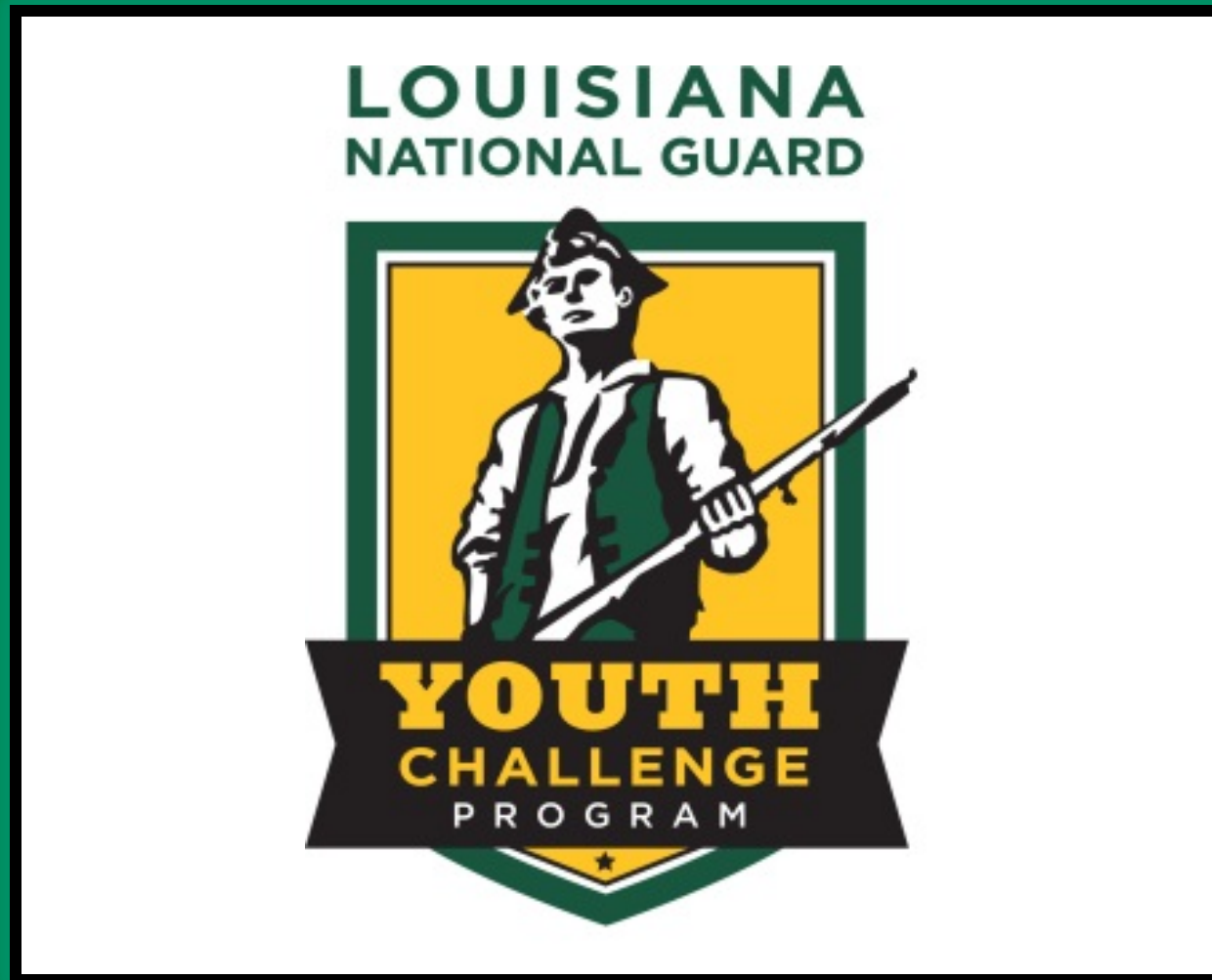


Louisiana National Guard

Youth ChalleNGe Program



Changing America One Youth at a Time!

