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**ENTRANCE CONFERENCE:**

On July 19, 2023, an Entrance Conference was conducted by Ty Blackwell, Lead QA Specialist. In attendance was Mr. Tony Edwards, Principal. The QA Audit Team discussed the audit process and addressed any questions.

**REVIEW PROCESS:**

- The school was notified 10 business days prior to the actual start of the audit. This timeframe allowed the school to gather the students files and collect requested information
- Audited the records and information for all students enrolled in the school from April 1, 2023 to June 20, 2023

**EXIT CONFERENCE:**

On July 11, 2023 an Exit Conference was held between The QA Team and Mr. Edwards. A list of non-compliant findings and dates was provided to Mr. Edwards.

<b>NO.</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Data Source</b>	<b>Findings</b>
<b>Assessment and Records</b>			
AR-1	Students will receive an educational assessment upon admission to the facility within 5 business days	File review	Ten students received an educational assessment. One student received an educational assessment upon admission to the facility within 5 business days
AR-2	Students will be reassessed at the 90 day mark to determine gains in reading and mathematics	File review	There were no students during the audited period that reached the 90 day assessment mark.
AR-3	Students will be reassessed in 90 day increments to measure reading and math gains	File review	There were no students during the audited period that reached the 90 day assessment mark.
AR-4	Student records are requested upon facility admission from the LEA within 1 JSEP school day	File review	A review of the 71 files of students admitted to the school during the audit period indicated that 71 of 71 records (100%) were requested from the LEA within the first JSEP school day.
AR-5	Student records are received from the LEA within 2 school days of request	File review	A review of the 71 files of students admitted to the school during the audit period indicated that 71 of 71 records (100%) were received from the LEA within 2 days of the request
AR-6	Record review and credit audit is completed and reviewed with the student within 3 JSEP school days of records being received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File review</li> <li>• Review of Individual Learning Plans</li> </ul>	<p>A review of the 71 files and ILPs of students admitted to the school during the audit period indicated that 57 of 71 records (80%) were reviewed with the student within 3 JSEP school days of records being received</p> <p>*No date listed for 5 students            *No ILP on file for 6 students            *Late dated assessments for 3 students</p>
<b>Schedule of instruction and Attendance</b>			

NO.	Standard	Data Source	Findings
SA-1	The education program operates at least 220 school days and a minimum of 1,320 school hours during a 12-month period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of School calendar</li> <li>• Review of facility cameras</li> </ul>	A review of school calendar indicated that the education program is scheduled to provide instruction that exceeds the 220 days and 1,320 hours minimum for instruction. During the audited period, the school was scheduled for 52 days and 312 school hours. A review of the facility cameras the school met for the prescribed days and hours.
SA-2	There is a written calendar that states the specific days and total number of days for educational programs.	Review of School calendar	The written calendar indicated that 52 school days were scheduled during the audited period. According to logbooks and camera review, school was held on each of those days.
SA-3	There is a written schedule for each school that states the beginning and end of the 6-hour school day and the specific time periods during the school day when the areas of instruction are implemented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of School schedule</li> <li>• Review of the Facility Schedule</li> </ul>	A review of the school schedule indicated that there was a schedule outline a six hour school day. The facility and school schedule indicated that school began at 8:15 AM.
SA-4	Unit based instruction is provided at a minimum of 6 hours per week to students who are unable to attend the School because of illness or injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of facility cameras</li> <li>• Review of logbooks</li> <li>• Interview with the school principal</li> </ul>	Unit based instruction was provided to students unable to attend the school because of illness or injury.
SA-5	Students attend class on-time without delay due to residential staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camera Review</li> <li>• Logbook Review</li> <li>• Attendance records</li> </ul>	During this audit period there were 4 days of students attending class late due to residential staffing.

