

Grand Forks Public Schools Career Education Curriculum

Elementary

Junior Achievement curriculum is used partnering education and the community to help students better understand business and economics in order to prepare them for the workforce. A Career Coordinator partners community volunteers and classroom teachers providing them with grant funded, grade-level appropriate Junior Achievement materials necessary to teach the curriculum. Training is provided prior to teaching the lessons. An additional lesson for each grade level pertaining to business ethics is also available online.

GRADE	CURRICULUM	INSTRUCTORS	LENGTH	MATERIALS USED
K	Ourselfes [®] uses compelling stories read aloud by the volunteer, along with hands-on activities, to demonstrate helping, working, earning, and saving.	Classroom Teacher & Community Volunteer	5 lessons (Optional)	Junior Achievement Kits (teacher and volunteer guidebooks & all required student materials)
1	Our Families [®] emphasizes the roles people play in the local economy and engages students with activities about needs, wants, jobs, tools and skills, and interdependence.	Classroom Teacher & Community Volunteer	5 lessons (Optional)	Junior Achievement Kits (teacher and volunteer guidebooks & all required student materials)
2	Our Community [®] explores the interdependent roles of workers in a community, the work they perform, and how communities work.	Classroom Teacher & Community Volunteer	5 lessons (Optional)	Junior Achievement Kits (teacher and volunteer guidebooks & all required student materials)
3	Our City [®] studies careers, the skills people need to work in specific careers, and how businesses contribute to a city.	Classroom Teacher & Community Volunteer	5 lessons (Optional)	Junior Achievement Kits (teacher and volunteer guidebooks & all required student materials)
4	Our Region [®] introduces the relationship between the natural, human, and capital resources found in different regions and explores regional businesses that produce goods and services for consumers.	Classroom Teacher & Community Volunteer	5 lessons (Required by GFPS)	Junior Achievement Kits (teacher and volunteer guidebooks & all required student materials)
5	Our Nation [®] examines how businesses operate in the United States. Students role-play business ownership, interview for jobs, and learn different methods of production while exploring various economic issues that affect business.	Classroom Teacher & Community Volunteer	5 lessons (Optional)	Junior Achievement Kits (teacher and volunteer guidebooks & all required student materials)

Middle School

The curriculum used is a combination of booklets developed for the Grand Forks Consortium Schools and Bridges Choices[®] Explorer software. Choices[®] Explorer is an online education and career exploration system that promotes self-awareness and future career possibilities. All work is saved in an online portfolio.

GRADE	GOALS	ACTIVITIES	INSTRUCTORS	LENGTH
6	<p>Each student will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore their interests, strengths, and abilities and relate them to different careers Begin exploring careers, career clusters, and expectations in the work world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data, People, Things, & Ideas Survey Discover personality types (Holland Codes); match up with correlating careers Connect career clusters, personality types, and occupations Learn what is expected in the work world and self evaluate Begin a career portfolio 	6 th Grade Counselor	4 Lessons (4 Days)
7	<p>Each student will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify several ways to classify occupations Determine top multiple intelligences Recognize a connection between interests/skills and careers Conference with counselor & parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build career cluster chart Multiple Intelligence self-assessment Multiple Intelligence & related careers Choices Explorer: Career Finder – Matching interests and skills with career possibilities Identify components of ideal career (physical setting, work conditions, etc) Update career portfolio 	Career Educator 7 th Grade Counselor Life Skills Teacher	5 Lessons (5 Days)
8	<p>Each student will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify personal work values Describe characteristics of each of the 16 career clusters Research occupations that lie within strongest career cluster Become acquainted with high school and post-secondary requirements Participate in a career fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visualize graduation day Work values survey; connect with correlating careers Choices Explorer: Cluster Finder – Matching top career clusters to career possibilities; in-depth research of one career possibility Research 2 careers of interest in library Develop 4 year education plan Question high school senior panel Interview mentor and reflect Update career portfolio Career Exploration Fair 	Career Educator 8 th Grade Counselor Life Skills Teacher	11 Lessons (10 Days)

High School

The curriculum used is a combination of booklets / worksheets developed for the Grand Forks Consortium Schools and Bridges Choices® Planner software. Choices® Planner is an online career information delivery system that helps students explore a wide array of work and education options. Validated assessments enhance self-awareness helping students make more informed decisions about their future. All work and plans are saved in an online portfolio.

GRADE	GOALS	ACTIVITIES	INSTRUCTORS	LENGTH
9	<p>Each student will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discover their learning styles and learn to apply them to classroom and career choices Discover their personality type Associate personal interests to career clusters and occupations Search for compatible careers Conference with counselor & parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capsol Learning Styles self evaluation Silent Colors of Your Personality self evaluation Choices Planner: Interest Profiler – Matches careers with student's interests Update career portfolio Job Shadow (optional) 	<p>9th Grade Counselor</p> <p>Career Educator</p>	<p>3 Lessons (2 Days)</p>
10	<p>Each student will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrow career options to match characteristics they are desiring Revise 4 year education plan based on post-secondary options Conference with counselor & parents (includes tour of career center) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices Planner: Career Finder – Narrows list of careers choices down based on several personalized characteristics (skills, interests, work values, education, etc.) Research top career choice possibilities Update 4 year education plan & portfolio Job Shadow (optional) 	<p>10th Grade Counselor</p> <p>Career Educator</p>	<p>3 Lessons (2 Days)</p>
11	<p>Each student will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about all post-secondary options available Choose best post-secondary option and begin research Learn basics of resume writing and construct own resume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-Secondary options Choices Planner: School Finder – Search for schools by location, majors, etc. Resume Unit: resumes, cover letters, interview skills, thank you letters Update career portfolio Job Shadow (optional) Test GEAR – ACT prep (optional) Testing (PSAT, etc.) (optional) Career Center Resources (optional) 	<p>11th Grade Counselor</p> <p>Career Educator</p> <p>Career Coordinator</p>	<p>4 Lessons (4 Days)</p>
12	<p>Each student will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference with counselor & parents (includes transition planning and graduation checklist) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job Shadow (optional) Test GEAR – ACT prep (optional) Career Center Resources (optional) 	<p>12th Grade Counselor & Career Center Staff</p>	<p>1 Session</p>