

2018
JUMP START
CONVENTION

PATHWAYS
TO THE
FUTURE
for all students



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Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)

JAG  VISION
A Nation Without Dropouts



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What is JAG?

JAG is a **dropout prevention** and recovery program that delivers a unique set of services for struggling students to help them earn a high school diploma and for out-of-school youth, to assist them in earning a high school equivalency diploma.

JAG is a national non-profit organization established to assist states in creating a school-to-career transition system for at-risk youth.

JAG-LA & Jump Start

- JAG supports/compliments Jump Start
- Numerous JAG students are part of the Jump Start Initiative
- Extra support with job skills that JAG offers greatly benefit students on the Career Diploma Pathway
- JAG-LA Specialists develop partnerships and relationships with:
 - Private Industries
 - Community Leaders

JAG-LA & Jump Start

JAG Supports Jump Start:

- Career Readiness Course
- Competency-based Curriculum (Work Skills)
- School to Career Transition System
- Mentor
- 12 months of Follow-Up
- Job Opportunities/Internships
- Introductions to different career choices
- Career and Interest Inventory Testing
- Financial Aid Planning Support

JAG-LA & Jump Start

- Identify the purpose/focus of the JAG-LA Program in individual districts:
 - ✓ Jump Start
 - ✓ Dropout Prevention
 - ✓ Both Jump Start and Dropout Prevention
- 9th and 10th grade “higher risk” students may be targets for the dropout prevention model of JAG. These students may require more attention from the JAG-LA Specialist.
- 11th and 12th grade students participating in Jump Start could be targeted for the school to career model of the program.

Employer Marketing and Job Development

Partner with:

- Job development agencies
- Workforce development boards
- State employment office
- Chamber of Commerce



JAG-Curriculum

Services are provided by a Job Specialist and are centered around the National JAG competencies which include:

- Career Development
- Job Attainment
- Job Survival
- Communication Skills
- Work Place Skills and Life Survival Skills

Work Based Learning

“All Seniors” should complete **20 hours** of work based learning (Internship/Job Shadowing)

All students can benefit from work based learning and this experience.

Include this in the data by entering it into the Electronic National Data Management System (ENDMS)



JAG Follow-up Services

- Follow-Up Services:
 - ✓ Ultimate goal is for JAG participant to continue their education in a post-secondary environment and/or
 - ✓ Find a job that leads to a career
- JAG National measures the success of the program by what the JAG participant does once they exit the program. JAG provides 12 months of follow-up to help the participant achieve success.

Jobs for America's Graduates

- JAG-LA is an affiliate of the **National JAG Organization**
- JAG National has a 35 year track record and has assisted more than 1 million young people
- JAG is currently operating in 35 states