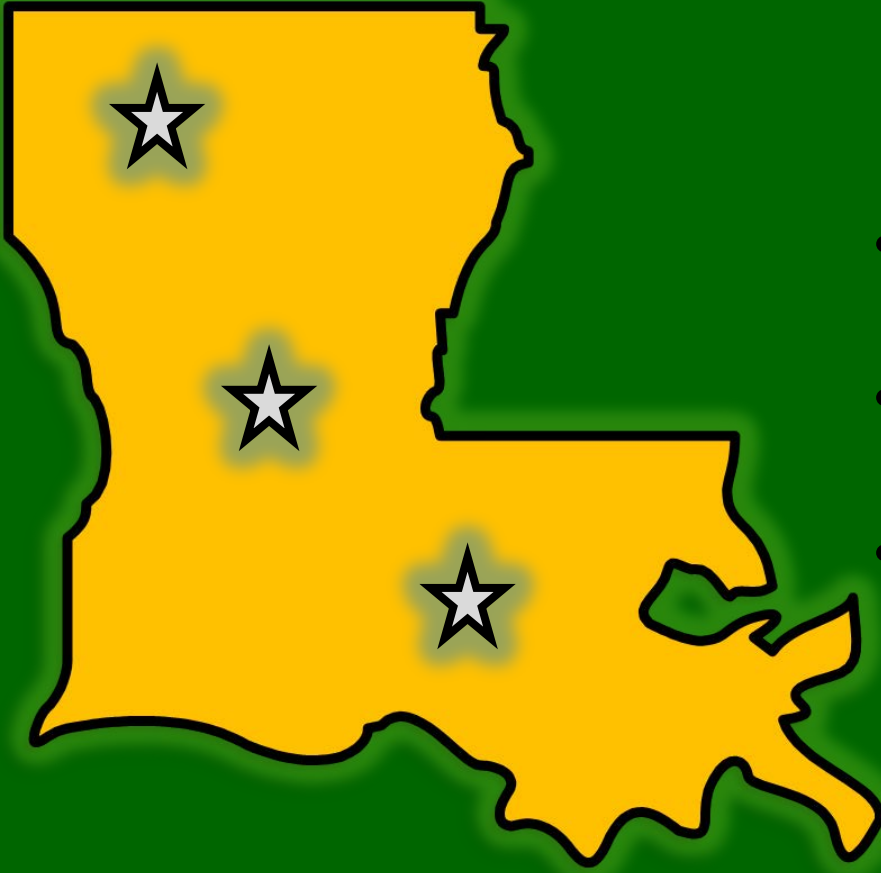


Youth Challenge Program

The Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program (YCP) is a multi-phased alternative education program, targeting high school students between the ages of 16 and 18. The program's function is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 'at-risk' youth and produce program graduates with the values, skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens



Overview



- Funded by the Department of Defense (75%) and the State of Louisiana (25%)
- Administered by the National Guard.
- Not a boot camp
- State Approved alternative school program
 - Supplemental Course Allocation (Credit Recovery)
 - Course Choice
 - HiSET (GED)
- **NO COST** to participant or family

History



- **Camp Beauregard**
 - Pineville, LA
 - 1 of 10 pilot programs
 - Began first class in 1993
- **The Gillis W. Long Center**
 - Carville, LA (near Baton Rouge)
 - Began first class in 1999
- **Camp Minden**
 - Near Shreveport
 - Began first class in 2000

Program Structure

- YCP is a two phase program:

- Residential Phase:

The highly structured five and a half month Residential Phase (cycle) focuses on continuing education through Course Choice, Credit Recovery, HiSET (GED) and Career Readiness. The program's eight core components are: Academic Excellence, Physical Fitness, Job Skills, Service to Community, Health and Hygiene, Responsible Citizenship, Leadership/Followership, and Life Coping Skills.

- Post-Residential Phase:

The 12 month Post-Residential mentoring phase provides support to students from mentors and program Case Managers provide as they work toward their goals. Every student sets goals and develops a Post-Residential Action Plan (PRAP) to help identify and recognize the tasks and resources necessary to attain education/work related goals through continued education, employment, or entering the military.

