

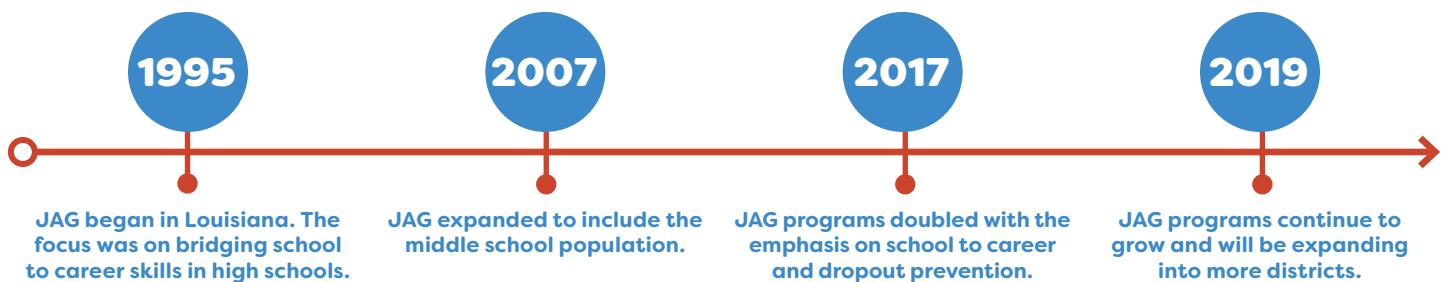


WHAT IS JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES-LOUISIANA (JAG-LA)?

The JAG-LA model can be applied in middle school, out of school and high school. These students have been identified by school officials to be facing substantial life barriers to graduation, usually with some combination of academic, behavioral, poverty, family instability, and personal trauma. Each program is run by a compassionate full-time teacher to serve as a specialist that receives intensive training in the JAG model. For many JAG students, this is the first positive relationship they've had with an adult.

The JAG model focuses on six core competencies that include; career development, job attainment, job survival, basic skills, leadership, self-development and personal skills. Nationally, 1 out of 6 students will not graduate. JAG-LA seeks to be part of the solution, working hard to lower the drop-out rate in Louisiana. **JAG-LA's mission** and proven track record of 40 years is to assist all youth entering the JAG-LA program with a successful transition to the next grade level, graduation, post-secondary education or a successful entry into the labor market.

Students are challenged with experiences like a national conference in Washington, D.C. or a statewide career development conference. Specialists follow and continue to provide support to students for 12 months after graduation, helping with employment, job searches and/or navigating postsecondary educational opportunities. The specialist continues to follow non-graduates to help them complete remaining graduation requirements.



WHAT SUCCESS HAS JAG-LA HAD IN LOUISIANA & NATIONALLY?

Since 1995, an estimated 33,000 students have received services in Louisiana. JAG-LA currently has 122 programs across 37 parishes serving over 5,200 students. An additional 910 students will receive post-graduation follow-up services.

JAG-LA received national recognition at the 35th Annual National Training Seminar for achieving the "5-of-5 Performance Goals for the Class of 2017." Ten of the JAG-LA Specialist received the "2017 Outstanding Specialist" award and two JAG-LA students received the "2018 Smith Scholarship" award.

OF THE CLASS OF 2017:

- **94%** graduation rate
- **91%** positive outcomes rate (includes employment, military, post-secondary school)
- **95%** full-time placement rate (school/work or a combination of both)

WHAT'S NEXT FOR JAG-LA?

In 2016, Governor John Bel Edwards committed to support JAG-LA by expanding programs across the state. The programs will continue to focus on reducing high school dropout rates and preparing students for work immediately following high school. JAG-LA will support students pursuing Career Diplomas, by providing them with early experiences including foundational career skills and awareness while encouraging high school completion. JAG supports Jump Start by offering career readiness curriculum, exposure to different career pathways and a required mentor.

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