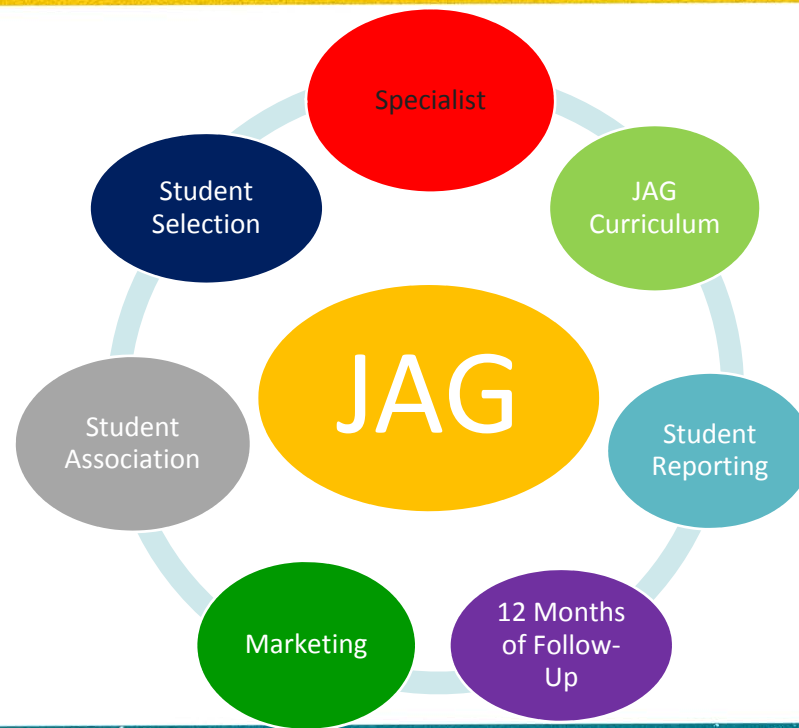
For additional information: JAG.org

Ultimate Goal

The JAG-LA Participant will achieve **academic, career and life success!**



Components of JAG

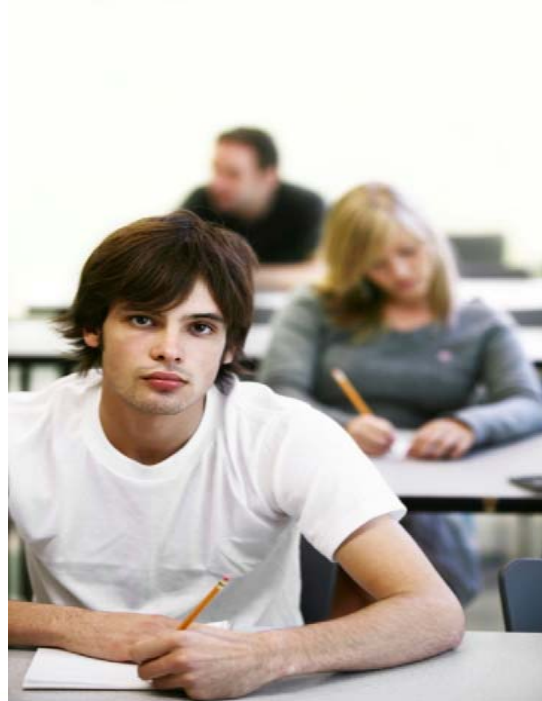


Student Selection

Who do we target?

STUDENTS WHO:

- **Need it!**
- **Want it!**
- **Can benefit from it!**



JAG-LA Model Programs

Multi-Year Model



Serves 45-55 students

Out-of-School Model



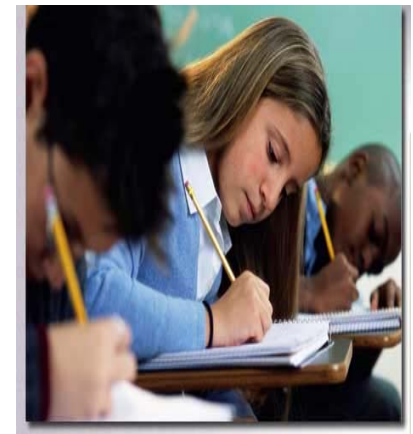
Serves 30-35 students

Middle School Model



Serves 45-55 students

AIM High Model



Serves 30-35 students

National JAG: 5 Standards

1) GRADUATION RATE:

The **goal** is for **90 percent** of the program participants to complete requirements for a high school diploma or high school equivalency.

Louisiana: 94.28% In-School

55.45% Out-of-School

2) POSITIVE OUTCOMES RATE:

The **goal** is for **80 percent** of the program participants to be employed, enrolled in a post-secondary education institution, or serving in the U.S. military on a full-time basis.

Louisiana: 87.50% In-School

73.21% Out-of-School

National JAG: 5 Standards

3) JOB PLACEMENT RATE:

The **goal** is for a minimum of **60 percent** of the program participants to be employed in civilian jobs (full-time or part-time) or serving in a branch of the U.S. military.

Louisiana: 73.35% In-School

66.07% Out-of-School

4) FULL-TIME JOB(S) RATE:

The **goal** is for **60 percent** of those employed to secure full-time jobs in the civilian labor market or in the U.S. military. A full-time job (or a set of jobs) is one that provides 35 or more hours of work per week.

Louisiana: 77.69% In-School

75.68 % Out-of-School

National JAG: 5 Standards

5) FULL-TIME PLACEMENT RATE:

The **goal** is for **80 percent** of the graduates to be employed full-time, enrolled in a postsecondary education on a full-time basis, or to combine work and school to achieve a full-time status.

Louisiana: 91.98% In-School

83.78% Out-of-School

2017-2018 School Year

- Total of **123** JAG-LA Programs
 - ✓ **69** Multi-Year Programs
 - ✓ **22** Middle School Programs
 - ✓ **19** Aim High! Middle School Programs
 - ✓ **13** Out-of-School Programs
- Estimated **5,000** active JAG-LA Students being served this school year **2017-2018**
- An additional **660** JAG-LA Students are currently receiving Follow-Up-Services



JAG-LA Students Served

JAG-LA served over 5,000 Louisiana JAG students in the 2017-2018 school year:

DATA REVEALED:

- Average barriers 9.15
- 2,757 (54%) male
- 2,278 (45%) female
- 68% black
- 26% white
- 36% live with both parents
- 90% on free or subsidized lunch
- 57% low academic performance
- 41% represent bottom 25% of class standing
- 11% represent top 25% of class standing

Funding Sources

TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

IDEA- Individual Disability Education Act

Pre-ETS – Pre-Employment Transition Services

Workforce Commission

AT&T

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DRA- Delta Regional Authority



Interesting!

In **fifteen** months, employed JAG students repay the cost of the program through their taxes alone!





Questions?

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