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Jobs for America’s Graduates- Louisiana (JAG-LA)
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

• JAG offers extra support with job skills to benefits students on the Career Diploma Pathway

• JAG-LA Specialists develop partnerships and relationships with:
  - Private Industries
  - Community Leaders
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.
Employee Marketing and Job Development

Partner with:

• Job development agencies

• Workforce development boards

• State employment office

• Chamber of Commerce
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 the experience of Work-Based Learning
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.
• 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: www.JAG.org
The JAG-LA participant will achieve **academic, career and life success**!
Components of JAG

- JAG Specialist
- JAG Curriculum
- Student Selection
- Student Association
- Student Reporting
- Marketing
- 12 Months of Follow-Up
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 35-45 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
3. CIVILIAN AND JOB PLACEMENT RATE AND MILITARY SERVICE: 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
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 Student’s Served

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

Data reveals:

- Average barriers 8.93
- 3,074 (55%) male
- 2,477 (45%) female
- 67% black
- 26% white

- 36% live with both parents
- 92% on free or subsidized lunch
- 58% 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
DRA- Delta Regional Authority
CDF- Career Development Funds
Entergy
AT&T
In **fifteen** months, employed JAG students repay the cost of the program through their taxes alone!