



Junior Achievement™
of South Dakota

JA Inspire®
Virtual

Student Workbook



Student Name: _____

School: _____

WELCOME TO *JA INSPIRE*

Your education and skills will enable you to succeed in whatever career you choose. Once you know your career options, you can work toward them.

Get Inspired!

JA Inspire unites schools in our community with local businesses. The goal is to help inspire you to envision future career possibilities.

The first step includes in-class activities to get prepared. Then you will participate in the virtual *JA Inspire* event, where you'll see careers in action.

The virtual *JA Inspire* event is an experience that introduces you to a variety of local career opportunities. Virtual *JA Inspire* lets you watch videos where you can learn about specific careers, see work equipment, and watch a job in action. You may one day seek a job at one of these companies! Educational institutions, government, and other organizations may also be represented among the virtual career videos.

How Do I Use This Booklet?

- The pre-work and activities will help you prepare as you consider obtaining a career someday and will provide information needed to get the most out of the virtual event.
- During the virtual event you will use this booklet to:
 - Take notes about different careers.
 - Explore higher education options in South Dakota.
 - Reflect on your experience.

*Log in information will be provided prior to the event.

Accessing *JA Inspire Virtual*

Website: <https://jainspiresd.vfairs.com/>

Login Email: _____
(Schools will have login information for students.)

Outside the Lobby: Click on the doors to enter the Virtual Event!

Virtual Lobby: The lobby is your entrance point and provides access to other parts of the site:

- **Exhibit Hall** – Enter the exhibit hall to visit the career stations.
- **Career Cluster Icons** – Takes you to the first career station within that cluster.
- **Company Banners** – Takes you directly to the career station for this company. *These companies helped make this event possible!*
- **Auditorium** – Listen to welcome messages from our sponsors!
- **Search Box** – Enter the name of the career or business you would like to visit.
- **Backpack** – This is where you access saved documents that you find helpful so you can review or share them later. While exploring career stations, click + *Backpack* beside the document or video you want to save. After the event, you can email the items in your backpack to your email address.

Career Stations: Information within each career station has been provided by the company/organization. The information will vary, but most career stations include:

- **Description** – Brief description of the company.
- **Videos** – Videos that showcase the career and business. These can be saved to your backpack.
- **Documents** – Information that can be saved to your backpack. Most career stations will have a “Day in the Life” document that describes the *day in the life* of people who work in that career.
- **Banners** – sometimes if you click on a banner it will take you to a website or additional information.
- **Links** – a variety of resources to explore!

VIDEO NOTES – Developing a Career Plan:

16 CAREER CLUSTERS

A career cluster is a grouping of jobs and industries related to skills and products. Below are the 16 Career Clusters. This is not a full list, but rather provides some examples of jobs that fall within the cluster. All these jobs will be featured at the *JA Inspire* event.

 <p>Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Breeder • Biochemist • Environmental Engineer • Farmer • Fisherman • Florist • Game Warden • Mining Engineer • Park Ranger 	 <p>Architecture & Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architect • Carpenter • Civil Engineer • Construction Worker • Contractor • Electrician • Environmental Designer • Landscaper • Painter • Plumber • Surveyor 	 <p>Arts, Audio/Video, Technology, & Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actor • Ad Executive • Artist • Broadcaster • Cinematographer • Digital Media Specialist • Graphic Designer • Interior Designer • Journalist • Photographer 	 <p>Business, Management, & Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Assistant • Entrepreneur • Financial Assistant • Human Resource Manager • Marketing Director • Office Manager
 <p>Education & Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Professor • Corporate Trainer • Counselor • Librarian • Principal • Sign Language Interpreter • Teacher 	 <p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountant • Bank Teller • Bookkeeper • Economist • Executive • Financial Planner • Insurance Agent • Loan Officer • Stockbroker • Tax Preparer 	 <p>Government & Public Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Examiner • Emergency Management Director • Homeland Security Manager • Intelligence Agent • Legislator • Public Administration Supervisor 	 <p>Health Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrator • Criminologist • Dentist • Dietitian • Medical Doctor • Medical Transcriptionist • Nurse • Paramedic • Physical Therapist • Sociologist • Veterinarian • Vision Care Assistant
 <p>Hospitality & Tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chef • Hotel Clerk • Hotel Manager • Lifeguard • Recreation Director • Travel Agent • Waiter 	 <p>Human Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cosmetologist • Day Care Worker • Hairstylist • Personal Financial Adviser • Preschool Teacher • Psychologist • Social Worker 	 <p>Information Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Programmer • Database Manager • Multimedia Producer • Network Administrator • Software Engineer • Technical Writer • Web Designer 	 <p>Law, Public Safety, & Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney • Court Reporter • Firefighter • Judge • Military Officer • Paralegal • Police Officer • Private Investigator
 <p>Manufacturing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat Builder • Computer Integration Technician • Jeweler • Machinist • Major Appliance Repair Technician • Manufacturing Engineer • Mechanic • Welder 	 <p>Marketing, Sales, & Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Service Representative • Fashion Marketer • Home Inspector • Public Relations Specialist • Real Estate Appraiser • Sports and Entertainment Marketer 	 <p>Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astronomer • Biologist • Chemical Engineer • Computer Engineer • Drafter • Electrical Engineer • Food Scientist • Mathematician • Meteorologist 	 <p>Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airline Pilot • Air Traffic Controller • Astronaut • Bus Driver • Flight Attendant • Locomotive Engineer • Ship Captain • Truck Driver

