



Tips & Best Practices for Implementing a Successful VE-JV Program

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Joseph Dunne

- ▶ **Be Versatile** - The easier you can shift gears from department to department the easier it'll be to assist ALL.
- ▶ **Expect Accountability** - It is imperative that students understand that this is more than a class, it's a job that should be taken seriously. Accountability and consequences should always be at the forefront of rules and regulations.
- ▶ **Experiment** - Give students opportunities to delve into all departments and work on various tasks. Allow students to pitch frequently, study various departments, and understand flexibility within the program.
- ▶ **Don't be Critical of Yourself** - Allow yourself time to grow into the program, both with the students and on your own. Provide freedoms where students can take intellectual risks and develop skills at their pace. In time, the content will become familiar and students will become conditioned to the program.
- ▶ **Enjoy the Experience** - Take pride in what you're teaching. The skills students develop and master will be used in high school, college, and in the workforce. This program is unique in that it allows students to learn real world skills and assists in college and career readiness.

Joanna Gillen

- ▶ **Be Flexible with Your Pacing**
- ▶ **Use a 4-point Grading System**
- ▶ **Organize**
 - ▶ Canvas
 - ▶ Google
 - ▶ Portfolios
- ▶ **Other Helpful Resources**
 - ▶ Edpuzzle - has video lessons for tech tools
 - ▶ Kahoot/Quizizz - has quiz games premade about tech tools
- ▶ **Be Mindful -** From the moment they step into your classroom for VE, they are no longer children; they are adults. You can't always be on top of them unless needed.
- ▶ **Work Through the Lessons -** You should work through the lessons; they can be fun and challenging.
- ▶ **Enjoy -** VE will be a fun experience for you and the students!

Regina Ferreira

Stock Market Game:

- ▶ **Familiarize yourself with the resources before starting.** There are many resources, so narrowing it down to what you want for your classes would be best.
- ▶ Have designated SMG days for lessons/group work, etc., and let students check their portfolios daily (5-10 min).
- ▶ **Arrange for a speaker from Invest It Forward to come speak to your class.** Do this ahead of time, because (according to the site) it might take awhile to get a speaker.

VE-JV 7th Grade:

- ▶ Dedicate the first week or so to getting students technologically comfortable and organized (Organizing their Browser, Google Drive folders, navigating Canvas)
- ▶ If certifying, send home a parent letter (and have it ready at open house) listing all the digital resources/username-passwords your students will need in order to succeed. Have this letter signed and returned.
- ▶ Visit VE firms on the Firm site to start getting ideas for next year.
- ▶ Engage in team building activities!!

Frank Bennici – 8th Grade

- ▶ **Set Up a Mentorship Program.** Have the 8th graders work directly with the 7th graders a several times a month depending on schedule.
- ▶ **Identify Fundraising Opportunities for the 8th Grade Program.** To cover VE-related expenses throughout the year (trade show booth decorations, travel to corporate offices, competitions).
- ▶ **Hold a School-wide Event to Showcase VE-JV.** Bring awareness to the school community (and outside stakeholders) by holding a school-wide event where students might deliver their pitch presentations.
- ▶ **Recommended Sequencing of Work/Projects After Trade Show**
 - ▶ Reflection tasks
 - ▶ Personal finance tasks
 - ▶ Rebrand the company
 - ▶ Preparation for competitions
 - ▶ Personal branding exercise
- ▶ **Establish Relationships with Business Partners.** This allows students to meet and interact with business partners. students to shadow adults working in the same department as the students and use them as a resource as the students work through the curriculum.
- ▶ **Schedule Visits to Other VE Firms to Observe Best Practices.**
- ▶ **Develop Additional Video Production Projects.**
 - ▶ Second firm commercial
 - ▶ Promotional video
 - ▶ What is the VE-JV program?

Angelina Jadulal

Certification Testing & VE-JV

- ▶ Drill and practice opening, viewing, saving and uploading documents in canvas ... it becomes second nature for the students
- ▶ Practice, practice, practice for exam prep
- ▶ Students should achieve 90% and above for all practice exams before moving on to the real test.
- ▶ Consider pacing based on student capabilities.
- ▶ Don't be afraid to mix it up to make things fun! (Meaning add to curriculum as necessary with extras ... not forgetting the rigor already present)
- ▶ ISN - interactive student notebooks are helpful