

Pointers For Parents

Kids Can Learn Life Skills

(NAPSA)—There could be good news for parents who want their children to grow up to be independent, fiscally responsible adults. A digital curriculum that offers students a chance to explore personal finance topics through interactive learning has been updated and improved.



An interactive curriculum is helping students achieve financial literacy.

The digital and paperless curriculum and custom software—made possible by a multiyear funding commitment from the KPMG Foundation for Junior Achievement USA® (JA)—lets middle and high school students engage in real-world financial activities such as online banking and paying bills via tablet PCs, while being introduced to such concepts as insurance, credit and long-term investments.

Middle and high school students are known for being increasingly more tech savvy (44 percent of millennials check their phones more than six times an hour). Using technology that they're already accustomed to will better prepare them for financial success, according to the program's supporters.

Upon completion of the in-class work, students visit a *JA Finance Park* facility or mobile unit and take part in a virtual experience to put their newfound skills to the test in real-life scenarios. Just as in the "real world," students must make financial trade-offs for what they want versus what they can afford.

For more information on bringing this program to your local school, visit www.ja.org.