

# Jobs for Virginia Graduates

## “We teach *SUCCESS*”

### Eleven+ Years of Excellence

**JVG's mission** is to keep young people in school through graduation and provide work-based learning experiences that will lead to career advancement opportunities or to enroll in a postsecondary institution that leads to a rewarding career. Utilizing the **Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Model Programs**, JVG delivers a unique set of services to targeted youth in high school, including 12 months of post-graduation follow-up services that will result in the graduate pursuing a postsecondary education and/or entering the workforce in a quality job leading to a career.

Follow-up statistics contained in the latest internet based JAG Electronic National Data Management System for graduating Seniors in the JVG Program:

Class	Graduation Rate	Civilian Jobs/Military	Positive Outcome	Full-time Placement	Full-time Jobs	Further Education
2003	98%	67%	88%	94%	75%	38%
2004	97%	77%	91%	93%	79%	32%
2005	96%	77%	96%	95%	79%	39%
2006	95%	74%	91%	95%	76%	48%
2007	96%	71%	93%	93%	76%	42%
2008	98%	74%	87%	94%	79%	42%
2009	100%	TRACKING				
JAG Standards	90%	60%	80%	80%	60%	No Standard

Statistical results are from complete and accurate documentation using the Jobs for America's Graduates Electronic National Data Management System

**Graduation Rate** – Includes non-graduates who return to school and graduate during 12-month follow-up

**Civilian Job Placement Rate** – Civilian job placements (full or part time) plus military service

**Positive Outcome Rate** – Job placements plus further education

**FT Placement Rate** – Job placements, military service plus part time employed further education students

**FT Job Rate** – Full time employed graduates plus military service

- JVG has achieved all five of JAG's performance goals for 11 consecutive years
- JVG has been recognized by the national organization as a Top 3 High Performing State Organization
- Since 1998, JVG has served over 10,000 young people in 26 local school divisions
- Competencies taught include Career Development, Job Attainment, Job Survival, Leadership and Self development, and Personal Skills

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# How Increasing Graduation Rates Boosts Virginia's Economy

Virginia stands to gain substantially from increasing the state's high school graduation rate. Virginia's high school graduates earn roughly 20 percent more during the course of their lifetimes than high school dropouts. They contribute more in state and federal taxes than dropouts, and are also associated with lower state expenditures on health, crime and social services.

New data reveals that 81.3 percent of the incoming high school class of 2004-2005 graduated high school on-time this past spring. The opportunity cost to Virginia per high school dropout is roughly \$111,586. By allowing nearly 19 percent of Virginia's students to leave high school without a degree, the Commonwealth stands to lose more than \$22 million per year.

Many interventions to reduce the high school dropout rate have demonstrated substantial success. Among these proven interventions are early childhood education, reduced class sizes, efforts to increase teacher quality, comprehensive school reform and career and technical education, and the Jobs for America's Graduates model. These interventions produce benefits that are, on average, 2.75 times the costs.

The Effectiveness of Interventions to Raise the Graduation Rate	
Benefits of Interventions in Terms of New Graduates	
	New Graduates per 100 Students
Virginia Preschool Initiative	11
Class Size Reduction	11
Teacher Salary Increase	5
Scholarship Loan Program	3.5
Career and Technical Education	8
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Public Returns on Interventions						
Benefit/Cost Ratios for Selected Interventions						
	Virginia Pre-School Initiative	Class Size Reduction	Dropout Intervention			Jobs for Virginia Graduates
Per additional New High School Graduate			Increased Teacher Salaries	Scholarship Loan Program	CSR/STEM	
<b>Costs</b>	\$107,036	\$53,791	\$82,540	\$90,338	\$24,888	\$17,679
<b>Benefits (fiscal)</b>	\$111,586	\$111,586	\$111,586	\$111,586	\$111,586	\$111,586
<b>Benefit/Cost Ratio</b>	1.04	2.07	1.35	1.24	4.48	6.31
<b>Net Present Value</b>	\$4,550	\$57,795	\$29,046	\$21,248	\$86,699	\$93,907

**"This analysis shows how the Jobs for Virginia Graduates program more than pays for itself. The return on investment for Virginia is significant"**

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**Jobs for Virginia Graduates  
School Site List  
2009-10**

**Arlington County Public Schools**  
Arlington Family Education Center

**Carroll County Public Schools**  
Carroll County Regional Alternative  
Education Center

**Charlotte County Public Schools**  
Thomas Jefferson Center

**Craig County Public Schools**  
Craig County High School

**Danville City Public Schools**  
Langston Focus Center

**Fairfax County Public Schools**  
Bryant Alternative High School

**Grayson County Public Schools**  
Grayson County High School

**Henrico County Public Schools**  
Virginia Randolph Community High  
School

**Chesterfield County Public Schools**  
Manchester High School

**Martinsville City Public Schools**  
Martinsville High School

**Northampton County Public Schools**  
Northampton High School

**Petersburg City Public Schools**  
Petersburg High School

**Prince Edward County Public Schools**  
Prince Edward County Career Technical  
Education Center

**Prince George, Dinwiddie & Sussex  
County Public Schools**  
Rowanty Technical Center

**Roanoke City Public Schools**  
Patrick Henry High School  
William Fleming High School

**Roanoke County Public Schools**  
Burton Center for Arts & Technology

**Russell County Public Schools**  
Russell County Career & Technology  
Center  
Honaker High School

**Shenandoah County Public Schools**  
Triplett Tech

**Smyth County Public Schools**  
Smyth Career & Technology  
Center

**Washington County Public Schools**  
William M. Neff Center