Eligibility Requirements



- Louisiana resident
- 16-18 years of age on first day of program
- Willing to become drug free
- Willing participant (volunteer)
- Not convicted of an adult felony

Eight Core Components

- Life Coping Skills
- Academic Excellence
 - Job Skills Training
- Responsible Citizenship
- Leadership/Followership
- Health, Hygiene and Sex Education
 - Physical Fitness
- Community Involvement Projects



Residential Phase Overview



- Cadets live in military style barracks
 - Supervised 24/7
- Limited phone calls: 1x per week
- Write & receive letters in mail
- No DISTRACTIONS
 - Males & Females separated
 - Technology used only within classroom

Typical Day

- Wake up at 5:30 am
Reveille at 6:15 am
- Breakfast, medical call, clean barracks, personal hygiene, in ranks inspections, and laundry turn in
- Formation for class at 7:55 am
- Class from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm with lunch break



Typical Day



- Physical Training (PT) & intramural sports after school
- Retreat & honors to the flag at 5:00 pm, followed by the evening meal
- Guest speakers, letter writing, additional classes, personal hygiene
- Lights out at 9:00 pm

Cycle Activities

- 2 Family Days
- 2 Home Passes
- 40+ hours of community involvement projects
- Field trips and Outings
- Career Exploration Activities
- Academic Testing
- Prom
- Graduation



Program Staff

- **Director & Deputy Director**
 - Manage program standards & operations
- **Cadre**
 - Active or retired military personnel
 - Maintain 24 hour supervision
- **Counseling Department**
 - Masters Degree in counseling field
 - Responsible for interviewing cadets
 - Always on call in event of emergency
 - (1/40 ratio)



Program Staff



- Academic Department
 - State certified instructors
 - (1/20 ratio)
- Medical
 - LPN's & supervising RN
 - Dispense all medication, provide routine medical care, & coordinate physician referrals.
 - Contract physicians
- Dining Facility
- Supply/Logistics

Post Residential Department

- Provides case management of YCP graduates for 1 year
- Assists mentor and graduate in Post Residential Phase
- Goal is for every graduate to become a productive citizen
 - Return to local school/continue their education
 - Join the workforce
 - Enter military



Every Cadet needs a MENTOR



- Encourager, Supporter, Role Model & Friend
- Willing to make a difference in the life of a YCP cadet
- Willing to keep in touch with Cadet & YCP case manager for one year
- Same gender
- NOT parent or guardian
- At least 22 years old
- Pass criminal background check

College Credits



- Bossier Parish Community College:
 - Students who earn their HiSET are administered 5 “challenge exams”
 - Opportunity to earn up to 15 hours of college credit
 - For each exam passed, BPC will award 3 college credits
 - To date: 1,292 cadets have earned 12,044 college credit hours! (9/16)



Workforce Development

- Technical Community College Partnership:

- Entry-level industry based training and certification in a critical skill

- Manufacturing Maintenance
- Welding
- Drafting
- Patient Care Tech (PCT)
- Heavy Equipment Operator

