</p> <p>RI.5.4</p> <p>SL.5.1</p> <p>L.5.1</p> <p>L.5.2</p> <p>L.5.4</p> <p>L.5.6</p> <p>Grade 6</p> <p>SL.6.1</p> <p>L.6.1</p> <p>L.6.2</p> <p>L.6.4</p> <p>L.6.6</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>4.MD.4</p> <p>Grade 5</p> <p>5.MD.2</p> <p>Mathematical Practices 4-6</p> <p>2</p> <p>4-6</p>

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<p>Unit 4: Business Management</p> <p>Citizens prepare for their visit to <i>JA BizTown</i> by working in business teams to learn about key factors in operating a business, such as teamwork, operation costs, pricing, and advertising.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Describe costs associated with operating a business ▪ Calculate business expenses ▪ Use teamwork to create a paragraph that describes a business ▪ Define selling price, revenue, and inventory ▪ Describe factors that affect selling price ▪ Explain the relationship between revenue, costs, and profit ▪ Define advertising ▪ Describe characteristics of effective advertising ▪ Acknowledge how effective teamwork and cooperation enhance business teams ▪ Appreciate how careful completion of details ensures a more successful JA BizTown visit 	<p>SS.EC.1.4: Explain how profits reward and influence sellers</p>	<p>Competency VI</p> <p>Describe work of family members, school personnel and community workers.</p> <p>Describe ways in which self-employment differs from working for others.</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>W.4.1 W.4.2 W.4.4 SL.4.1 L.4.1 L.4.3 L.4.4 L.4.6</p> <p>Grade 5</p> <p>W.5.1 W.5.2 W.5.4 SL.5.1 L.5.1 L.5.3 L.5.4 L.5.6</p> <p>Grade 6</p> <p>W.6.1 W.6.4 SL.6.1 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4 L.6.6</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>4.NBT.5</p> <p>Grade 5</p> <p>5.NBT.5</p> <p>Grade 6</p> <p>6.NS.2 6.NS.3</p> <p>Mathematical Practices 4-6</p> <p>1-7</p>

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<p>Unit 5: Visit and Debrief</p> <p>Citizens participate in the <i>JA BizTown</i> simulation and then return to class for a debriefing lesson to ensure they have a well-rounded learning experience. The debrief lesson allows citizens to reflect on their <i>JA BizTown</i> experience and further identify the relevance of classroom learning to their future plans and goals.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Function in their job capacity at JA BizTown ▪ Manage their personal finances and time ▪ Carry out responsibilities of citizenship, such as voting and obeying laws ▪ Evaluate team performance at JA BizTown ▪ Explain the circular flow of economic activity ▪ Describe how citizens use financial institutions ▪ Describe how citizens work within a quality business 	<p>SS.CV.1.4. Distinguish the responsibilities and powers of government officials at the local, state, and national levels.</p> <p>SS.CV.2.4. Explain how a democracy relies on people’s responsible participation, and draw implications for how individuals should participate.</p> <p>SS.CV.4.4. Explain how rules and laws change society and how people change rules and laws in Illinois.</p> <p>S.CV.4.5. Explain how policies are developed to address public problems.</p> <p>SS.CV.1.6-8LC. Identify roles played by citizens (examples: voters, jurors, taxpayers, military, protesters, and office-holders).</p>	<p>Competency V</p> <p>Identify different types of work, both paid and unpaid.</p> <p>Describe the importance of preparing for occupations.</p> <p>Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of practice, effort and learning.</p> <p>Describe how current learning relates to work.</p> <p>Describe how one’s role as a student is like that of an adult worker.</p> <p>Describe jobs that are present in the local community. Identify the working conditions of occupations.</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>W.4.1</p> <p>SL.4.1</p> <p>SL.4.4</p> <p>L.4.1</p> <p>L.4.6</p> <p>Grade 5</p> <p>W.5.1</p> <p>SL.5.1</p> <p>SL.5.4</p> <p>L.5.1</p> <p>L.5.6</p> <p>Grade 6</p> <p>W.6.1</p> <p>SL.6.1</p> <p>SL.6.4</p> <p>L.6.1</p> <p>L.6.4</p>	<p>Grade 5</p> <p>5.NBT.5</p> <p>Mathematical Practices 4-6</p> <p>1-7</p>

