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ENTRANCE CONFERENCE:

On February 22, 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 November 15, 2023 to January 30, 2024

EXIT CONFERENCE

On February 22, 2024 an exit conference was conducted with Mr. Robinson. Preliminary findings of the audit were discussed.

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 41 students. Eigh 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 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 80 files of students admitted to the school during the audit period indicated that 80 of 80 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 80 files of students admitted to the school during the audit period indicated that 65 of 80 records (81%) 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 80 files and ILPs of students admitted to the school during the audit period indicated that 71 of 80 records (88%) were reviewed with the student within 3 JSEP school days of records being received |
| Schedule of instruction and Attendance | | | |
| SA-1 | The education program operates at least 220 school days | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of School calendar | A review of school calendar indicated that the education program is scheduled to provide instruction that exceeds the 220 |

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| | and a minimum of 1,320 school hours during a 12-month period. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of facility cameras | 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 all but .5 days. The facility reported the there was no school in the afternoon of January 9, 2025 because of teachers taking liberal leave. |
| 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 • Attendance records | A review of cameras and the attendance report indicated that there were 32 incidents of units being late to school for the because of staffing issues. |
| 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 3 incidents of units being late to school for the because of safety and security issues. |

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| 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 being late because of education staff 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 42 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 42 IEPs were received from the LEAs. Forty of the 42 IEPs (95%) 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 42 IEPs were received from the LEAs. Two of the IEPs were out of compliance (5%). |
| 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 | During the audited period 39 out of 42 students had initial IEP meetings within 20 days of admission. (Three students were released prior to the date of the scheduled meeting.) |
| 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 42 IEPs and student files indicated that the youth were receiving instruction as outlined in their IEPs |
| 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 21 students were to receive related services There was no related services documentation indicated that the student received the counseling outlined in his IEP, indicating that one student did not receive related services as outlined in their 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 12 students were to receive supplementary aids. |
| IEP Documentation | | | |

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| 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, 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 18 of 18 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 of the students' earned credits and assessments allows the students to progress toward graduation. |

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| 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 170 core credits were attempted. All of the 170 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 audited period 41.5 credits were attempted. The school issued 40.5 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 one student received their MD High School Diploma while enrolled at the school |
| 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 youth 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 shows that the school does provided GED preparation courses. Thirteen 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 • Interview with the principal | During the audited period three students passed all four section of the GED exam for a total of 12 sections. |
| 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 3 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 • OSHA 10 |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSHA 30 • CPR First Aid • Flagger • 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 71 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 no attempted certifications or obtained a vocational certification 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 40% of youth courses were passing upon discharge |
| 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 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. |

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| 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 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 “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 | N/A |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of ASSIST • Student file review | |
| 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 |