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ENTRANCE CONFERENCE:

On December 5, 2024 an Entrance Conference was conducted by Ty Blackwell, Lead QA Specialist. In attendance was Mr. Jeffery Robinson, 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 July 1, 2024 to November 8, 2024

EXIT CONFERENCE

On December 5, 2024 an exit conference was conducted with Mr. Robinson. Preliminary findings of the audit were emailed to Mr. Robinson December 11, 2024.

FINDINGS

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| Assessment and Records | | | |
| AR-1 | Students will receive an educational assessment upon admission to the facility within 5 business days | File review | The school provide Star reports for 114 students. One hundred eleven of the reports were completed within 5 days of the students' admission dates. |
| AR-2 | Students will be reassessed at the 90 day mark to determine gains in reading and mathematics | File review | There were 2 students during the audited period that were reassessed at 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 180 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 159 files of students admitted to the school during the audit period indicated that 158 of 159 records (99%) 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 159 files of students admitted to the school during the audit period indicated that 153 of 159 records (96%) 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File review • Review of Individual Learning Plans | A review of the 159 files and ILPs of students admitted to the school during the audit period indicated that 151 of 159 records (95%) were reviewed with the student within 3 JSEP school days of records being received |

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| | records being received | | |
| Schedule of instruction and Attendance | | | |
| 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"> • Review of School calendar • Review of facility cameras | <p>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.</p> <p>During the audited period, the school was scheduled for 40 school days (240 hours) for the Summer Session and 45 days (270 hours) for the 1st quarter</p> |
| 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 40 school days were scheduled for the Summer Session and 45 days were scheduled for the 1 st quarter |
| 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"> • Review of School schedule • Review of the Facility Schedule | A review of the school schedule indicated that there was a schedule outline for a six hour school day. |
| 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"> • Review of facility cameras • Review of logbooks • Interview with the school principal | 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"> • Camera Review • Logbook Review | A review of cameras and the attendance report indicated that there were 59 incidents of units being late to school for the because of staffing issues. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance records | |
| SA-6 | Students attend class on-time without delay due to safety/security issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camera Review Logbook Review Attendance records | A review of cameras and the attendance report indicated that there were 11 incidents of units being late to school for the because of safety and security issues. |
| SA-7 | Students attend class on-time without delay due to education staff shortages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camera Review Logbook Review Attendance records | A review of cameras and the attendance report indicated that there was one incident of school be delayed because if teacher absences (August 22, 2024) |
| Special Education Instruction and Related Services | | | |
| IEP | | | |
| SE-A-1 | The number of students identified as needing/receiving IEP services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD Online IEP File Review Interview with staff | There were 52 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"> MD Online IEP File Review Interview with staff | During the audit period 52 IEPs were received from the LEAs. Fifty-one of the 52 IEPs (99%) were current. |
| SE-A-3 | The number of IEPs that are out of compliance upon JSEP school enrollment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD Online IEP File Review Interview with staff | During the audit period 52 IEPs were received from the LEAs. One of the IEPs was out of compliance (2%). |
| SE-A-4 | The number of youth who have had an initial IEP meeting within 20 days | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD Online IEP File Review Interview with staff | <p>During the audited period 34 out of 34 students had initial IEP meetings within 20 days of admission.</p> <p>(Eighteen students were released prior to the date of the scheduled meeting.)</p> |
| SE-A-5 | Youth receive instruction as outlined by the IEP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD Online IEP File Review Interview with staff | A review of 34 IEPs and student files indicated that the youth were receiving instruction as outlined in their IEPS |
| IEP Implementation | | | |

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| SE-B-1 | Youth receive related services as outlined by the IEP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD Online IEP File Review | A review of IEPs indicated that 24 students were to receive related services Documentation in student folders indicate that all students received services as outlined in the IEPs. |
| SE-B-2 | Youth are provided supplementary aids as outlined by the IEP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD Online IEP File Review | A review of IEPs indicated that all students were to receive supplementary aids. |
| IEP Documentation | | | |
| SE-C-1 | IEPs are current and are reviewed at least annually while in continuous custody/care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD Online IEP File Review | A review of IEPs indicated that 0 youths' IEPs were not current. |
| Evaluations | | | |
| SE-D-1 | Students are evaluated at least triennially. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD Online IEP File Review | A review of Special Education files indicated 0 youths' evaluations were not up to date. |
| Child Find | | | |
| 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"> MD Online IEP File Review | 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"> MD Online IEP File Review Interview with staff | A review of Child Find procedures indicates a process for identifying students who may require special education. During the audited period, one student was identified and had services initiated at the facility |
| SE-E-3 | The number of students identified who qualify for special education services not previously identified | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD Online IEP File Review Interview with staff | A review of Child Find procedures outlines a process to identify previously unidentified students who may qualify for special education services. During the audited period one student had an eligibility meeting at the facility. |
| Teacher Certification | | | |
| TC-1 | All Education staff have valid certifications | Review information from the Superintendent and DJS HR | A review of certifications indicated that one teacher's Teacher APC Plus 60 certification expired June 30, 2024 |

