### JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION PROGRAM

**What is Juvenile Services Education (JSE)?**

The Juvenile Services Education (JSE) program within the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) provides educational services for youths detained and committed by the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). Students receive core instruction in Mathematics, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science. Career Technology Education (CTE) courses are offered including: Office Systems Management, Personal Finance, C-Tech, and Career Research & Development. Library Media services, Special Education services, and General Equivalency Diploma (GED) preparation programs are also provided. JSE currently serves approximately 550 youth on a daily basis at 14 DJS facilities statewide.

**How was JSE established?**

Education article §22-303 mandated that the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) develop and implement juvenile services educational programming at all juvenile residential facilities operated by the Department of Juvenile Services by July 1, 2013. The statute also created an Education Coordinating Council who in conjunction with the Maryland State Board of Education is responsible for establishing regulations to govern the program.

**At what sites does JSE provide the educational program?**

JSE provides educational programming to approximately 5000 students annually at 14 DJS facilities statewide:

- Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center (2006)
- J. DeWeese Carter Center (2008)
- Victor Cullen Center (2008)
- Western Maryland Children’s Center (2011)
- Cheltenham Youth Center (2012)
- Thomas J. S. Waxter Center (2013)
- William Donald Schaefer House (2013)
- Alfred T. Noyes Center (2013)
- Backbone Mountain Youth Center (2013)
- Savage Mountain Youth Center (2013)
- Meadow Mountain Youth Center (2013)
- Green Ridge Youth Center (2013)

**What curriculum is followed in the JSE schools?**

JSE provides instruction in core content based on the Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS). The CTE programs within JSE align to industry standards and Maryland’s CTE State Program of Study.
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<td>Which CTE industry certifications are offered within JSE schools?</td>
<td>JSE affords students the opportunity to earn industry certification in: ServSafe Food Protection; OSHA 10; National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Core; IC3 and C-Tech (Telecommunication, Green Tech, and Connection to Business).</td>
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<td>Can JSE students obtain a Maryland High School Diploma?</td>
<td>Students in a JSE program earn credits toward a Maryland High School Diploma. Alternately, some students are enrolled in GED programs to prepare them for the GED examination. A student who passes the GED examination receives a Maryland High School Diploma by examination. There is currently one GED test site within JSE for students who are currently detained or committed by DJS. The existing test site is at the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School. A second testing site is in development in the Western Maryland region.</td>
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<td>How is achievement measured for JSE students?</td>
<td>Students are pre-tested for baseline academic skills upon entry to the JSE program with the Basic Achievement Skills Inventory (BASI). Classroom teachers use BASI results to drive their decisions regarding differentiated classroom instruction and student improvement. After each 30 days of enrollment in a detention school or 60 days in a treatment program school, the student is post-tested to assess gains in reading and mathematics. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the JSE program will collect data to capture the number of high school credits and industry certifications earned by its students.</td>
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<td>How can I learn more about JSE?</td>
<td>For more information contact a JSE representative within MSDE’s Division of Career and College Readiness (DCCR) at 410-767-0458.</td>
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