

GET STARTED WITH THE REAL GAME

If you're looking to implement **The Real Game** with your students but have limited time, review the suggestions below to find ways to make the most of the program. More time? Use **Program-at-a-Glance** to select additional core, recommended, and discretionary sessions (in that order) that appeal to your class.

ONLY 1-2 HOURS AVAILABLE? DO:

Unit 1, Session 1: The Spin Game

Through group discussion and playing a fun, competitive game students learn:

- the High Five Principles of career planning
- the impact of character and skills on life success
- the relationship between subjects and careers
- new career-related vocabulary

ONLY 4-6 HOURS AVAILABLE? DO:

Unit 1, Session 2: The Dream

As students imagine where and how they'll live in the future, they learn:

- factors that impact lifestyle choices and balanced life and work roles
- the difference between life's essentials and leisure items and activities
- new career-related vocabulary

Unit 1, Session 3: What's My Line?

When they're assigned a job and begin role-playing an adult character, students learn:

- the requirements and realities of diverse careers
- the advantages and disadvantages of different life/work scenarios
- what a day in the life of a working adult is like
- new career-related vocabulary

Unit 2, Session 1: After Work

By role-playing an adult character with a full-time job, students learn:

- what adults typically do in the 168 hours of each week
- the difference between work, "must-do" adult activities, and leisure time
- how to balance life and work roles
- how to make lifestyle choices based on personal priorities and values
- new career-related vocabulary

Unit 2, Session 2: Reality Check

When they receive their first paycheck, students realize they can't afford everything they dreamed of in The Dream and learn:

- that not all careers are created equal in terms of income
- how to create a balanced monthly budget given the income their job provides
- how to read a pay stub, and the difference between gross and net pay
- the impact of education on career options, income, and lifestyle choices
- how to prioritize needs and wants, and the importance of financial planning
- new career-related vocabulary