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<p>Adventure One: CEO</p> <p>AS CEO students discover some of the responsibilities of running a business. They match their interests and skills to choose a corporation to lead, use the company’s mission statement to make a strategic decision, explore market analysis to identify a target market, compare applicant resumes to make a hiring decision while considering the company budget, and compile a letter to encourage customers.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use knowledge of skills and interests to select a company ▪ Compare potential customers ▪ Identify target market ▪ Make a strategic decision ▪ Identify points in a mission statement ▪ Compare applicant resumes ▪ Make a budget-based decision ▪ Create a letter by making appropriate word choices 	<p>SS.CV.1.4. Distinguish the responsibilities and powers of government officials at the local, state, and national levels.</p> <p>SS.CV.1.6-8LC. Identify roles played by citizens (examples: voters, jurors, taxpayers, military, protesters, and office-holders).</p> <p>SS.EC.1.4: Explain how profits reward and influence sellers</p> <p>SS.EC. 2.4: Describe how goods and services are produced using human, natural, and capital resources (e.g. tools and machines).</p>	<p>Competency V</p> <p>Identify different types of work, both paid and unpaid.</p> <p>Describe the importance of preparing for occupations.</p> <p>Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of practice, effort and learning.</p> <p>Describe how current learning relates to work.</p> <p>Describe how one’s role as a student is like that of an adult worker.</p> <p>Describe jobs that are present in the local community. Identify the working conditions of occupations.</p>	<p>Grade 4 RI.4.1-5 RI.4.7,10 W.4.2b,2d,2e W.4.8 SL.4.3 L.4.4,6</p> <p>Grade 5 RI.5.1-5 RI.5.7,10 W.5. 2b,2d,2e W.5.8 SL.5.3 L.5.4-6</p>	<p>4.oa.1 4.nbt.4</p>
<p>Adventure Two CFO</p> <p>As CFO students make budget decisions following a decision-making process and mathematical formula. They determine how much to charge for their services and which companies’ services offer the best value. They explore the need for cyber insurance to prevent online security breaches and review the company’s mission statement.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use knowledge of skills and interests to select a company ▪ Deduct taxes to calculate net pay ▪ Determine price of items to make a profit using a formula ▪ Compare costs to make budget decisions ▪ Read terms and conditions to compare offers ▪ Evaluate proposals as part of a decision-making process 	<p>SS.EC.1.4: Explain how profits reward and influence sellers</p> <p>SS.EC. 2.4: Describe how goods and services are produced using human, natural, and capital resources (e.g. tools and machines).</p> <p>SS.EC.FL.3.4: Analyze how spending choices are influenced by price as well as many other factors (e.g. advertising, peer pressure, options).</p>	<p>Competency VII</p> <p>Describe the importance of personal qualities (e.g., dependability, promptness, getting along with others) to getting and keeping jobs.</p> <p>Demonstrate positive ways of performing working activities.</p> <p>Describe the importance of cooperation among workers to accomplish a task.</p>	<p>Grade 4 RI.4.1-5 RI.4.7,10 W.4.2b,2d,2e W.4.8 SL.4.3 L.4.4,6</p> <p>Grade 5 RI.5.1-5 RI.5.7,10 W.5. 2b,2d,2e W.5.8 SL.5.3 L.5.4-6</p>	<p>4.oa.1 4.nbt.1-2 4.nbt.3 4.nbt.4-6 4.nf.5-6</p> <p>5.nbt.1-2 5.nbt.4-5</p>

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<p>Adventure Three: Marketing Director</p> <p>As Marketing Director, students use their knowledge of skills and interests to choose a company to work for. They identify an idea for a new product or service and use a decision-making strategy to refine their idea, identify a target market, and plan an advertising campaign that is consistent with the business mission statement.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use knowledge of skills and interests to select a company ▪ Identify an idea for a new product or service ▪ Attempt to resolve solutions to customer pain points ▪ Identify characteristics of target markets ▪ Explore advertising avenues and marketing tools ▪ Plan a marketing campaign ▪ Compare cost effectiveness of different advertisements ▪ Examine fine print on contracts 	<p>SS.EC.FL.3.4: Analyze how spending choices are influenced by price as well as many other factors (e.g. advertising, peer pressure, options).</p> <p>SS.EC.2.5. Discover how positive incentives (e.g. sale prices and earning money) and negative incentives influence behavior in our nation’s economy and around the world.</p>	<p>Competency VII</p> <p>Describe the importance of personal qualities (e.g., dependability, promptness, getting along with others) to getting and keeping jobs.</p> <p>Demonstrate positive ways of performing working activities.</p> <p>Describe the importance of cooperation among workers to accomplish a task.</p>	<p>Grade 4 RI.4.1-5 RI.4.7,8,10 SL.4.3 L.4.4,6</p> <p>Grade 5 RI.5.1-5 RI.5.7,8,10 SL.5.3 L.5.4-6</p>	<p>4.oa.1 4.nbt.4</p> <p>5.nbt.1-2</p>
<p>Adventure Four: Sales Manager</p> <p>Once the Sales manager chooses which company he or she will represent, they will be lead through decision making and problem-solving processes to make hiring and customer service decisions based on budget and work ethic parameters.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use knowledge of skills and interests to select a company ▪ Explore traits that convey good work ethic ▪ Compare resumes ▪ Use a decision-making process to make hiring decisions ▪ Use a problem-solving process to improve customer service 	<p>SS.EC.1.4: Explain how profits reward and influence sellers.</p> <p>SS.EC.2.5. Discover how positive incentives (e.g. sale prices and earning money) and negative incentives influence behavior in our nation’s economy and around the world.</p> <p>SS.EC.FL.3.4: Analyze how spending choices are influenced by price as well as many other factors (e.g. advertising, peer pressure, options).</p>	<p>Competency VI</p> <p>Describe the importance of personal qualities (e.g., dependability, promptness, getting along with others) to getting and keeping jobs.</p> <p>Competency IX</p> <p>Identify alternatives in decision-making situations.</p> <p>Describe how personal beliefs and attitudes affect decision-making.</p> <p>Describe how decisions affect self and others.</p>	<p>Grade 4 RI.4.1-5 RI.4.7,10 W.4.2b,2d,2e W.4.8 SL.4.3 L.4.4,6</p> <p>Grade 5 RI.5.1-5 RI.5.7,10 W.5. 2b,2d,2e W.5.8 SL.5.3 L.5.4-6</p>	<p>4.oa.1 4.nbt.1-2 4.nbt.3 4.nbt.4-6 4.nf.5-6</p> <p>5.nbt.1-2 5.nbt.4-5</p>

