



Program Definitions/Course Offerings

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Core Model:

Provides delivery of JMG curriculum to traditional JMG students.

Examples: Windham High School, Skowhegan High School, Lewiston Middle School

Plus Model:

Provides a Core JMG program to traditional JMG students along with delivering JMG aligned curriculum to a subset of students identified by the school administration. For example, a career prep focused course for all juniors.

Examples: Calais High School, China Middle School, Brewer High School

Hybrid Model:

Rather than a core JMG program, this approach provides JMG aligned curriculum to a subset of students identified by the school administration. For example, career prep to all freshman. No Core.

Examples: Messalonskee 9th Grade, Mt. View Middle School, Fort Kent Middle/High School

Customized Model:

Provides services and/or delivery of curriculum that does not fully align with traditional JMG curriculum, but supports the mission of JMG.

Examples: MELMAC Specialists, Nellie Mae, Somerset County Financial Literacy

JMG College Success:

JMG's College Success Program (CSP) is a comprehensive bridging and retention program that starts in high school and continues seamlessly through college. The singular and overarching goal of the CSP is to help students with barriers to education obtain a post-secondary credential. In partnership with Maine colleges, the CSP program plays a critical role in students' success and can mean the difference between a student completing college or dropping out. JMG's College Success Program has been designed based on our own extensive experiences helping students graduate both high school and college, as well as the latest research from college bridging and retention programs nationwide. Eligible students include those who were part of a JMG program in middle or high school, youth who are or have been in foster care, and college students who received their GED or Hi-Set within the last five years.

In the years leading up to college, the CSP helps students prepare for and aspire to college through academic support, campus tours, application assistance, and more. Once in college, the CSP provides students with a range of individualized services including academic, social, and financial support. In 2017, JMG's CSP specialists are on 10 Maine college campuses and interact with every JMG high school program.

JMG Drop Out Recovery Model:

The Drop Out Recovery program operated by JMG is designed to serve the youth (ages 16-24) who have left the traditional school system and is interested in completing requirements for a high school diploma or equivalent. The primary mission of this JMG Model program is to recover dropouts and to provide an array of counseling, employability and technical skills development, professional association, job development, and job placement services that will result in either a quality job leading to a career after graduation and/or enrollment in a postsecondary education and training program.



Course Offerings

JMG Core:

The JMG core course teaches the JAG Curriculum to 45-55 students in high school or middle school that have been identified as having 4-6 barriers to success. Includes follow up on eighth graders as they transition into high school as well as seniors who graduate from JMG program. Each student is required to complete a minimum of five hours of community service and will participate in the JMG Career Association. There is an expectation of 100-120 hours of contact time with each student.

JMG 6th Grade:

The JMG 6th Grade course is designed to help sixth grade students transition from elementary school into middle school. JMG middle school specialists work with sixth grade students in the classroom delivering lessons designed to enhance the skills they will need to be successful in middle school. Specialists provide opportunities for students to learn and practice new skills through conversation, hands on projects, guest speakers, community service, and more. Students will develop the following skills:

- Organization and study skills
- Communication
- Self Awareness/Understanding
- Character Development
- Team-building/Group Unity

JMG 9th Grade:

This course is for freshmen and new students entering high school, delivered by JMG. This course educates and provides students with skills that will help them be successful in high school, in secondary education, in the work force, and throughout their life. This course is designed to assist students with studying skills, time management, organization and choices vs. chances. Students will also be introduced to college/career research, resume/cover letter development, job search/application, interview skills, career guidance, and workforce preparation. A key component and section of this course will cover financial literacy and money management. This topic will assist students in providing a better understanding of how to save and plan for their future aspirations. Teamwork, creative thinking, and problem solving skills are incorporated in weekly challenges to foster positive and respectful competition among the class. Students will have the opportunity to hear from a variety of community leaders, along with taking various field trips throughout the community to gain a better knowledge of careers and how certain businesses operate.

JMG Career Prep:

The JMG career prep course is designed for high school level career development and exploration. It can be adapted to 10th, 11th, or 12th grade students for a semester or full year. The purpose of this program is to provide students with knowledge in the following areas:

- Self exploration
- Job attainment
- Post secondary education options
- Financial literacy
- Career research

Teamwork, creative thinking, and problem solving skills are incorporated in this course to assist in developing strong leaders in the school and community. Students will have the opportunity to hear from a variety of community leaders and businesses in order to gain a better knowledge of careers.