## JA It's My Future – Blended

Session Descriptions	Learning Standards	Common Core ELA
Session One: My Brand  Students examine well-known businesses to learn about brand and reputation. They complete a personal brand worksheet to define their own brands and then design logos to represent themselves.  Objectives: Recognize branding as a way to build a positive reputation, personally as well as in the business world. Design a logo that expresses their personal brand.	Middle School Career Development 1.1.1 Identify common terms utilized in career education. 1.3.2 Communicate effectively and appropriately 1.3.6 Demonstrate innovation and creativity  Career Ready Practice 6. A. Creativity 1. Uses information, knowledge and experience to generate original ideas and challenge assumptions. 9. B. Tools and Applications 1. Uses the appropriate technology tools for conveying information, solving problems and expediting workplace processes.	RI 6.7 L. 6.1-6 SL. 6.1-3 SL. 6.5 L. 7.1-6 SL. 7.1-3 SL. 7.5 RI 8.4 L. 8.1-6 SL. 8.1-3 SL. 8.5
Session Two: Career Clusters  Students are introduced to the 16 career clusters, take a career interest assessment, learn about potential jobs within their preferred cluster and then share job information with other classmates and discuss the importance of all jobs within a community.  Objectives:  Identify jobs in specific career clusters that they would like to further explore.  Understand the interconnectivity and value of all types of jobs.	Middle School Career Development  1.1.2 Utilize career development terms when researching career opportunities.  1.13. Identify relationships between career clusters, pathways, specialties and programs of study.  2.2.1 Match individual strengths and assets with career options.  2.2.2 Connect individual personalities with potential careers.  Career Ready Practice  2. A. Speaking 1. Asks pertinent questions to acquire or confirm information.  2. Demonstrates interpretation of verbal and non-verbal messages in a conversation.	RI 6.7 L. 6.1-4 L.6.6 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 6. RI 7.4 L. 7.1,3,4 SL. 7.1,2,4 RI 8.4 L. 8.1,3,4 SL. 8.2,4
Session Three: High Growth Careers  Students learn about declining and high-growth careers and possible reasons for changes in a job's outlook. They are introduced to several high-growth occupations and have the opportunity to research growth careers in their preferred career clusters.  Objectives: Recognize the difference between high-growth and declining careers.  Identify specific careers that are forecasted to have high growth.	Middle School Career Development  1.2.3 Locate essential current labor market information and explain why it is important to career decision-making  Career Ready Practice  3. A. Personal Responsibility 1. Takes responsibility for individual and shared group work tasks.  2. Models behaviors that demonstrate reliability, dependability and commitment to the organization.  10. A. Planning 1. Identifies opportunities in one or more career pathways that aligns with personal interests and aptitudes.	RI 6.7 L.6.1,4,6 SL. 6.1-2 RI 7.4 L. 7.1,4 SL. 7.1-2 L. 8.1,3,4 SL. 8.1



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Session Four: Career Mapping  Students learn how early experiences can provide transferable skills that contribute to future job success by looking at well-known celebrities and their paths to success. They learn about career maps by examining a sample and creating their own.  Objectives:  Identify experiences and activities related to foundational skills that are transferable to a future job.  Plan the significant markers needed to earn a particular job.	Middle School Career Development 1.3.5 Use critical thinking.  Career Ready Practice 1. A. Academic Attainment 2. Reads and comprehends written material in a variety of forms and levels of complexity. 2 C. Presentations 1. Prepares presentations to provide information for specific purposes and audiences.	L. 6.1-4 L.6.6 SL. 6.1-3 L. 7.1,3,4 SL. 7.1,2,4 L. 8.1,3,4 SL. 8.1-2
Session Five: On the Hunt  Students learn about the process of looking, applying, and interviewing for a job. They read about the process and then play a game in which they must identify two truths and a myth about each topic.  Objectives: Recognize basic job-hunting tools, including job postings, applications, recommendations, and interviews.	Middle School Career Development  2.2.2 Connect individual personalities /strengths/assets with potential careers.  Career Ready Practice  4. A. Perceptiveness 1. Accurately defines a problem or issue.  2. Recognizes factors, constraints, goals and relationships in a problem situation.  10. B. Job Seeking 1. Uses multiple resources, including personal and professional networks, to locate job opportunities.	RI 6.7 L. 6.1-6 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 5-6 RI 7.4 L. 7.1,3,4 SL. 7.1,2,4 RI 8.4 L. 8.1,3,4 SL. 8.2,4
Session Six: Soft Skills  Students learn about the differences between technical and soft skills and why both are essential to keep a job. They complete a soft skills self-evaluation to determine which skills they already have and which they can work toward. Finally, they role-play situations that require having strong soft skills.  Objectives: Differentiate between technical skills and soft skills. Describe specific soft skills they already possess and those on which they need to improve.	Middle School Career Development  1.3.7 Model ethical leadership and effective management.  1.3.8 Work productively in teams and demonstrate cultural competency.  Career Ready Practice  1. A. Academic Attainment 4. Assimilates and applies new learning, knowledge and skills.  D. Professional Etiquette  1. Uses professional etiquette and observes social protocols when communicating.  5. C. Adaptability  1. Demonstrates a willingness to learn new knowledge and skills.  2. Considers multiple and diverse points of view.	RI 6.7 L. 6.1-6 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 5-6 RI 7.4 L. 7.1,3,4 SL. 7.1-2 SL.7.5-6 RI 8.4 L. 8.1,3,4 SL. 8.1-3