<b>NO.</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Data Source</b>	<b>Findings</b>
SA-6	Students attend class on-time without delay due to safety/security issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camera Review</li> <li>• Logbook Review</li> <li>• Attendance records</li> </ul>	A review of attendance records indicate students attended class late on 8 occasions due to safety/security issues.
SA-7	Students attend class on-time without delay due to education staff shortages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camera Review</li> <li>• Logbook Review</li> <li>• Attendance records</li> </ul>	A review of attendance records indicated there were no delays to class due to education staff shortages.
<b>Special Education Instruction and Related Services</b>			
<b>IEP</b>			
SE-A-1	The number of students identified as needing/receiving IEP services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> <li>• Interview with staff</li> </ul>	There were 14 students admitted during the audited period that were identified as needing/receiving IEP services during the audited period.
SE-A-2	The percentage of IEPs that are current (received from LEA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> <li>• Interview with staff</li> </ul>	During the audit period 14 IEPs were received from LEA. All 14 IEPs (100%) were current.
SE-A-3	The number of IEPs that are out of compliance upon JSEP school enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> <li>• Interview with staff</li> </ul>	During the audit period 14 IEPs were received from LEA. None of the IEPs were out of compliance.
SE-A-4	The number of youth who have had an initial IEP meeting within 20 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> <li>• Interview with staff</li> </ul>	During the audited period 13 out of 14 students had initial IEP meetings with 20 days of admission. *One student released prior to meeting date
SE-A-5	Youth receive instruction as outlined by the IEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> <li>• Interview with staff</li> </ul>	A review of 14 IEPs and student files indicated the 14 youth were receiving instruction as outlined in their IEP's
<b>IEP Implementation</b>			
SE-B-1	Youth receive related services as outlined by the IEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> </ul>	A review of IEP's indicated that 11 were to receive related services. IEP documentation showed that 11 of the 11 students (100%) received related services as outlined in their IEPs.

<b>NO.</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Data Source</b>	<b>Findings</b>
SE-B-2	Youth are provided supplementary aides as outlined by the IEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> </ul>	A review of IEPs indicated that 14 were to receive supplementary aid.
<b>IEP Documentation</b>			
SE-C-1	IEPs are current and are reviewed at least annually while in continuous custody/care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> </ul>	A review of IEPs indicated that 14 of 14 IEPs were current.
<b>Evaluations</b>			
SE-D-1	Students are evaluated at least triennially.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> </ul>	A review of Special Education files indicated that 14 of 14 evaluations were updated.
<b>Child Find</b>			
SE-E-1	Procedures are implemented to identify students who are currently identified as students who require special education services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> </ul>	A review of Child Find procedures indicate a process for identifying students admitted to the school who required special education services. A review of student records found no students who were receiving special education services prior to admission that were not identified by the school.
SE-E-2	Procedures are implemented to identify students who may be in need of special education services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> <li>• Interview with staff</li> </ul>	A review of Child Find procedures indicate a process for identifying students who may be in need of special education. During the audited period no students were identified.
SE-E-3	The number of students identified who qualify for special education services not previously identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Online IEP</li> <li>• File Review</li> <li>• Interview with staff</li> </ul>	A review of Child Find procedures outline a process to identify previously unidentified students who may qualify for special education services. During the audited period no students were identified.
<b>Teacher Certification</b>			
TC-1	All Education staff have valid certifications	Review information from the Superintendent and DJS HR Certification Manager	A review of certifications indicated that 12 of 14 educators hold valid certifications. One teacher's expired Teacher APC Plus 30 certification is pending renewal and one Teacher's Conditional Certification pending renewal.
<b>Instruction</b>			

NO.	Standard	Data Source	Findings
I-1	Instruction is provided to students to achieve credit requirements and assessments necessary to progress towards the standards for graduation from a public high school in Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File review</li> <li>• Review of Monthly Reports</li> <li>• Interview with the principal</li> </ul>	A review of grade reports and transcripts indicated the students earned credits and assessments allow the students to progress toward graduations.
I-2a	The number of core credits issued towards graduation requirements versus attempted during the semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powerschool</li> <li>• File review</li> </ul>	*Students were offered core credit classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math: Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry and College Prep Math</li> <li>• ELA: English 9-12</li> <li>• Science: Biology and Chemistry</li> <li>• Social Studies: American Government, US History and World History</li> </ul>
I-2b	The number of elective credits issued towards graduation requirements versus attempted during the semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powerschool</li> <li>• File review</li> </ul>	*Students were offered the follow elective credits classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundations of Computer Science</li> <li>• Entrepreneurship</li> </ul>
I-3	The number of students who completed their course of study and were issued a MD High School Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powerschool</li> <li>• File review</li> </ul>	A review of student files and Audit book indicated that there were no students to receive their High School Diploma.
I-4	The number of students who obtained GED waiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powerschool</li> <li>• File review</li> </ul>	A review of student files and Powerschool indicated that no students obtained GED waivers during the audited period.
I-5	The program offers students preparation courses for the GED examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of education policy and procedures</li> <li>• Interview with Principal</li> </ul>	A review of the program that the school does provide GED preparation courses.