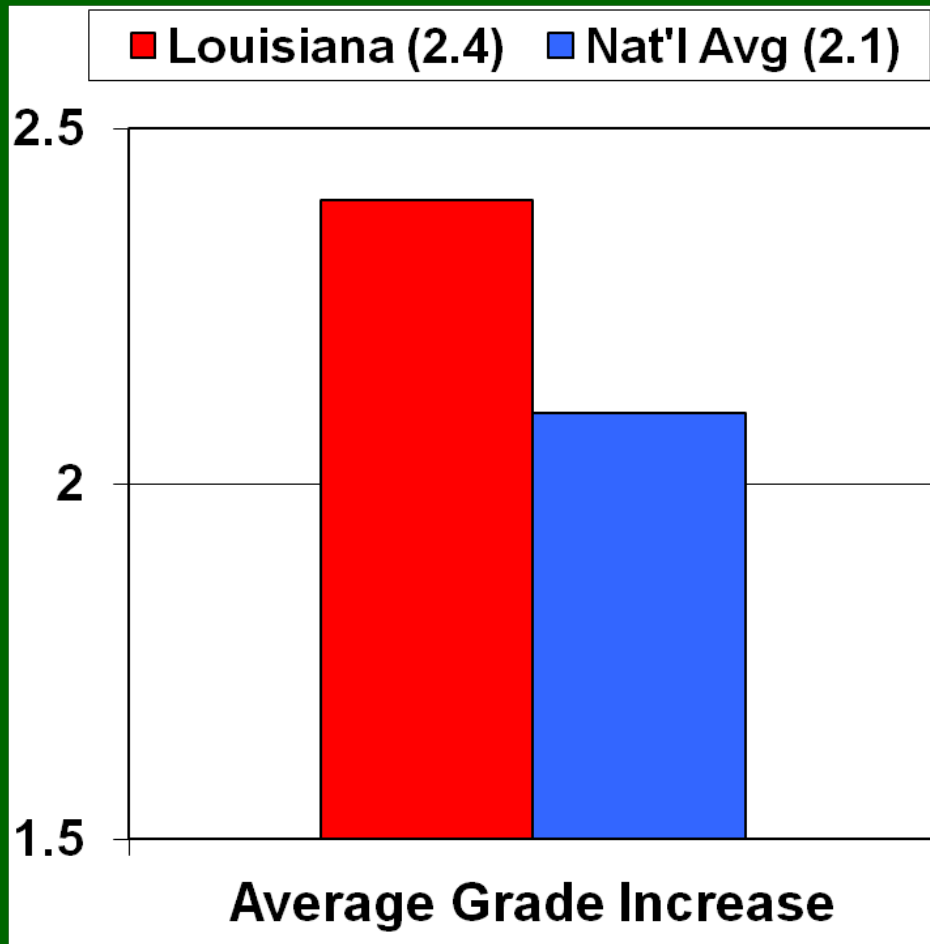
- To date: 134 cadets have earned certification. (1/2017)

- CLTCC - Alexandria
- NWTCC - Minden
- RPCC – Baton Rouge





Louisiana YCP TABE Results



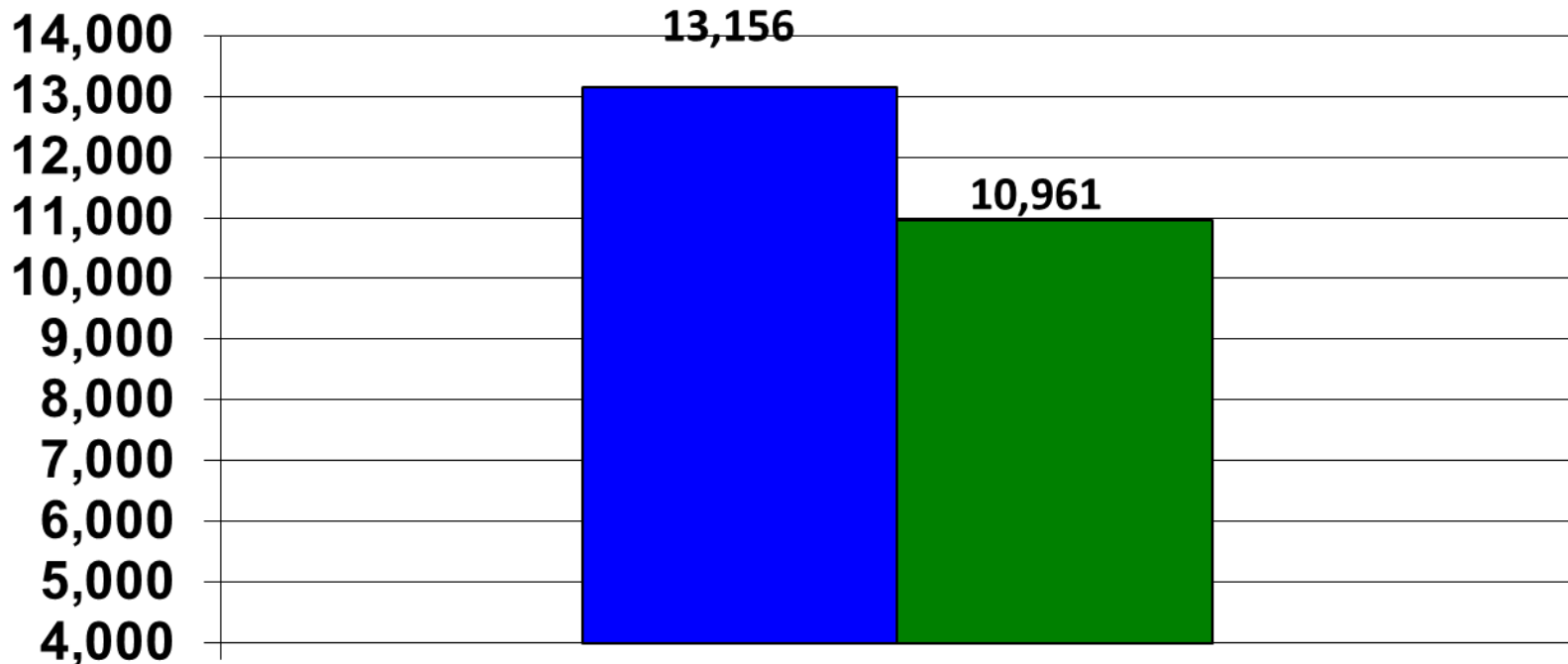
All Challenge programs are mandated to use the Test of Adult Basic Education (*TABE*) to measure incoming and outgoing grade levels in Math and Reading.

