

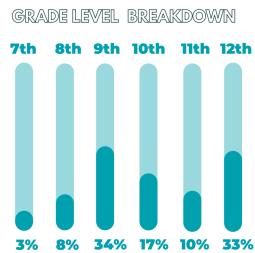


# DA Finance Park PROGRAM IMPACT REPORT- 2021-2022

Nestled just outside Griffith Park, on Forest Lawn Drive, this unique financial literacy lab allows students to experience hands-on learning using experiential technology and the wisdom of the human experience to get a glimpse of what their futures could look like.

The magic of JA Finance Park is in the "reality". The life-like storefronts, representing some of the most recognizable brands, each correspond to a budget line item within the simulation. Through the generosity of corporate sponsors, students truly feel like they are experiencing real life in this immersive world!





**KNOWLEDGE GAINS:** We surveyed **197** 12th grade students after completing the JA Finance Park curriculum and simulation.

PRE:	Percentage of students who reported having SATISFACTORY- EXCELLENT knowledge of	POST:
<b>57</b> %	HOW TO CREATE A BUDGET	93%
39%	CREDIT SCORES AND CONTRIBUTING FACTORS	85%
64%	SAVINGS OPTIONS	91%

"The most important thing was learning everything I need to budget for because I thought it was a small and straightforward list, but it turns out it is more complicated than that."

96%

of students surveyed stated they think about financial issues in their future often after completing the JA Finance Park program!

of students surveyed stated they understand personal goal setting after participating in JA Finance Park.

TOP 8 COURSES that JA Finance Park Curriculum is taught in:

- College Career Readiness CTE
  - **Economics**
  - Social Studies Elective

#### **TEACHER**

This JA Program is an eye opener and a powerful tool that will allow our students to become aware of the importance on knowing how money works, so they can make better money-wise decisions and have a less stressful life for their own benefit, as well as their communities. It is a real pleasure to be an advocate of financial education through this program.

> - Jose Herrera, Math Teacher of 25 years, Nava College Preparatory Academy, LAUSD.

#### **STUDENT**

One of the most important things I learned was how to budget and save my money. I learned in this program that when you get paid for a job, you don't get all the money it says you will be paid, reason being some of the money from your paycheck goes towards taxes for the government. It helped me prepare for my future because now I'll start saving money so I can live a more stable lifestyle when I'm an adult so when I need to pay rent or a monthly charge, I'll have saved money to pay for it.

- Student participant of JA SoCal Finance Park





### STOREFRONT COMPANIES

Vans | Delta | NBC Whittier Trust | SoCalGas | UnionBank Cathay Bank | LADWP | Freddie Mac Bank of America | Toyota | LACCD

## SCHOOLS SERVED IN 1211-122:

\*A nonprofit organization partner

**Upward Bound West LA College\* Woodrow Wilson Senior HS** AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School Animo Watts College **Preparatory Academy** Blair HS Immaculate Heart HS Arroyo Seco Museum Science Magnet Bell Gardens HS **Santee Education Complex** 

Montebello HS John C Fremont Senior Libra Academy-Marquez HS **Manual Arts Senior HS** National Coalition of 100 Black Women\* Edward R. Roybal Learning Center **Gardena Senior HS Griffth STEAM Magnet Middle School** Grover Cleveland Charter HS **Huntington Park Institute of Applied** Medicine **Bridges Charter School Calvary Chapel Christian School** Helen Bernstein HS

**Metropolitan Continuation School** 

Crenshaw HS STEMM Magnet El Camino Real Charter HS South Gate HS Thomas Jefferson Senior Communities in Schools \*



As the only center of its kind in Los Angeles, JA Finance Park hosts more than 15,000 annual visitors which includes students, parents, volunteers, educators and business community members—even appearing on many popular televisions shows.

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