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<p>Adventure Five: Consumer</p> <p>As consumer, students make financial decisions and choices having to do with bank accounts and types of payments. They learn to keep a transaction register, calculate net pay, choose needs over wants, and set and re-evaluate a budget.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Define gross pay and net pay and calculate net pay ▪ Identify services offered by financial institutions. ▪ Explore a bank account application ▪ Identify parts of a transaction register ▪ Explain the importance of a savings account ▪ Explore the differences between checks, debit cards, and credit cards and other forms of electronic payments. ▪ Explain how money changes hands when a debit card or electronic payment form is used. ▪ Demonstrate use of a transaction register to record a debit purchase. ▪ Distinguish between needs and wants ▪ Create a budget based on monthly income ▪ Use fixed costs and needs to make budget decisions ▪ Make shopping decisions based on budget and opportunity cost 	<p>SS.EC.FL.3.4. Analyze how spending choices are influenced by price as well as many other factors (e.g. advertising, peer pressure, options).</p> <p>SS.FL.4.5. Explain that interest is the price the borrower pays for using someone else's money.</p>	<p>Competency X:</p> <p>Describe the various roles an individual may have.</p> <p>Describe how family members depend on one another, work together and share responsibilities</p>	<p>Grade 4 RI.4.1-5 RI.4.7,10 SL.4.3 L.4.4,6</p> <p>Grade 5 RI.5.1-5 RI.5.7,10 SL.5.3 L.5.4-6</p>	<p>4.oa.1 4.nbt.1-2 4.nbt.3 4.nbt.4</p> <p>5.nbt.1-2</p>

JA Finance Park

Unit Description	Illinois Social Studies Standards	Career Student Competencies	English Language Arts	Math
<p>Unit 1: Income</p> <p>Students recognize the fundamental role that income plays in their personal finances and the factors that affect income and take-home pay. They discover how their decisions about education and careers impact their potential income and quality of life.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rate their interests, abilities, and values. ▪ Determine work preferences and match them to career choices ▪ Define taxes and explain their purpose and impact on income ▪ Figure net monthly income 	<p>SS.IS.1.6-8. Create essential questions to help guide inquiry about a topic.</p> <p>SS.IS.2.6-8. Ask essential and focusing questions that will lead to independent research.</p> <p>SS.IS.6.6-8.LC. Construct arguments using claims and evidence from multiple sources, while acknowledging their strengths and</p> <p>SS.EC.1.6-8.MdC. Explain how external benefits and costs influence choices.</p>	<p>Competency I</p> <p>Describe individual skills required to fulfill different life roles.</p> <p>Describe the importance of academic and occupational skills in the work world. Identify how the skills taught in school subjects are used in various occupations.</p> <p>Describe how continued learning enhances the ability to achieve goals.</p> <p>Describe the relationship of personal attitudes, beliefs, abilities and skills to occupations.</p>	<p>Grade 6 SL.6.1 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4</p> <p>Grade 7 SL.7.1 L.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4</p> <p>Grade 8 SL.8.1 L.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4</p> <p>Grades 9-10 SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4</p>	<p>Grade 6 RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 SP.6.1 SP.6.2</p> <p>Grade 7 RP.7 R2.b NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2</p>
<p>Unit 2: Saving, Investing and Risk Management</p> <p>Students explore and compare saving and investing options as part of their overall financial planning. They also examine risk and how insurance may help protect savings from both planned and unplanned events.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify the benefits of saving a portion of income for future use ▪ Explain short- and long-term saving options ▪ Explain some of the advantages and disadvantages of various saving and investing options ▪ Assess personal risk and risk management 	<p>SS.EC.2.6-8.MdC. Describe the roles of institutions, such as corporations, non-profits, and labor unions in a market economy.</p> <p>SS.EC.FL.2.6-8.MdC. Explain the correlation between investors, investment options (and associated risks), and income/wealth.</p>	<p>Pace</p> <p>Be exposed to a financial literacy unit in a course or workshop.</p>	<p>Grade 6 RI.6.2 SL.6.1 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4</p> <p>Grade 7 RI.7.2 SL.7.1 L.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4</p> <p>Grade 8 SL.8.1 L.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4</p> <p>Grades 9-10 SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4</p>	<p>Grade 6 RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5 SP.6.1 SP.6.2</p> <p>Grade 7 RP.7 R2.b NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2 SP.7.5</p>

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Unit Description	Illinois Social Studies Standards	Career Student Competencies	English Language Arts	Math
<p>Unit 3: Debit and Credit</p> <p>Students compare financial institutions and their services. Through discussion and a game activity, they weigh the advantages and disadvantages of debit and credit. Students also examine the role that credit scores and credit reporting have on personal finances.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Define financial institutions and identify the services they provide ▪ Examine debit and credit cards and their use ▪ Explain the benefits and common pitfalls of credit cards ▪ Explain the benefits of debit cards ▪ Define credit score and describe how it influences the ability to get credit and borrow money 	<p>SS.EC.2.6-8.MdC. Describe the roles of institutions, such as corporations, non-profits, and labor unions in a market economy.</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Grade 6 SL.6.1 SL.6.2</p> <p>Grades 9-10 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4</p> <p>Grades 11-12 SL.11-12.1 L.11-12.1 L.11-12.4</p>	<p>Grade 6 RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5</p> <p>Grade 7 RP.7.R2.b NS.7.3 SP.7.5</p> <p>Grade 8 G.8 SP.8.2</p>
<p>Unit 4: Budget+</p> <p>Students recognize the importance of spending wisely to achieve financial success and the value of creating and maintaining a budget.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Categorize spending by needs and wants ▪ Compare teen and adult spending patterns ▪ Determine which categories belong in a budget ▪ Relate the need to save money to meet goals ▪ Prepare a budget using goals and income 	<p>SS.EC.FL.1.6-8.MdC. Identify how people choose to buy goods and services while still maintaining a budget based on income, taxes, savings, and fixed and variable interest rates.</p>	<p>Competency I</p> <p>Describe individual skills required to fulfill different life roles.</p> <p>Identify how the skills taught in school subjects are used in various occupations.</p> <p>Describe how continued learning enhances the ability to achieve goals.</p>	<p>Grade 6 RI.6.1 SL.6.1 L.6.1 L.6.3 L.6.4</p> <p>Grade 7 RI.7.1 SL.7.1 L.7.1 L.7.3 L.7.4</p> <p>Grade 8 RI.8.1 SL.8.1 L.8.1 L.8.3 L.8.4</p> <p>Grades 9-10 SL.9-10.1 L.9-10.1 L.9-10.4</p>	<p>Grade 6 NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5</p> <p>Grade 7 NS.7.2 NS.7.3 EE.7.1 EE.7.2</p>

