

## JA Our Business World (OBW) Program supports aspects of BC’s New Curriculum for Grades 4-7 as excerpted and paraphrased below:

### Core Competencies

- Communication – sharing & developing ideas through presentation & collaboration
- Creative and Critical Thinking – beginning to generate, develop and critique ideas and designs
- Positive Personal & Cultural Identity – recognizing personal values, choices, strengths and abilities
- Personal Awareness & Responsibility – becoming personally aware & confident, and responsible for their own choices and well-being
- Social Responsibility – becoming aware & responsible for contributing to the community and caring for the environment

### Areas of Learning OBW Supports

- Applied Design, Skills and Technologies
- Career Education
- Social Studies
- English Language Arts
- Mathematics

### Area of Learning Detail: Applied Design, Skills and Technologies

#### Goals

- Acquire practical skills and knowledge
- Develop awareness & confidence in one’s ability to participate constructively in a changing world
- Explore how values and beliefs can affect the development of products and services
- Explore how the development of products and services can affect the environment
- Consider possibilities for developing future interests and careers

#### Big Ideas

- Designs can be improved... (grades 4-5)
- Designs can be responsive to identified needs (grades 6-7)
- Skills are developed through practice, effort and action (grades 4-7)
- Choice of technology & tools depends on the task & adapts as necessary (grades 4-7)

#### Curricular Competencies

Process of developing a design, product or service – including defining, ideating, prototyping, testing, making .....	Grade 4-7
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Process of sharing & evaluating a design, product or service, including how it contributes....	Grade 6-7
Applied technology – how does it impact community and environment, and vice versa	Grade 4-7

## Content

Entrepreneurship and Marketing	Grade 6-7
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## Area of Learning Detail: Career Education/Career Life Education/Career Life Connections

### Goals

- Recognize the need to be adaptable, resilient and flexible in order to meet the changing demands of the work environment
- Recognize the importance of career development to individual lives, communities, society and the global economy
- Identify some career pathways

### Big Ideas

- Personal strengths and abilities help identify our goals (grades 4-7)
- The economy affects the personal, social and economic lives of individuals, and vice versa (grades 6-7)
- Careers and life opportunities change over time (grades 6-7)
- Careers require ongoing exploration, planning, evaluation and adaptation to change in the community, the economy, and the environment (grades 6-7)

### Curricular Competencies

Consider personal attributes, skills & interests in making career and business choices	Grade 4-7
Local and global economic trends are important in making career and business choices	Grade 6-7
Recognize how work and business contribute to our community and society	Grade 6-7
Consider how ethical behaviour, equality and equity are important in a business/work environment	Grade 4-7
Make connections between effective work and business habits and success	Grade 4-7
Use of entrepreneurial and innovative thinking	Grade 4-7

## Content

Personal development	Grade 4-7
Connections to Community	Grade 4-7
Life and Career Plan	Grade 4-7

## Area of Learning Detail: Social Studies

### Goals

- Begin to consider different perspectives and values – competencies needed for participation in a democratic society
- Begin to develop an awareness of how humans and the environment interact
- Begin to develop an understanding of how economic systems work and benefit society

### Big Ideas

- Demographic changes create shifts in economic power (grade 4)
- Natural resources shape the economy of different regions (grade 5)
- Economic self-interest can cause conflicts (grade 6)
- Economic specialization and trade networks can lead to conflict and to co-operation (grade 7)

### Curricular Competencies

Consider the significance of various business people, developments and companies	Grade 4-6
Consider continuity and change over time and their impact upon business and economics	Grade 4-6
Consider the perspectives and motivations of various business people and their companies at different points in time	Grade 4-6

## Content

Interactions among the environment, resources and the community impact the economy and individuals	Grade 4-7
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## Area of Learning Detail: English Language Arts

### Goals

- Become proficient and knowledgeable users of language
- Practice thinking creatively, critically and reflectively
- Practice being critical and ethical users of digital media
- Practice using language to design and share information

## Big Ideas

- Exploring stories helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world (grades 4-7)
- Exploring and sharing multiple perspectives extends our thinking (grades 4-7)
- Questioning what we hear, read and view contributes to our ability to be educated and engaged (grades 4-7)

## Curricular Competencies

Comprehend and connect by reading, listening, viewing...	Grade 4-7
Think critically, creatively, and reflectively....	Grade 4-7
Exchange ideas and viewpoints....	Grade 4-7
Experience and practice storytelling and presentations....	Grade 4-7

## Content

Story – looking for evidence, points of view, techniques of persuasion and argument	Grade 4-7
Strategies and processes – for reading, writing and oral language	Grade 4-7
Language features, structures and conventions as used in discussion and presentation	Grade 4-7

## Area of Learning Detail: Mathematics

### Goals

- Practice reasoning mathematically
- Become financially literate

### Big Ideas

- Computational fluency and flexibility with numbers... (grades 4-7)

### Curricular Competencies

Reasoning and analyzing – model mathematics in context	Grade 4-7
Understanding and solving - in experiences that are connected to the community	Grade 4-7

### Content

Financial literacy – income, expenses, profit, start-up funds	Grade 4-7
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