



JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION PROGRAM (JSEP)

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<p>What is the Juvenile Services Education Program (JSEP)?</p>	<p>The Juvenile Services Education Program (JSEP) and Board is an independent unit within the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) to oversee and provide comprehensive educational services to all juveniles placed in a DJS operated detention and residential facility. The JSEP Superintendent is responsible for implementing and administering educational programs approved by the JSEP Board and DJS provides support services to the unit. Students are able to receive instruction in coursework aligned with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) graduation requirements. Students are able to receive Career and Technology Education (CTE) certifications, specialized instruction, participate in GED completion, receive comprehensive school counseling supports, and post-secondary opportunities. JSEP will also include instruction in core content subjects, library/media services, life skills, and special education services. Students are pre-tested upon entry to the JSEP to assess baseline academic skills. Teachers used the results to design learning plans for each student, which form the basis for daily instruction.</p>
<p>How was JSEP established?</p>	<p>During the 2021 Legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed and Governor Lawrence J. Hogan Jr., signed into law SB 497, Chapter 145 "Juvenile Services Education Board and Program." The legislation transitions the responsibility of implementing a juvenile services education program from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to the Juvenile Services Education Program (JSEP) and Board. The JSEP and Board is an independent unit within the Maryland Department of Juveniles Services (DJS) and is responsible for the oversight and provision of educational services to all youth placed in DJS operated detention and residential facilities. As of July 1, 2022, the responsibility of implementing educational programming transferred from MSDE to DJS; who worked collaboratively in order to support a successful transfer of educational responsibilities.</p>

<p>At what sites does JSEP provide the educational programming?</p>	<p>Within its eight designated service regions, DJS has 10 facilities statewide, all of which JSEP provides educational services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center (Rockville) [temporarily closed] • Backbone Mountain Youth Center (Swanton) • Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center (Baltimore City) • Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School (Parkville) • Cheltenham Youth Detention Center (Cheltenham) • Garrett Children's Center (Lonaconing) [temporarily closed] • Green Ridge Youth Center (Flintstone) • Lower Eastern Shore Children's Center (Salisbury) • Victor Cullen Center (Sabillasville) • Western Maryland Children's Center (Hagerstown)
<p>What curriculum is utilized within JSEP schools?</p>	<p>JSEP provides instruction in English Language Arts and Mathematics courses aligned with the Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards. Science classes are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards, and Social Studies courses to the Maryland Social Studies Standards within the Maryland Social Studies Framework. The Career Technology Education (CTE) programs within JSEP align with industry standards and Maryland's CTE State Program of Study.</p>
<p>Which CTE programs are offered within JSEP schools?</p>	<p>JSEP offers all middle and high school students courses in the career technology education field as well as many certificates and certifications. Students can use the courses as part of their high school graduation requirements and can tailor the certification and certificate programs to meet their own interests. Additionally, JSEP partners with outside organizations to offer JSEP students opportunities to pursue a myriad of vocational interests. The goal of the CTE program for these students is to continue to help them define their career goals by exposing them to many possibilities.</p>
<p>Can JSEP students obtain a Maryland High School Diploma?</p>	<p>JSEP students can earn credits toward the minimum requirements to obtain a Maryland State High School Diploma. Courses and credits are also aligned with individual LEA requirements to allow for the easy transfer of grades and credits once the student returns to his/her home school. JSEP students also have the option to obtain a General Education Development (GED) test. A student who passes all the components of the GED exam is eligible for the GED. GED mobile labs are available for all facilities.</p>
<p>Do JSEP students have post-secondary opportunities?</p>	<p>JSEP also has a full slate of offering for our high school graduates. Each student is guaranteed a minimum of 2.5 hours of work per day. This work is chosen based on an individual student's needs and goals. These activities include college placement tests, credit-bearing college courses and vocational education program from one of our community college partners, a wide range of certifications and certificates, and workforce development classes for those students who wish to explore the world of work and different career fields. JSEP is continually seeking out and introducing new programs that will meet the needs and interests of our post-secondary students.</p>
<p>How can I learn more about JSEP?</p>	<p>For more information, visit the JSEP website: https://djs.maryland.gov/Pages/about-us/JSEP.aspx</p>