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<p>Unit 5: Simulation and Debriefing</p> <p>Students participate in the <i>JA Finance Park</i> simulation. They put into action all they have learned in the classroom by making important spending decisions and maintaining a balanced budget. Following their simulation experience, students participate in a reflective assessment.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create a family budget using hypothetical life situations ▪ Make saving and investment decisions ▪ Reflect on their simulation experience 	<p>SS.IS.6.6-8.LC. Construct arguments using claims and evidence from multiple sources, while acknowledging their strengths and</p> <p>SS.EC.1.6-8.MdC. Explain how external benefits and costs influence choices.</p> <p>SS.EC.FL.1.6-8.MdC. Identify how people choose to buy goods and services while still maintaining a budget based on income, taxes, savings, and fixed and variable interest rates.</p> <p>SS.EC.2.6-8.MdC. Describe the roles of institutions, such as corporations, non-profits, and labor unions in a market economy.</p>	<p>Competency VII</p> <p>Demonstrate personal qualities (e.g., dependability, punctuality, getting along with others) that are needed to get and keep jobs.</p> <p>Describe terms and concepts used in describing employment opportunities and conditions.</p>	<p>Grade 6 RI.6.1 W.6.1 W.6.4 W.6.9</p> <p>Grade 7 RI.7.1 W.7.1 W.7.4 W.7.9</p> <p>Grade 8 RI.8.1 W.8.1 W.8.4 W.8.9</p> <p>Grades 9-10 RI.9-10.1 W.9-10.4 W.9-10.9</p>	<p>Grade 6 RP.6.3b NS.6.2 NS.6.3 NS.6.5</p> <p>Grade 7 RP.7.R2.b NS.7.2 NS.7.3</p>

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Unit Description	Illinois Social Studies Standards	Career Student Competencies	Common Core ELA
<p>Unit 1: Income</p> <p>Students recognize the fundamental role of income in their personal finances and the factors that affect income and take-home pay. Through Project-Based Learning (PBL), students understand how the decisions they make about education and careers have an impact on their potential income and quality of life.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tell the difference between abilities, interests, work preferences, and values ▪ Identify career interests and goals as a way to earn future income ▪ Define taxes and explain their purpose and impact on income ▪ Interpret sources of income (salaries and wages, interest, profit for business owners, etc.) ▪ Calculate NMI (net monthly income) income tax (including state income tax), Social Security, and Medicare 	<p>SS.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p> <p>Career and Work Grade 11 13.1.11.A,B,D 13.1.11.E,F 13.2.11.B,C 13.2.11.D,E</p> <p>Business Grades 9–12 15.1.12.Y. 15.2.12.A,B,E 15.2.12.F,J 15.3.12.C,F,G 15.3.12.H,S,X 15.6.12.D,E</p>	<p>PaCE</p> <p>A student should be exposed to a finance literacy unit in a course or workshop</p>	<p>Grades 9-10 RI .9–10.4 W. 9-10. 1,4 SL. 9-10. 1 L.9-10. 1,4</p> <p>Grades 11-12 RI 11/12.4 W.11/12. 1,4 SL.11/12. 1 L.11/12. 1,4</p>
<p>Unit 2: Saving, Investing and Risk Management</p> <p>Students explore savings and compare investments as part of their overall financial planning. They also examine risk and how insurance may help protect savings from both planned and unplanned events.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify the benefits of saving a portion of income for future use ▪ Explain short- and long-term saving options ▪ Explain some of the advantages and disadvantages of savings options and investment vehicles ▪ Assess personal risk and risk management 	<p>SS.EC.FL.3.9-12. Explain how time, interest rates, and inflation influence saving patterns over a lifetime.</p> <p>SS.EC.FL.5.9-12. Evaluate risks and rates of return of diversified investments.</p> <p>SS.EC.FL.6.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of insurance, including the influences of an individual’s characteristics and behavior.</p> <p>Consumer Science Grade 9 11.1.9.B Grade 12 11.1.12.B</p> <p>Business Grades 9–12 15.2.12.F 15.6.12.B</p>	<p>PaCE</p> <p>Students should know general cost ranges of various PS programs.</p>	<p>Grades 9-10 RI .9–10.1 W. 9-10. 1,4,9 SL. 9-10. 1 L.9-10. 1,4</p> <p>Grades 11-12 RI .11-12. 1 W.11-12. 1,4,9 SL11-12. 1 L.11-12. 1,4</p>

