



Jobs for Tennessee Graduates (JTG) End of Year Report

Jobs for Tennessee Graduates is pleased to provide an overview for fiscal year 2008.

JTG continues to meet or exceed Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) national performance standards and provides program enhancements that address the needs of students as they complete high school and enter the workforce or post secondary education.

School to Career Grade 12	JAG Standard	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Graduation Rate	90%	97%	94%	95%	95%
Positive Outcome Includes employment and military	80%	81%	81%	85%	*
Community Service/Leadership Development Hours	10 hours/year per student	7.10	17.0	22.0	18.0

*Outcome to be reported June 1, 2009

School to Career Grade 12	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Enrollment	321	389	382	380
Post Secondary Education	44%	43%	50%	*

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Dropout Prevention Grades 9-11	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Enrollment	80	82	82	75
Return to school rate	87%	85%	84%	83%

Enhancements

- JTG students from the class of 2008 received \$88,000.00 in college scholarships through the Tennessee Minority Suppliers Development Council to attend post secondary institutions throughout Tennessee and beyond.
- Partnered with Middle TN State University to host the annual student leadership conference for over 300 students in the fall of 2007, involving university administrators, staff and students.

New Initiatives

- In the fall of 2007, six students attended the JAG National Student Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.
- In February of 2008, JTG collaborated with United Parcel Service (UPS) and Nashville State Community College to sponsor a College/Career Fair at NSCC. Juniors and seniors from all area high schools were invited to attend.

Highlights

- At the 2008 JAG National Training Seminar in New Orleans, LA, Kimberly Washington, Career Specialist at Stratford High School received recognition as one of the top three high-performing specialists from Tennessee.
- Six JTG – Middle TN schools attained the national JAG standard of Five of Five based on follow up results for the class of 2007 and were also recognized at the conference.

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