

JA More than Money™

Evaluation Results

Overview

- Through a series of six after-school sessions, *JA More than Money* teaches elementary students about earning, spending, sharing, and saving money.
- In fall 2007, a program evaluation was conducted to assess program quality and effectiveness. Data collection consisted of pre-/post-surveys, classroom observations, and focus groups/interviews.
- The evaluation was conducted by the ICF International (formerly Caliber), a third-party consulting firm based in Washington, DC, with experience directing studies covering educational, organizational, and social policy issues, and targeting the local, state, and national levels.
- A total of 124 students (participating and comparison) participated in the evaluation. The majority of programs evaluated were set in an urban environment (71%).

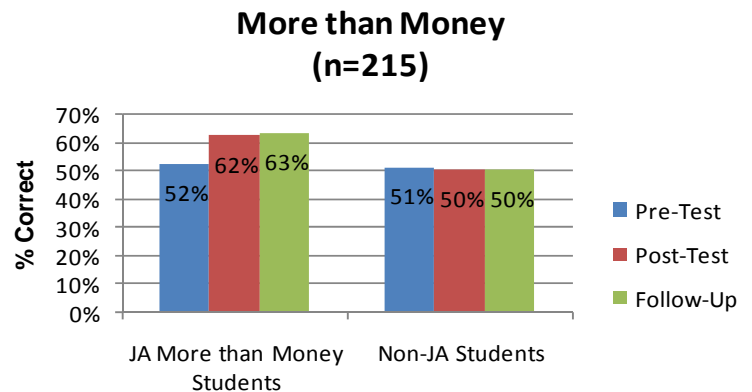
Student Impact

- To assess changes in students' content knowledge that occurred over the course of the program, a pre-test, post-test, and another follow-up test was administered. A sample of comparison students also participated in the evaluation to measure if students acquire the information tested outside of *JA More than Money*.
- As evidenced by the chart above, participating students had positive learning gains.
- More than 7 out of 10 students felt the program helped them in setting personal goals.
- More than 7 out of 10 students said the program helped in feeling positive about their future.
- More than 7 out of 10 students felt the knowledge gained in the program would help them with thinking through a problem or situation before acting on it.
- 9 out of 10 students indicated the program helped them think about the future.

Instructor Impact

- The *JA More than Money* instructors felt students acquired valuable life skills through their participation in the program.

Students look forward to participating in the program so they can learn about money matters and terminology associated with them. – Volunteer.



Cited to:

Caliber, ICF International (2007). *JA More than Money* Summative Evaluation.

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