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Early College Success Syllabus

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Jobs for Arkansas' Graduates is a state-based non-profit organization dedicated to supporting young people of great promise. JAG is a branch of the national-based non-profit organization, Jobs for America's Graduates.

The Early College Success Program connects students to postsecondary education and career after High School. The JAG coach helps students understand the steps needed to reach educational, career, and life goals by providing students with information about resources available to help them succeed and encouraging students to take personal responsibility for achieving their goals. In this advising relationship, the student and coach partner to explore interests, skills, and abilities. The JAG Early College Program keeps students engaged through college and helps them successfully transition to life after.

Outcomes

- Identify
 - Essential dates to honor and how to find those dates
 - Values and interests to clarify education and career goals
 - A connection from your classes and curriculum to your career plan
- Understand
 - And locate program requirements, policies, and procedures
 - Support resources and use them to meet goals
 - The steps to transition to the next stage of education or career plan
- Develop
 - Student success skills
 - Introspection and decision-making skills
 - Communication and conflict management skills

Coach Responsibilities

Be knowledgeable of and explain the curriculum, requirements, policies, and procedures

Guide students through an exploration of values, interests, and goals to define degree/career decisions

Direct students to campus resources

Maintain a respectful, supportive, and confidential environment. Listen to students' questions, concerns, confusions and respond appropriately with accurate information or referrals.

Provide a learning community through the JAG College Career Student Association

Empower students' decision-making abilities and monitor students' progress and offer support as needed

Challenge students to persist through trouble spots, and to become creators of their circumstances

Student Responsibilities

Become knowledgeable about college programs, policies, and procedures

Clarify and reflect on personal values, interests, and goals; participate pro-actively in decision-making

Check in with coach at least once per month, and come prepared with any questions

Work to strengthen your skills and accept responsibility for academic decisions

Attend classes, learn, complete assignments, and participate in JAG College Career Student Association

Take responsibility for your academic plans and performance by following through with suggested actions

Become creators of your circumstances, not victims of them