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ENTRANCE CONFERENCE:

On February 21, 2024, 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 November 15, 2023 until January 30, 2024.

EXIT CONFERENCE:

On February 21, 2024 an Exit Conference was held between The QA Team and Mr. Edwards. Mr. Edwards was informed of the conclusion of the Audit.

| NO. | Standard | Data Source | 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 | A review of STAR reports in student folders indicated that 68 students received the assessment. Thirty-one students received the assessment 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 18 students reassessed at the 90 day auditing mark |
| AR-3 | Students will be reassessed in 90 day increments to measure reading and math gains | File review | There were 18 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 68 records during the audit period indicated that 68 of 68 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 68 files of students admitted to the school during the audit period indicated that 66 of 68 records (97%) 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"> • File review • Review of Individual Learning Plans | A review of the 68 files and ILPs of students admitted to the school during the audit period indicated that 47 of 68 records (69%) were reviewed with the student within 3 JSEP school days of records being received |

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| 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 | 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 46 days for the second quarter, with a total of 276 school hours. A review of the facility cameras indicated 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 46 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"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camera Review • Logbook Review | A review of cameras indicated that there were 0 incidents of units being late to school due to residential staffing. |

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| | delay due to residential staffing | <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 indicated that there were 12 incidents of units being late to school 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"> • Camera Review • Logbook Review • Attendance records | There were 0 days when school was reported late for teacher shortages |
| 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 22 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 22 IEPs were received from the LEA. Twenty-two 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"> • MD Online IEP • File Review • Interview with staff | During the audit period 22 IEPs were received from the 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"> • MD Online IEP • File Review • Interview with staff | <p>During the audited period 21 out of 22 students had initial IEP meetings with 20 days of admission.</p> <p>One student was released prior to the 20 day Mark</p> |

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| 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 22 IEPs and student files indicated the 22 youth were receiving instruction as outlined in their IEP's |
| IEP Implementation | | | |
| 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 14 students were to receive related services. IEP documentation showed that all students received related services as outlined in their IEPs. |
| SE-B-2 | Youth are provided supplementary aides as outlined by the IEP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD Online IEP • File Review | A review of IEPs indicated that 16 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 22 of 22 IEPs were 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 that all evaluations were 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 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD Online IEP | A review of Child Find procedures outline a process to identify previously unidentified |

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| | who qualify for special education services not previously identified | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File Review • Interview with staff | students who may qualify for special education services. During the audited period no students were identified. |
| Teacher Certification | | | |
| TC-1 | All Education staff have valid certifications | Review information from the Superintendent and DJS HR Certification Manager | A review of certifications indicated that 14 of 16 education staff members hold current valid Certifications |
| 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 indicated the students earned credits and assessments that allow 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 semester student's attempted 194 core credits, 158 (81.4%) credits 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 semester student's attempted 45 elective credits, 39 (86.7%) credits were issued. |
| I-3 | The number of students who completed their course of study and were issued a MD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerschool • File review | A review of student files and Audit book indicated that there was one student who received a High School Diploma while enrolled at the school |

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| | High School Diploma | | |
| 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 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"> • Review of education policy and procedures • Interview with Principal | A review of the program indicates the school does provide GED preparation courses. Six students 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 • Interview with the principal | No students attempted and passed all four sections of the GED exam. |
| 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 by the Principal indicated that 0 students obtained their GED. |
| 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"> • Serve Safe Certification |
| 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 and information provided by the principal indicated that 0 students were enrolled in vocational programs during the audited period |
| I-10 | The number of youth obtaining | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File review | A review of student files and information provided by the principal indicated that 0 |

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| | certification versus attempt | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Monthly Reports • Interview with the principal | students were enrolled in vocational programs 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"> • File review • Review of Monthly Reports • Interview with the principal | Per information provided by JSEP, 61% of youths passed their courses upon discharge and returning to the community. |
| Post-Secondary Education | | | |
| 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 the following college options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frederick Community College • Anne Arundel community College • Baltimore City 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 | An interview with the school Principal indicated that there was 1 student in credit bearing courses while in the placement. |
| 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 | An interview with the school Principal indicated that 0 students obtained college credits while in the placement |
| 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 | N/A |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of ASSIST • Student file review | |
| 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 “home school” within their LEA | <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-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 |