

Volunteer with JA. Spend a school day mentoring & inspiring youth.

“What a day! I never knew that time management could be such a struggle and how important customer service is. Today I felt like a real adult and it was great to experience that as a kid.” – Hiram, JA BizTown Student



JA BizTown® is a no-cost, hands-on learning program that helps students meet standards. For 5th & 6th graders, this business management curriculum culminates in a trip to JA BizTown, a volunteer-assisted simulated community, where students run businesses, earn paychecks, & create a successful economy.

JA BizTown cannot be open for business without volunteers. Please join us, and inspire NJ's youth.

Daily Schedule:

- 8:15am Volunteer Arrival & Training
- 9:30am Student Arrival
- 12:00pm Volunteer Lunch
- 2:00pm Student Dismissal & Volunteer Debrief

Location: 360 Pear Blossom Drive; Edison, NJ

Volunteer Training:

Volunteers receive a 1.5 hour training session on the morning of their volunteer day, led by JA Staff. The training reviews the simulation, volunteer and student roles, and provides helpful tips for creating a successful day.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

February: 20

March: 2, 3, 17, 24

April: 2, 8, 10, 27

May: 4, 6, 15, 29

June: 2, 16

To sign up, contact:

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Time Commitment: 6hrs (includes training)

Objective: Volunteer in 1 of the 14 businesses in JA BizTown, assisting the students with their business/job tasks throughout the day, while sharing personal stories of work experience.

Volunteers will...

- Assist students as they role play in jobs such as an Investors Bank teller, Horizon CFO, Mayor, Quest Diagnostics technician, UPS CEO, MetLife claims adjuster, radio host, and Phillips 66 refining engineer.
- Encourage leadership, problem solving, collaboration, & communication skills.
- Inspire students to start planning for college & careers.
- Be a part of a transformative learning experience for students.