



Junior Master Gardener

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Certifying Organization	Local County Extension (4H) office website link Junior Master Gardener website					
Description of Credential	Junior Master Gardener (JMG) certification is a component of a career portfolio presented to area employers for entry-level positions at nursery and garden centers. This credential is appropriate for students who meet Act 833 or LAA 1 criteria.					
Part of which Graduation Pathways ¹	<u>Act 833-Eligible Students</u> : Agriculture Tech					
Associated with Which Careers?	Gardener, groundskeeper, maintenance					
Entry-Level Annual Salaries	Typically minimum wage					
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students						
Standard / Curriculum	<p>JMG programs are assisted through LA 4H cooperatives. Curriculum standards* may include:</p> <p>JMG Level One Teacher/Leader Guide – TEKS (Grades 3 – 5) JMG Level One Literature in the Garden – TEKS (Grades 3 – 5) JMG Level One Wildlife Gardener – TEKS (Grades 3 – 5) JMG Level One Health and Nutrition Science TEKS (Grade 3) JMG Level One Health and Nutrition Science TEKS (Grade 4) JMG Level One Health and Nutrition Science TEKS (Grade 5) JMG Level Two Operation Thistle Seeds of Despair TEKS (Grade 6) JMG Level Two Operation Thistle Seeds of Despair TEKS (Grade 7) JMG Level Two Operation Thistle Seeds of Despair TEKS (Grade 8) JMG Level Two Operation WATER Soils and Water (Grade 6-8)</p> <p>*Currently there is no alignment to LA standards. Texas A & M holds the copyright to the JMG program. For more information, click on “Curriculum” here .</p>					
Testing Methodology	Paper?	No	Online?	No	Performance Exams / Tests?	No
Re-Testing (if available)	Re-Testing Procedures	N/A (part of a portfolio assessment)			Max Attempts	N/A
Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations)	This program is used in grades K-12 and is flexible in the configuration of units that comprise a level. Levels refer to readability and works well for struggling students and those whose home language is Spanish.					
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers						
<i>Bulletin 746, Chapter 5: All Louisiana teachers providing instruction in a course that leads to an IBC must hold the certification that they’re teaching students to attain.</i>						
Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)	Must be a registered JMG group. Certification not required by leader/teacher. For certification options, click here .The JMG teacher/leader guide provides teachers with the tools to teach the world of gardening with eight chapters of novel, “hands-on” activities for grade levels 3 – 8 (reading level). Resources for each chapter available as well as additional stand-alone units. The program includes a study of life skills and career exploration then culminates the JMG experience with service learning projects and recognizes children’s efforts with a certification as a Junior Master Gardener.					

Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	N/A				
Certification Tracking					
Credentialing Documentation	Once certificate requirements are completed, instructors can sign into their JMG Group Account to print pre-filled, personalized certificates.				
Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	No	Details	Local leader tracks completion of units.	
Other Details	Expiration Timeframe?	Materials created are appropriate for students functioning below grade level expectations. Level 1 (grades 3-5) Level 2 (grades 6-8)			
Certification Costs / Funding Sources					
Cost Details	Materials are available in English and Spanish and range in cost from \$15 (Level 1 student handbook) to \$100 (Literature series). Cost for lesson materials, plants, gardening supplies are not included as unit activities vary widely.				
Re-test / Refund Policies	N/A				
Funding Sources ²	CDF?	No	Perkins?	No	Alternative Source (other than General Funds)
For More Information					
Certifying Agency Contact Info	<p>Ashley Mullins , LA liaison from jmgkids.us 4-H Youth Development Office: 225.578.7415 Cell: 225.610.7274 awmullens@agcenter.lsu.edu</p> <p>Karin Wallace, programinfo@jmgkids.us Office: Headquarters: 979.845.8565 Caren Walton, Lisa Whittlesey National Junior Master Gardener Program 225 Horticulture/Forestry Bldg. Texas A&M University College Station, TX 77843-2134 Order Curriculum Toll-Free: (888) 900-2577</p>				
LDE Contact	JumpStart@La.Gov				
Jump Start Regional Team Experts	TBD				

1 – This table may not include all the graduation pathways this credential appears in. Please check the [graduation pathway](#) you are working with if you have a question as to whether or not this credential is part of that pathway.

2 – CDF = [Career Development Fund](#)