Louisiana YCP has one of the highest grade level increases among Challenge programs.

Louisiana YCP HiSET Results

Residential Phase (Feb 1994 – Mar 2017)

■ HiSET Taken ■ HiSET Passed (83.5%)

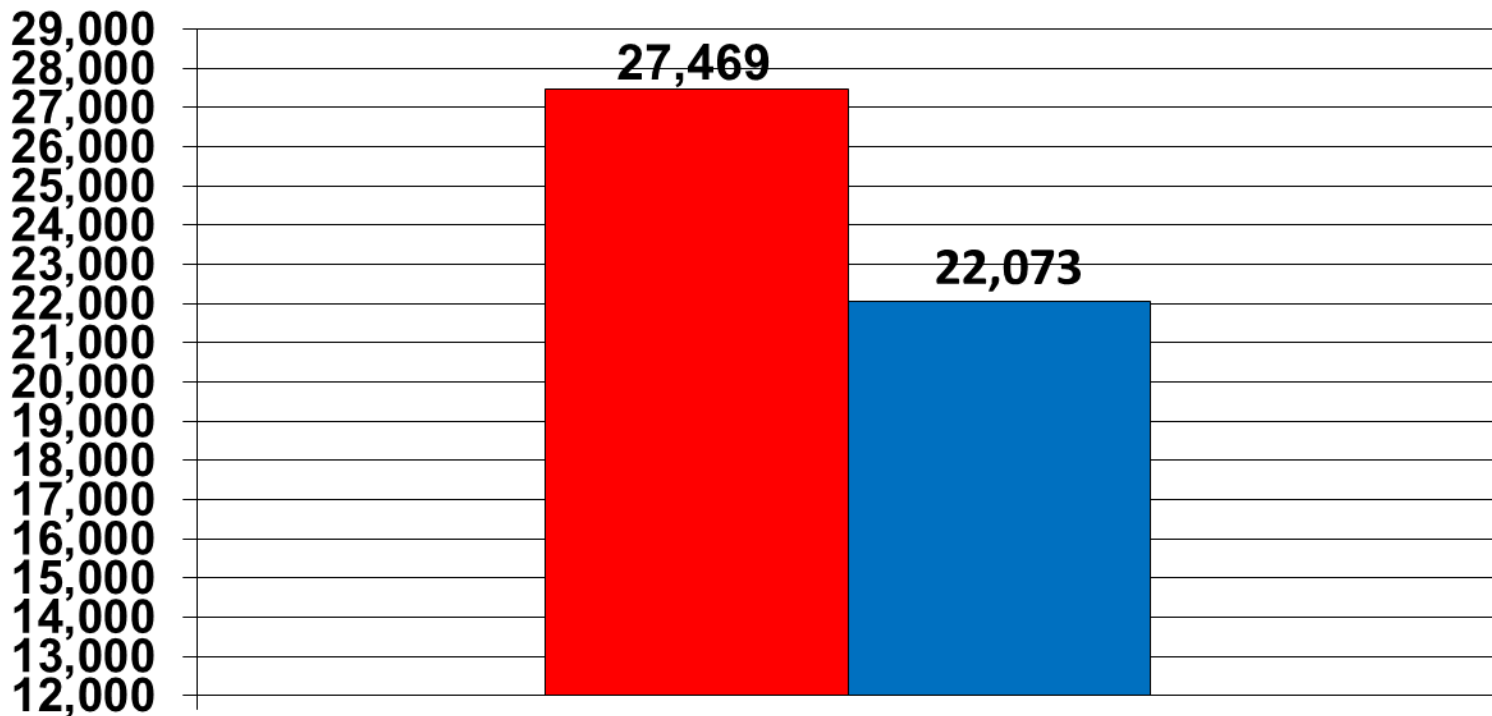


Louisiana YCP Graduation Results

(Feb 1994 – Mar 2017)

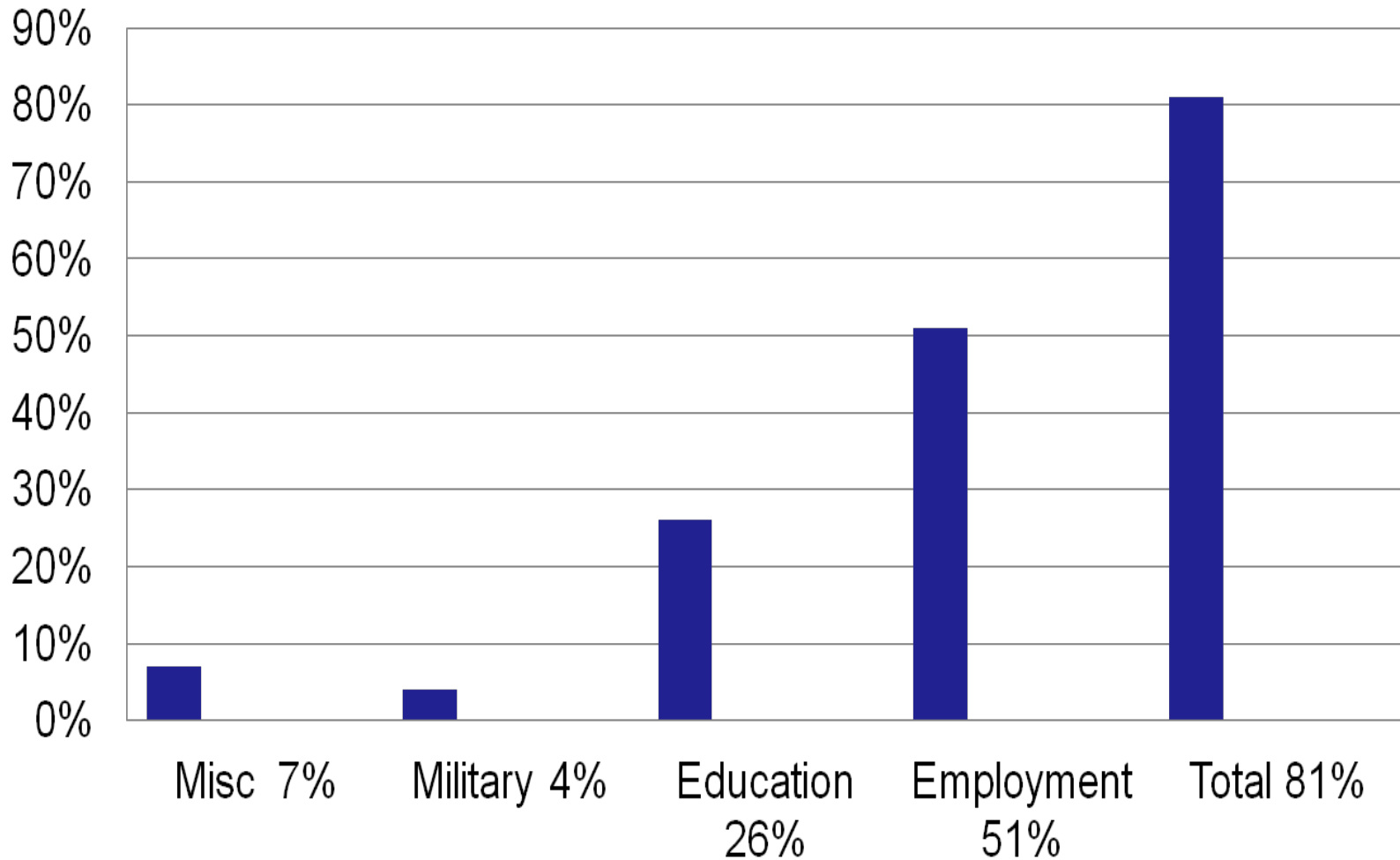
Louisiana Graduates: 17% of Nationwide YCP Graduates