CAREER MATCH EXPLORATION

Directions:

1. Log into your SDMyLife powered by Xello account.
2. Click on "Matchmaker" under the "About Me" section.
3. Using those results, research your top three matches.

Match #1

Career _____

Salary _____ Education _____ Demand _____

Why is this a good match? _____

Similar Careers _____

Career Cluster _____

Other notes of Interest _____

Questions I have about this job _____

Match #2

Career _____

Salary _____ Education _____ Demand _____

Why is this a good match? _____

Similar Careers _____

Career Cluster _____

Other notes of Interest _____

Questions I have about this job _____

Match #3

Career _____

Salary _____ Education _____ Demand _____

Why is this a good match? _____

Similar Careers _____

Career Cluster _____

Other notes of Interest _____

Questions I have about this job _____

TOP 10 HOT CAREERS

Top 10 Hot Careers in South Dakota (Highest Demand and Highest Wages)

Occupational Title	Average Annual Demand 2020-2030	Average Annual Wage 2022	Level of Education Recommended in South Dakota
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	945	\$52,070	Some postsecondary education
Registered Nurses	899	\$64,500	Bachelor's degree
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products	604	\$74,070	High school diploma or equivalent
Carpenters	586	\$42,060	High school diploma or equivalent
Accountants and Auditors	538	\$72,990	Bachelor's degree
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	468	\$55,180	High school diploma or equivalent
Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	429	\$42,440	High school diploma or equivalent
General and Operations Managers	387	\$139,030	Associate degree
Management Analysts	360	\$86,120	Bachelor's degree
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	358	\$42,420	High school diploma or equivalent

Notes: Occupations identified as Hot Carers in the South Dakota had to meet the following criteria: 1) be projected to show employment growth from 2020 to 2030, 2) be among the occupations with the highest projected annual demand for workers (2020-2030) and 3) have an average/mean wage greater than the national median wage across all occupations in 2022 (\$39,870).

Source: Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, June 2023.

[To learn more about these and other Hot Careers in South Dakota, visit \[dlr.sd.gov/hotcareers\]\(https://dlr.sd.gov/hotcareers\).](https://dlr.sd.gov/hotcareers)

Top 10 Hot Careers in the United States (Highest Demand and Highest Wage)

Occupational Title	Average Annual Demand 2021-2031	Average Annual Wage 2022	Level of Education Recommended in United States
General and Operations Managers	300,400	\$122,860	Bachelor's degree
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	259,900	\$53,090	Postsecondary non-degree award
Registered Nurses	203,200	\$89,010	Bachelor's degree
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	160,100	\$47,130	High school diploma or equivalent
Software Developers	143,400	\$132,930	Bachelor's degree
Construction Laborers	143,200	\$46,350	No formal education credential
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products	139,700	\$76,890	High school diploma or equivalent
Accountants and Auditors	136,400	\$86,740	Bachelor's degree
Sales Representatives of Services, except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services and Travel	125,300	\$77,390	High school diploma or equivalent
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	114,200	\$82,670	Bachelor's degree

Notes: Occupations identified as Hot Carers in the United States had to meet the following criteria: 1) be projected to show employment growth from 2021 to 2031, 2) be among the occupations with the highest projected annual demand for workers (2021-2031) and 3) have an average/mean wage greater than the national median wage across all occupations in 2022 (\$46,310).