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<p>Unit 3: Debit and Credit</p> <p>Students compare financial institutions and their services; examine the value of credit scores; and interpret the effect of creditworthiness.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Describe the types of financial institutions and the services they provide ▪ Explain debit and credit cards and their uses ▪ Identify the advantages and disadvantages related to credit and debit cards ▪ Give examples of the best ways to build credit ▪ Demonstrate why credit scores are important 	<p>SS.EC.FL.4.9-12. Analyze costs and benefits of different credit and payment options for goods and services, the role of lenders, and interest.</p> <p>Consumer Sciences Grade 9 11.1.9.F Grade 12 11.1.12.F</p> <p>Business Grades 9–12 15.6.12.B,H,M</p>		<p>Grades 9-10 SL. 9-10.1,4 L.9-10. 1,4</p> <p>Grades 11-12 SL11-12.1,4 L.11-12.1,4</p>
<p>Unit 4: Budget+</p> <p>This unit provides an opportunity for students to set financial goals, experience budgeting, and compare sample budgets before they are confronted with the financial responsibilities of being and adult. Lessons focus on classifying income and expenses and staying with a plan. In each of the PBL lessons, integration of technology is required. During the final lesson, students explain the value of planning their spending and maintaining a balanced budget.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Categorize spending by needs and wants ▪ Determine which categories belong in a budget ▪ Distinguish between different kinds of budgets ▪ Prepare a budget using goals and income 	<p>SS.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p> <p>SS.EC.FL.3.9-12. Explain how time, interest rates, and inflation influence saving patterns over a lifetime.</p> <p>Consumer Sciences Grade 9 11.1.9.B Grade 12 11.1.12.B</p> <p>Career and Work Grade 11 13.3.11.D</p> <p>Business Grades 6–8 15.6.8.B,G 15.9.8.B,E Grades 9–12 15.6.12.A,B 15.9.12.B,E</p>	<p>PaCE</p> <p>Students should know general cost ranges of various PS programs</p>	<p>Grades 9-10 RI .9–10.1 SL. 9-10.1 L.9-10.1,4</p> <p>Grades 11-12 RI .11-12.1 SL11-12.1 L.11-12.1,4</p>

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<p>Unit 5: Simulation and Debriefing</p> <p>Students participate in the JA Finance Park simulation. They put into action all they have learned in the classroom by making important spending decisions and maintaining a balanced budget. Students then use the knowledge and skills gained from the JA Finance Park lessons to create a portfolio and presentation that answer the following driving question: What do I need to do today to accomplish what I want in the future?</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create a family budget using hypothetical life situations ▪ Make saving and investment decisions ▪ Demonstrate understanding of the importance of making smart financial decisions now that will last throughout their lifetimes ▪ Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written, and nonverbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts ▪ Demonstrate originality and creativity ▪ Build confidence, self-esteem, and teamwork skills 	<p>SS.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p> <p>Career and Work Grade 11 13.3.11.D</p> <p>Business Grade 9–12 15.1.11.Y 15.2.12.F 15.6.12. B,E, 15.6.12.F,G 15.6.12.H,I,J, 15.6.12.K,L 15.6.12.N,Q,R</p>	<p>PaCE</p> <p>A student should be exposed to a finance literacy unit in a course or workshop</p>	<p>Grades 9-10 RI .9–10.1,4,8 W. 9-10. 1 W. 9-10.4-9 SL. 9-10. 1 SL.9-10.4-6 L.9-10. 1-6</p> <p>Grades 11-12 RI .11-12.1,4,8 W.11-12.1 W. 11-12.4-9 SL.11-12. 1 SL.11-12.4-6 L.11-12. 1-6</p>

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Unit Description	Illinois Social Studies Standards	Illinois Workplace Skills Standards	English Language Arts
<p>Theme 1: Employment and Income</p> <p>Foundation 1 Career Cluster</p> <p>Students learn about the 16 career clusters and how their own interests and skills can help them determine a career pathway</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Examine careers and corresponding career clusters. ▪ Apply interests and skills to specific career clusters. ▪ Research possible careers within a chosen career cluster. ▪ Analyze how interests and skills may relate to a specific career cluster. 	<p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p>	<p>A1 Match interest to employment area.</p> <p>A3 Match attitudes to job area.</p> <p>A4 Match personality type to job area.</p> <p>A5 Match physical capabilities to job area</p> <p>A6 Identify career information from counseling sources.</p> <p>E1 Describe responsibilities of employee.</p>	<p>RI.9-10. 1,4</p> <p>W.9-10. 2,4,6,7,8</p> <p>SL 9-10. 1,2,4,5,6</p> <p>L 9-10. 1- 6</p> <p>RI.11-12. 1,4</p> <p>W.11-12. 2,4,6,7,8</p> <p>SL 9-10. 1,2,4,5,6</p> <p>L 11-12. 1- 6</p>
<p>Foundation 2 Net Income</p> <p>Students learn the difference between gross pay and net pay and understand the various taxes and other deductions withheld from a paycheck.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify the difference between gross pay and net pay. ▪ Identify the components on an earnings statement (pay stub) that affect net income. <p>Calculate net monthly income after removing taxes, benefits, and other deductions.</p>	<p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p>	<p>E1 Describe responsibilities of employee.</p> <p>E2 Describe responsibilities of employer or management.</p>	<p>Grades 9-10</p> <p>9-10.RV.1</p> <p>9-10.RV.3.2</p> <p>9-10.SL.1</p> <p>Grades 11-12</p> <p>11-12.RV.1</p> <p>11-12.RV.3.2</p> <p>11-12.SL.1</p>

