



JA JobSpark

JA JobSpark will offer students the opportunity to learn about careers from industry representatives in time to begin planning for their high school course work and better prepare them for life after high school graduation.

Session Titles & Summaries (Session Length: 30-45 minutes)

Session One: *JA JobSpark* Introduction and Career Assessment

Students will be introduced to *JA JobSpark* and complete an online career assessment (Indiana Career Explorer or Naviance) to identify their skills and interests and how to apply them to a career plan. After completing the assessment, students will have time to review their individual results and talk through the categories with their educator and classmates. The results of the career assessment will help prepare students for Session Two when students will further explore the results.

Session Two: Career Clusters

Students will learn more about career clusters and complete a career matching activity. As a result of this session, the students will have a better idea of their personal goals and interests. Students will also learn more about the industry clusters that will be represented at the *JA JobSpark* event.

Session Three: Preparing for *JA JobSpark* Career Expo

Students will prepare for the *JA JobSpark* Career Expo by learning more about career clusters and education needed to work in certain careers. Students will learn about the importance of exploring careers within the eight industry clusters and asking questions and engaging with the *JA JobSpark* industry professionals. Tips will be given on what to do on the day of *JA JobSpark* Career Expo. Students will also log into the JA Digital Career Book (career.ja.org/locations/103903) to explore local job and career education choices and research workplace demands, institutions of higher education, and work-readiness resources.

***JA JobSpark* Career Expo**

- *The JA JobSpark* Career Expo is an interactive showcase of careers from our region
- Schools choose which day they would like to attend
- Students explore new opportunities and cultivate their interests in careers by taking part in fun hand-on activities and demonstrations in eight industry clusters.

Session Four: *JA JobSpark* Personal Reflection and Follow-Up

Students will reflect on what they learned before and during *JA JobSpark* Career Expo. Students will also explore goal setting and develop initial career goals. This session should take place as soon as possible following the *JA JobSpark* Career Expo.