



# WORLD OF CHOICES PROGRAM

## Volunteer & Host Educator Guide

### Introduction

BC's Career Education curriculum allows educators to develop and incorporate innovative approaches to deepen career-life learning opportunities for students. JABC offers a number of programs and capstone experiences aimed at students in Grades 4 to 12 to enhance their career education.

### About the World of Choices Program

JABC is pleased to be launching *World of Choices* during the 2020/2021 school year. The program aims to support students in their journey to explore and refine their career goals by reflecting on their personal interests and strengths and discover where these might intersect with emerging career-life opportunities. Students will gain confidence and further knowledge to succeed in an ever-changing world.

JA volunteers from the local community and businesses play a key role in this program as featured guest speakers. These guest speakers help enable students to see opportunities, both in their community and in the world outside their classroom.

### How it Works

Provided on-demand throughout the school year and during a regular block schedule, *World of Choices* features a 45 to 60 minute virtual presentation by a JA Volunteer. The educator moderates and hosts the presentation, manages the virtual platform, keeps time and oversees the Q&A segment. Student participation during the Q&A should be encouraged! In addition, the program features optional online pre and/or post activities that are self-paced and completed independently by students in the classroom or at home.

Like all JA programs, the experience is coordinated and supported by JABC's Program team.

## Program Outline

Lead	Duration	Key Idea	Why it's important	Questions to address...
Host Teacher	5 minutes	Welcome Speaker	Set the stage, review the agenda and expectations of students	
JA Volunteer	5 minutes	Introduction	Allows students to get a sense of who you are.	Who are you and what are your likes, family, special interests or hobbies?
JA Volunteer	5 minutes	The Journey: your education and job pathways	Enables students to develop belief and resilience. Engage students: <i>"Raise your hand. How many of you have heard of...?"</i>	What was your education/training and career journey? How did you select your area of study?
JA Volunteer	5 minutes	Current Position: your role and responsibilities	Open a world of opportunities where students are encouraged to research and discover opportunities that may align with their own competencies, values, passions, and interests.	What are you doing today and what does your job involve? What skills and attributes are required to perform your job? What's the most average and most interesting aspects about your job? What are the working conditions like? What types of continuing education opportunities are you pursuing? Why did you choose this path?
Host Teacher + JA Volunteer	5 minutes	Questions from student		
JA Volunteer	15 minutes	It's important to know...	Help students develop a deeper inside track, a better understanding.	What's the most rewarding aspect of your job? What's the most challenging task you face in your work? What do you enjoy most about your job? Did anything about this job/career surprise you? How important is networking in this industry? What education and training are required for this industry? How do you see this industry changing in the next few years? What are some common mistakes that you see from new hires? Are there are a lot of job opportunities in this career? What are the opportunities for advancement in this career? Is there a common misconception about this career? What personal qualities/characteristics are important to have for this job? What technical skills are important to have for this job?
JA Volunteer	5 minutes	Wrapping it up!	Empower students! "Don't give up." "Invest in yourself."	What advice would you give to your younger self? How do you define success? How can someone entering this career stand out from the rest of the crowd?
Host Teacher + JA Volunteer	10 minutes	Questions from Students	Be prepared for almost anything!	Are you able to have a positive work/life balance in this career? What are some things you wish did differently in school/college/past jobs? What advice would you give someone who is wanting to get where you are? Is there anything that you do in everyday life that has helped you reach success in your work? How do I get started? What's the salary potential? What kind of car do you drive?!
Host Teacher	5 minutes	Thank the JA Volunteer		