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<p>Theme 2: Employment and Education</p> <p>The Value of Education</p> <p>Students learn about the time commitments, costs and benefits of post-secondary education options. Then they compete to find four occupations from the Occupational Outlook Handbook with the highest return on investment.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify the benefits of postsecondary education, including trade schools and military service. ▪ Identify the income projection for a variety of careers. <p>Calculate the return on the educational investment for different occupations using the Occupational Outlook Handbook from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.</p>	<p>S.EC.1.9-12. Analyze how scarcity and incentives influence choices to consume or produce for different individuals and groups</p> <p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p>	<p>A6 Identify career information from counseling sources.</p> <p>D1 Communicate orally with others.</p> <p>D4 Following written directions.</p> <p>D5 Ask questions about tasks.</p>	<p>RI.9-10. 1,4 SL 9-10. 1,2,4,5,6 L 9-10. 1- 6</p> <p>RI.11-12. 1,4 SL 9-10. 1,2,4,5,6 L 11-12. 1- 6</p>
<p>Theme 3: Financial Responsibility and Decision Making</p> <p>Financial Decision Making</p> <p>Students learn a process for making decisions and recognize the responsibilities associated with personal financial decisions.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use rational and considered decision-making steps to select financial goals and priorities. ▪ Explain how decisions made today can impact the future 	<p>S.EC.1.9-12. Analyze how scarcity and incentives influence choices to consume or produce for different individuals and groups.</p> <p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p>	<p>H1 Identify the problem</p> <p>H2 Identify solutions to a problem and their impact.</p> <p>H3 Employ reasoning skills.</p> <p>H4 Evaluate options.</p> <p>H5 Set priorities.</p> <p>H6 Select and implement a solution to a problem.</p> <p>J3 Assume responsibility for decisions and actions.</p>	<p>RI.9-10. 1,4 W.9-10. 1,4 SL 9-10. 1,2,5 L 9-10. 1- 6</p> <p>RI.11-12. 1,4 W.11-12. 1,4 SL 9-10. 1,2,5 L 11-12. 1- 6</p>

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Unit Description	Social Studies Standards	Illinois Workplace Skills Standards	English Language Arts
<p>Theme 4: Planning and Money Management</p> <p>Next-Level Budgeting</p> <p>Students explore the differences between needs and wants, and then learn about the parts of a budget and the importance of budgeting.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognize some of the reasons why people might spend more than they earn. ▪ Identify and use parts of a budget. ▪ List the long-term effects of overspending. 	<p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p>	<p>D1 Communicate orally with others.</p> <p>D4 Following written directions.</p> <p>D5 Ask questions about tasks.</p> <p>H1 Identify the problem</p> <p>H2 Identify solutions to a problem and their impact.</p> <p>H3 Employ reasoning skills.</p> <p>H4 Evaluate options.</p>	<p>RI.9-10 1,4</p> <p>SL 9-10 1,2</p> <p>L 9-10 1- 6</p> <p>RI.11-12 1,4</p> <p>SL 9-10 1,2</p> <p>L 11-12 1- 6</p>
<p>Theme 5: Risk Management and Insurance</p> <p>Insurance</p> <p>Students analyze the conditions under which it is appropriate for young adults to have life, health, and disability insurance.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognize strategies for managing risk. ▪ List the benefits of having insurance for risk management. ▪ Identify conditions under which it is appropriate for young adults to have life, health, and disability insurance. ▪ Compare insurance policies. 	<p>S.EC.FL.6.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of insurance, including the influences of an individual's characteristics and behavior.</p>	<p>H1 Identify the problem</p> <p>H2 Identify solutions to a problem and their impact.</p> <p>H3 Employ reasoning skills.</p> <p>H4 Evaluate options.</p>	<p>RI.9-10 1,4</p> <p>W.9-10 1,2,4,6,7,8</p> <p>SL 9-10 1,2,4,5</p> <p>L 9-10 1- 6</p> <p>RI.11-12 1,4</p> <p>W.11-12 2,4,6,7,8</p> <p>SL 9-10 1,2,4,5</p> <p>L 11-12 1- 6</p>
<p>Theme 6: Investing</p> <p>Investing for the Future</p> <p>Students learn about different types of investments and collaborate to build a diversified investment portfolio.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognize different investment options. ▪ Compare the benefits and risks of various investment options. ▪ Create a diversified investment portfolio that maximizes profit 	<p>S.EC.FL.3.9-12. Explain how time, interest rates, and inflation influence saving patterns over a lifetime.</p> <p>S.EC.FL.5.9-12. Evaluate risks and rates of return of diversified investments.</p>	<p>D1 Communicate orally with others.</p> <p>D4 Following written directions.</p> <p>D5 Ask questions about tasks.</p> <p>M1 Identify style of leadership used in teamwork.</p> <p>M2 Work with team members.</p> <p>M3 Complete a team task.</p>	<p>RI.9-10 1,4</p> <p>W.9-10 1,8</p> <p>SL 9-10 1,2,5</p> <p>L 9-10 1- 6</p> <p>RI.11-12 1,4</p> <p>W.11-12 1,8</p> <p>SL 9-10 1,2,5</p> <p>L 11-12 1- 6</p>

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<p>Theme 7: Simulation and Debrief</p> <p>Students participate in the JA Finance Park simulation then reflect on the activities they participated in during the simulation and engage in an activity to connect their learnings and takeaways from the JA Finance Park simulation to their future career and money management goals.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify key learnings from the JA Finance Park simulation. ▪ Analyze and apply lessons learned to future career and money management goals. 	<p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p>	<p>D1 Communicate orally with others.</p> <p>D4 Following written directions.</p> <p>D5 Ask questions about tasks.</p>	<p>RI.9-10 1,4</p> <p>W.9-10 1,2,4,6,7,8</p> <p>SL 9-10 1,2,4,5,6</p> <p>L 9-10 1- 6</p> <p>RI.11-12 1,4</p> <p>W.11-12 1,2,4,6,7,8</p> <p>SL 9-10 1,2,4,5,6</p> <p>L 11-12 1- 6</p>