Source: Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, June 2023.

VIDEO NOTES - Interacting to Learn: _____

SOFT SKILLS

Responsibility, Perseverance, Initiative, Leadership, Other: _____

ELEVATOR PITCH GUIDE

Use the following questions to prepare ideas for your elevator pitch:

Your Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

What interests you?

What are you good at doing?

The dream job you would like to have:

Skills that you have that could contribute to that job:

What is one thing people should know about you?

If you asked a friend, how would he or she describe you?

VIDEO NOTES - Asking the Right Questions: _____

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

About the Company

- What type of person is successful in your company?
- How many hours do you work each week?
- Are there opportunities for raises and promotions at your company?
- Do most people work alone or in teams?
- How does your employer differ from its competitors?

About the Job

- What education or skills are required for your job?
- What can I do today to begin preparing for a job like yours?
- How do you use time-management skills in your job?
- How has this job changed since the time you started in it? Has technology impacted it?
- What do employers look for in young job seekers?

About the Volunteer

- Why did you choose this career? How did you get started?
- What is the coolest thing you have ever done at work?
- What do you like most about your job?
- What daily tasks do you perform at your job?
- What types of things were you interested in during high school?

About the Career Cluster

- What other careers or industries could you work in with your education and experience?
- What are some of the entry-level jobs in your career area?
- What is a typical starting salary for an entry-level position?
- What type of on-the-job training do most companies offer?
- What types of summer jobs or internships could I seek out to gain more experience?

JA INTERVIEW DOS AND DON'TS

Consider these dos and don'ts as you prepare for your first job interview.

Do	Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get a good night's sleep.• Remember that first impressions matter.• Have a positive attitude.• Make eye contact as appropriate.• Smile.• Dress nicely. Check your appearance in a mirror.• Leave cell phones & all other digital devices at home.• Be able to show that you know about the company or why you are interested in the industry.• Offer a firm handshake.• Get to the point. Express thoughts clearly & simply.• Answer briefly when asked a question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't be late.• Don't chew gum.• Don't be sarcastic or disrespectful.• Don't mumble, slouch, etc.• Don't criticize your teachers, fellow students, or former employers.• Don't use a cell phone or other digital device.

CAREER STATION #1

Company/Career: _____

Questions to think about while exploring the career station:

1. What is an average day like in the career?

2. What skills are needed to do this job?

3. What sort of education beyond high school is needed for this job?

4. What kind of advice was shared about choosing a career?

5. (Other things I learned)

CAREER STATION #2

Company/Career: _____

Questions to think about while exploring the career station:

1. What is an average day like in the career?

2. What skills are needed to do this job?

3. What sort of education beyond high school is needed for this job?

4. What kind of advice was shared about choosing a career?

5. (Other things I learned)

CAREER STATION #3

Company/Career: _____

Questions to think about while exploring the career station:

1. What is an average day like in the career?

2. What skills are needed to do this job?

3. What sort of education beyond high school is needed for this job?

4. What kind of advice was shared about choosing a career?

5. (Other things I learned)

EDUCATION STATIONS

School: _____

Notes:

School: _____

Notes:

School: _____

Notes:

POST EVENT - PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. What are the top three things you will share with your parent/guardian after *JA Inspire*?

2. What surprised you the most about the careers you explored?

3. What is something you learned you didn't previously know about one of the careers you explored?

4. What are the next steps you need to take in order to obtain the career you would like to have someday?
- a. High school classes you should consider? _____

- b. Where could you volunteer to gain experience? _____

- c. Is there a company you'd be interested in securing a job shadow or internship during high school? _____

- d. What education is required beyond high school? Where might you want to attend? _____

Additional websites to explore on your own:

<https://connect.ja.org/>

Explore careers, interests, and abilities, create a resume, etc.

www.jasd.org/local-repository/ja-inspire

Links to Companies that are sponsoring Career Stations

https://dlr.sd.gov/lmic/menu_hot_careers.aspx

See all 30 Hot Careers in SD and access additional information

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/occupation-finder.htm>

Explore hundreds of jobs! Filter by Education, Demand, Pay, etc.