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| | | Certification Manager | |
| Instruction | | | |
| 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"> • File review • Review of Monthly Reports • Interview with the principal | A review of grade reports and transcripts of the students' earned credits and assessments allows the students to progress toward graduation. |
| I-2a | The number of core credits issued towards graduation requirements versus attempted during the semester | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerschool • File review | During the audited period 21 of the 27 core credits attempted were issued. |
| I-2b | The number of elective credits issued towards graduation requirements versus attempted during the semester | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerschool • File review | During the audited period 92 credits were attempted. The school issued 86 of the attempted credits. |
| 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"> • Powerschool • File review | A review of student files indicated that two students completed course work to obtain diplomas. One student completed in the Summer Session and one student in the 1 st quarter. |
| I-4 | The number of students who obtained GED waiver | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerschool • File review | A review of student files and Powerschool indicated that 1 student obtained a GED waiver during the Summer Session and two students obtained waivers during the 1 st quarter. |
| I-5 | The program offers students preparation courses for the GED examination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of education policy and procedures • Interview with Principal | A review of the program shows that the school does provided GED preparation courses. Nineteen youth were enrolled in courses during the audited period. |
| I-6 | The number of GED sections passed per student versus The number attempted | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File review • Review of Monthly Reports | The number of GED sections passed versus the number attempted during the audited period was 5 out of 7 |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview with the principal | |
| I-7 | The number of GEDs obtained | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File review Review of Monthly Reports Interview with the principal | A review of student files and information provided the principal indicated there were two GEDs obtained during the audited period |
| I-8 | The program offers vocational education programs | Review of school schedule and class offerings | <p>A review of program materials indicate that the school offered the following vocational programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ServSafe Food Handler ServSafe Manager Flagger OSHA 10 OSHA 30 CPR Conover Career Readiness MVA Driver's License Permit |
| I-9 | The number of youth enrolled in vocational program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File review Review of Monthly Reports Interview with the principal | A review of student files information provided by the assistant principal indicated that 8 students were enrolled in vocational programs during the audited period. |
| I-10 | The number of youth obtaining certification versus attempt | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File review Review of Monthly Reports Interview with the principal | A review of student records and an interview with the assistant principal indicated that 2 students received their OSHA 10 (Construction) certifications during the audited period |
| I-11 | The percentage of youth passing their courses upon discharge and return to the community | Grade count information provided by the superintendent | A review of the data indicated that 65% of classes attempted during the Summer Session and 76% of classes attempted during the 1 st Quarter of the 2024/2025 school year were passed |
| Post-Secondary Education | | | |

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| PE-1 | The program offers students with diplomas or GED to take college courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Monthly Reports • Interview with the principal | Program information provided by the principal indicated that the school offers virtual classes through Frederick Community College and Anne Arundel Community College |
| PE-2 | Course offerings are a minimum of 2.5 hours per school day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Monthly Reports • Interview with the principal | 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"> • Review of Monthly Reports • Interview with the principal | There were no students enrolled in credit bearing college courses during the audit period. |
| PE-4 | The number of college credits obtained while in placement versus those attempted | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Monthly Reports • Interview with the principal | There were no students taking credit bearing college courses during the audit period |
| Re-Entry | | | |
| RE-1 | The number of students who had a re-entry/transition meeting (Committed Only) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Re-entry Committed or Detention Youth Log • Review of ASSIST • Student file review | 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"> • Review of the Re-entry Committed or Detention Youth Log • Review of ASSIST • Student file review | N/A |
| RE-3 | The number of eligible students who returned to their | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Re-entry Committed | N/A |

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