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Extension Details	Extension Objectives	Social Studies Standards	Illinois Workplace Skills Standards
<p>The IRS W-4 Form</p> <p>Students learn about the process of withholding money for taxes on their paychecks. They can use a tax estimator to determine how much income to withhold for taxes, discover where their tax dollars are spent, and are introduced to tax exemptions. Students use the IRS website to locate the W-4 form and answer some specific questions.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explain the purpose of the W-4 form. ▪ Examine the employee sections of the W-4 form 	<p>S.EC.7.9-12. Describe how government policies are influenced by and impact a variety of stakeholders.</p>	<p>J9 Apply ethical reasoning.</p>
<p>My Work Values and Responsibilities</p> <p>Students compare two employees to see the importance of soft skills and strong work ethic, and then they learn why work ethic is important to employers. They are challenged to make ethical decisions in the workplace, and they also draft answers to mock interview questions addressing their work ethic.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognize the importance of having a good work ethic and making good choices, including ethical decisions, in the workplace. ▪ Explain why certain decisions made at work, such as taking excessive sick days, having unexcused absences, or arriving late, have negative consequences. 	<p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p>	<p>F2 Identify positive behavior.</p>
<p>Job Loss</p> <p>Students are introduced to factors that can lead to job loss. They learn which professions are likely to be more affected by specific factors and compare two worker scenarios. Students see how being prepared can help minimize job loss stress and they sketch out a plan to prepare for a possible job loss.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognize factors that can lead to job loss, including economic downturns (layoffs, natural disasters, foreclosure), globalization, and automation. ▪ Develop a plan for preparing for job loss. ▪ Identify professional development and job retraining opportunities to help when job loss happens. 	<p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p>	<p>G6 Recognize need to change or quit a job.</p>

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<p>Entrepreneurial Strengths and Talents</p> <p>Students are introduced to entrepreneurial characteristics and how they help in business. They take a self-assessment and create a plan to improve their entrepreneurial skills.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify the characteristics of a successful entrepreneur. Examine personal entrepreneurial qualifications and characteristics. ▪ Develop a plan for building entrepreneurial skills. 	<p>S.EC.1.9-12. Analyze how scarcity and incentives influence choices to consume or produce for different individuals and groups</p> <p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p>	<p>A1 Match interest to employment area.</p> <p>A3 Match attitudes to job area.</p> <p>A4 Match personality type to job area.</p>
<p>Career Decisions</p> <p>Students create a plan based on their interests and talents and learn how to set goals to help them achieve that plan.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use a process to develop a career plan. ▪ Identify career choices that match interests and abilities ▪ Develop a SMART goal to help achieve a chosen career. 	<p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p>	<p>A1 Match interest to employment area.</p> <p>A3 Match attitudes to job area.</p> <p>A4 Match personality type to job area.</p> <p>A2 Identify [short-term] work goals.</p>
<p>Grades Count!</p> <p>Students consider the consequence of grades and other factors and their effects on college options and scholarships.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflect on their current GPA and course selections in light of key factors that influence college admissions. ▪ Calculate a possible GPA based on potential new courses. ▪ List the positive steps they can take to be successful with potential new courses and improve the chance of getting into a college of their choice. 	<p>NA</p>	<p>F2 Identify positive behavior.</p>

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<p>Paying for Postsecondary Education</p> <p>Students explore how to pay for postsecondary education, a major financial decision that will impact their finances for years to come.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify a savings goal and plan. ▪ Contrast grants and scholarships with student loans. ▪ Explain the responsibilities associated with student loan debt. 	<p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p> <p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p>	<p>H1 Identify the problem</p> <p>H2 Identify solutions to a problem and their impact.</p> <p>H3 Employ reasoning skills.</p> <p>H4 Evaluate options.</p>
<p>Applying for Financial Aid with FAFSA</p> <p>Students learn how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for financial aid for college.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explain the rationale for completing the FAFSA form. ▪ Identify the resources and information required for the FAFSA form. ▪ Develop an action plan for completing the FAFSA form. 	<p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p> <p>S.EC.7.9-12. Describe how government policies are influenced by and impact a variety of stakeholders.</p>	<p>D4 Following written directions.</p> <p>D5 Ask questions about tasks.</p>
<p>Interpreting a Financial Aid Award Letter</p> <p>Students learn how to interpret a financial aid award letter and negotiate for more aid</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognize the options available upon receiving a financial aid award letter. ▪ Analyze the parts of a financial aid award letter. ▪ Identify effective strategies for negotiating additional financial aid. 	<p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p> <p>S.EC.7.9-12. Describe how government policies are influenced by and impact a variety of stakeholders.</p>	<p>C2 Accept or reject [employment] offer.</p>

