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## **Junior Achievement Offers Financial Literacy Courses to Wisconsin High Schools** Non-Profit Stands Ready to Help School Districts Comply with New Wisconsin Law

**Milwaukee, WI.** Wisconsin recently became the 24<sup>th</sup> state in the country to enact a law requiring high school graduates to complete a semester-long course in financial literacy. Wisconsin schools can fulfill this mandate with a semester-long curricula offered by Junior Achievement of Wisconsin.

*JA Financial Literacy*, part of the JA High School Experience courses, is a one-semester, teacher-led course that equips high school students with foundational personal finance skills. These skills include how to earn and save money; manage money by being a wise consumer; create and use a budget; manage bank accounts, investments, and credit; assess risks and use insurance; and address financial problems like identity theft and debt. Trained community volunteers engage with students several times throughout the semester with a variety of activities that may include subject-matter guest speaking, coaching, or advising for project coursework.

“Junior Achievement of Wisconsin is deeply grateful for the leadership of Governor Evers and Senator Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) and Rep. Alex Dallman (R-Green Lake). This legislation will equip future generations with a strong foundation in money management and pave the way for better financial futures,” said Julie Granger, President of Junior Achievement of Wisconsin. “Our organization has been providing financial literacy coursework for more than 75 years and began offering semester-long curricula 5 years ago. Our programs are aligned with national and state curriculum standards, and we look forward to making this critical coursework available to more schools and students,” added Granger.

High school teachers and principals interested in learning more about the *JA Financial Literacy* semester-long curriculum can email [info@jawis.org](mailto:info@jawis.org) or call their nearest Junior Achievement of Wisconsin office.

The mission of Junior Achievement of Wisconsin is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed by recruiting and training community volunteers to teach K-12 students about financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career readiness. During the 2022-23 school year, a dedicated core of 5,450 local JA volunteer mentors reached more than 121,000 Wisconsin students.