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I-6	The number of GED sections passed per student versus The number attempted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File review</li> <li>• Review of Monthly Reports</li> <li>• Interview with the principal</li> </ul>	During the audited period no students sat for the GED readiness test. No students passed the readiness test. There were 2 students reported for taking the GED Examination.
I-7	The number of GEDs obtained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File review</li> <li>• Review of Monthly Reports</li> <li>• Interview with the principal</li> </ul>	A review of student files and information provided the Principal indicated that 2 students obtained their GED.
I-8	The program offers vocational education programs	Review of school schedule and class offerings	A review of program materials indicate that the school did not offer vocational programming
I-9	The number of youth enrolled in vocational program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File review</li> <li>• Review of Monthly Reports</li> <li>• Interview with the principal</li> </ul>	A review of student files information provided by the Principal indicated that there were no students enrolled in vocational programs during the auditing period
I-10	The number of youth obtaining certification versus attempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File review</li> <li>• Review of Monthly Reports</li> <li>• Interview with the principal</li> </ul>	A review of student records and the Certificate databases indicated no students attempted to obtain vocational certification during the audited period.
I-11	The percentage of youth passing their courses upon discharge and return to the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File review</li> <li>• Review of Monthly Reports</li> <li>• Interview with the principal</li> </ul>	A review of the data indicated that of 450 classes attempted 372 classes were passed (82%).
<b>Post-Secondary Education</b>			
PE-1	The program offers students with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Monthly Reports</li> </ul>	Program information provided by the Principal indicated that the school offers the following college options:



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	diplomas or GED to take college courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interview with the principal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frederick Community College Ed2Go Programs</li> </ul>
PE-2	Course offerings are a minimum of 2.5 hours per school day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Monthly Reports</li> <li>• Interview with the principal</li> </ul>	A review of a list of post-secondary options provided by the JSEP Superintendent indicates that there are a combination of offerings from local colleges and online certification classes to provide at least 2.5 hours of classes per day.
PE-3	The number of students enrolled in credit bearing college courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Monthly Reports</li> <li>• Interview with the principal</li> </ul>	An interview with the school Principal indicated 7 student attempted college credits while in the placement.
PE-4	The number of college credits obtained while in placement versus those attempted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Monthly Reports</li> <li>• Interview with the principal</li> </ul>	An interview with the school Principal indicated that no students received college credits while in the placement
<b>Re-Entry</b>			
RE-1	The number of students who had a re-entry/transition meeting (Committed Only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Re-entry Committed or Detention Youth Log</li> <li>• Review of ASSIST</li> <li>• Student file review</li> </ul>	N/A
RE-2	The number of students whose re-entry meeting was held prior to release from commitment. (Committed Only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Re-entry Committed or Detention Youth Log</li> <li>• Review of ASSIST</li> <li>• Student file review</li> </ul>	N/A
RE-3	The number of eligible students who returned to their “home school” within their LEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Re-entry Committed or Detention Youth Log</li> <li>• Review of ASSIST</li> </ul>	N/A

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student file review</li> </ul>	
RE-4	The number of students enrolled in an alternative educational placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Re-entry Committed or Detention Youth Log</li> <li>• Review of ASSIST</li> <li>• Student file review</li> </ul>	N/A
RE-5	The number of students who remained engaged with their LEA 90 days post release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Re-entry Committed or Detention Youth Log</li> <li>• Review of ASSIST</li> <li>• Student file review</li> </ul>	N/A
RE-6	The number of credits obtained when transfer occurred mid-quarter or mid-semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Re-entry Committed or Detention Youth Log</li> <li>• Review of ASSIST</li> <li>• Student file review</li> </ul>	N/A