■ Enrolled ■ Graduates (80%)



Louisiana YCP Post Residential

3 year average placement statistics



YCP Alternative Education Tracks

YCP is a state approved program, Supplemental Course Allocation/Course Choice approved provider, and a state approved HISET® provider

Enrollment Options

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
<p>A district may choose to allow a student to remain in the school system and continue with the current course load in online courses at YCP while retaining their MFP. YCP is an approved Supplemental Course Allocation/Course Choice Provider. Supplemental Course Allocation/Course Choice funds may be used to fund this option. The LEA will not code the student out in SIS. Grades will be reported monthly to the LEA by YCP, and any final course grades will be applied to the transcript per district Pupil Progression Plan policy. Participation is monitored by the district child welfare and attendance officer. Students must take all state mandated assessments in the home district.</p>	<p>A district may choose to allow a student to exit from the diploma pathway via code 35 in SIS, retain the MFP, and monitor the student as an LEA monitored HISET® program. YCP is a state approved HISET® program. Supplemental Course Allocation/Course Choice funds may be used to fund this option. For a student enrolled in an LEA-monitored HISET program, the LEA should use code 35 in SIS. The student who remains continuously enrolled in an LEA will have until October 1 following the expected summer graduation of the cohort to earn the HISET® equivalency credential. Participation is monitored by the district child welfare and attendance officer.</p>	<p>The district may relinquish all student services to YCP and fully exit the student from the school system. A student may be recoded into the system if he/she earns a HISET®. Students have until October 1 of the academic year following their exit from school to earn the HISET® equivalency credential .</p>

Enrollment Options

	Student stays enrolled in school	Student stays enrolled in SIS	YCP Program Type	YCP Funding	Cost per Carnegie Unit	Monitoring and Reporting
OPTION 1	Yes	Yes	SCA/Course Choice	SCA/Course Choice	\$100	Monitored by: district child welfare and attendance officer Grades Reported by: YCP to LEA
OPTION 2	Yes	Yes	HISSET	SCA/Course Choice	\$0	Monitored by: district child welfare and attendance officer Grades Reported by: YCP to LEA
OPTION 3	No	No	HISSET		\$0	

* Students can earn additional Carnegie units (free of charge) through the YCP 8 Core Components: Academic Excellence, Life-Coping Skills, Responsible Citizenship, Service to the Community, Job Skills, Leadership/Followership, Physical Fitness, Health and Hygiene

Referral & Application Process

- Identify students who qualify for YCP
- Refer students to YCP using application found on langycp.com
- Provide completed application with attachments to YCP
 - Transcript
 - List of required courses
 - Course Choice
 - Credit Recovery
 - HiSET
- Students attend YCP interview
- School receives acceptance notification

Deliverables

1. Students “catch up” with graduation requirements
2. Transcript of course credits
3. Potential for additional Carnegie units
4. More disciplined students
5. Students with increased awareness in life coping skills
6. Dual enrollment of students leading to graduation
7. Retention of MFP
8. Additional resource for your ‘at-risk’ students

Why does YCP work?

- More than 1,400 graduates per year
- Cadets work at their own pace to improve academic standings
- Residential & Military Style
 - No distractions
 - Positive/negative rewards & consequences
 - 24/7 supervision
 - Mentoring
- Holistic Approach
 - Balanced nutrition
 - Physical exercise



Locations & Start Dates



Camp Beauregard – January and July

Camp Minden – February and August

Gillis W. Long Center – April and October

*Interviews are held about two months prior to start date.

*Acceptance notification occurs one month prior to start date.

Questions

For additional questions regarding YCP contact
1-800-CAMP-KID (toll free), 318-641-5803,
or langycp.com

For questions on SCA, Course Choice or HSET,
contact SCA@la.gov





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