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<p>Planning for Financial Success</p> <p>Students use critical thinking skills and design to communicate the benefits of financial goal planning.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognize the steps for financial goal planning. ▪ Identify a financial goal and develop a plan to reach it. 	<p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p> <p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p>	<p>A2 Identify [short-term] work goals.</p>
<p>Buying Your First Car</p> <p>Students learn to be smart consumers when purchasing a new or used car</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compare benefits of buying and leasing a car. ▪ Identify costs associated with buying and owning a car. ▪ Explain benefits of buying new and used cars. ▪ Analyze costs and features of several vehicles to identify the best car for one's needs. 	<p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p> <p>S.EC.FL.6.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of insurance, including the influences of an individual's characteristics and behavior.</p>	<p>D4 Following written directions.</p> <p>D5 Ask questions about tasks.</p>
<p>Sales and Property Taxes</p> <p>Students determine the impact taxes have on financial decision making.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explain what taxes are used for. ▪ Recognize different types of taxes. ▪ Analyze the impact of taxes on financial decisions, such as buying a car or a home. 	<p>S.EC.7.9-12. Describe how government policies are influenced by and impact a variety of stakeholders.</p>	<p>D4 Following written directions.</p> <p>D5 Ask questions about tasks.</p>
<p>Philanthropy</p> <p>Students consider the emotional, social, and financial benefits of charitable giving as part of creating a personal financial plan.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explain the difference between philanthropy and charity. ▪ Express how society benefits when others donate money for worthy causes. ▪ Evaluate how philanthropy fits within a personal financial plan. ▪ Clarify how charitable giving may have tax benefits. 	<p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p>	<p>F6 Identify how to treat people with respect.</p>

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<p>My Financial Future and Debt</p> <p>Students learn how to use credit responsibly, why they should keep debt low, and why credit scores matter.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognize the effects of late or missed payments. ▪ Explain the effect of debts on a person's net worth. ▪ Distinguish between good use and misuse of credit cards. 	<p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p> <p>SS.EC.FL.4.9-12. Analyze costs and benefits of different credit and payment options for goods and services, the role of lenders, and interest.</p>	<p>D4 Following written directions.</p> <p>D5 Ask questions about tasks.</p>
<p>Cost of Living</p> <p>Students consider the differences in cost of living and median wage in different areas of the United States.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compare cost of living in different states. ▪ Discover the different median wage for different states and occupations. ▪ Make a four-step plan for the future. 	<p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p>	<p>H3 Employ reasoning skills.</p> <p>H4 Evaluate options.</p> <p>B6 Evaluate job opportunities.</p> <p>A2 Identify [short-term] work goals.</p>
<p>Extracurricular Expenses</p> <p>Students apply their understanding of budgeting as they explore how to budget for extracurricular activities that are part of many students' high school experiences.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outline a short-term financial goal for how to save for extracurricular expenses. ▪ Generate a personal budget to achieve the goal 	<p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p>	<p>H1 Identify the problem</p> <p>H2 Identify solutions to a problem and their impact.</p> <p>H3 Employ reasoning skills.</p> <p>H4 Evaluate options.</p>
<p>A World Without Cash</p> <p>Students learn about cashless spending. They discover the pros and cons of cashless spending, reflect on the impact that apps and credit/debit cards can have on spending and security, and research a payment app.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore different payment types and classify the pros and cons of using payment apps. ▪ Identify potential security issues with using payment apps. ▪ Analyze how to use a payment app to manage spending. 	<p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p>	<p>H3 Employ reasoning skills.</p> <p>H4 Evaluate options.</p>
<p>Unexpected Expenses</p> <p>Students understand the impact of unexpected expenses on their budget and the role of an emergency fund in meeting those expenses.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluate if an emergency fund should be used for different emergency scenarios. ▪ Create an emergency fund savings plan for an emergency. ▪ Analyze how saving for an emergency fund can impact a monthly budget. 	<p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p>	<p>H1 Identify the problem</p> <p>H2 Identify solutions to a problem and their impact.</p> <p>H3 Employ reasoning skills.</p> <p>H4 Evaluate options.</p>

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<p>Auto Insurance</p> <p>Students learn about different types of auto insurance policies and what each cover. They explore the costs of insurance, including premiums and deductibles, and learn strategies for keeping auto insurance costs low.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Differentiate among the main types of auto insurance coverage. ▪ Identify ways to mitigate risk to help keep auto insurance costs down. 	<p>NA</p>	<p>H3 Employ reasoning skills. H4 Evaluate options.</p>
<p>Mortgages</p> <p>Students learn the basics about mortgages, including what a mortgage payment consists of and the initial expenses for obtaining a mortgage. They explore different types of mortgages and compare fixed-rate, adjustable-rate, and balloon mortgages.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explain the expenses associated with taking out a mortgage. ▪ Differentiate among different types of mortgages. 	<p>S.EC.FL.3.9-12. Explain how time, interest rates, and inflation influence saving patterns over a lifetime.</p>	<p>H3 Employ reasoning skills. H4 Evaluate options.</p>
<p>Purchasing Stocks</p> <p>Students learn the basics of stock market investing, compare factors that impact the market, read and respond to scenarios about investing, and are introduced to three investing strategies.</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognize basic principles of investing in stocks. ▪ Identify factors that affect stocks and the stock market. ▪ List strategies for smart investing. 	<p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p> <p>S.EC.FL.2.9-12. Explain how to make informed financial decisions by collecting information, planning, and budgeting.</p>	<p>H3 Employ reasoning skills. H4 Evaluate options.</p>
<p>Investing for Retirement</p> <p>Students learn the importance of starting to save for retirement early, the need to save for retirement consistently throughout one's working life, and the impact of failing to fund one's retirement. It also explores company-sponsored retirement plans, such as 401(k) accounts, and both traditional and Roth individual retirement accounts (IRAs).</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explain the benefits of funding retirement early. ▪ Compare features and benefits of retirement plans, including 401(k)s and IRAs. 	<p>S.EC.FL.1.9-12. Analyze the costs and benefits of various strategies to increase income.</p> <p>S.EC.FL.3.9-12. Explain how time, interest rates, and inflation influence saving patterns over a lifetime.</p> <p>S.EC.FL.5.9-12. Evaluate risks and rates of return of diversified investments.</p>	<p>D4 Following written directions. D5 Ask questions about tasks.</p>