
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: JOBS FOR MISSISSIPPI GRADUATES: 1999-2000 PROGRAM REVIEW
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JMG operated in 15 local sites during the 1999-2000 school year. 454 seniors and 89 non-seniors participated in the program, for a total of 543 students. 425 of the 454 seniors (or 94%) graduated. 24 of the 29 non-graduating seniors are attending summer school, planning to earn their GED, or are returning to school this fall. The remaining 5 non-graduating seniors have either dropped out, been suspended or have no plans to complete school. All 89 of the non-seniors passed to the their next grade level.

The first post-program objective of JMG is to ensure that young people enter the labor market after graduation and that they remain in the labor market. The second objective is to help young people avoid any period of unemployment. The program is designed for young people to achieve these objectives through a variety of services, including:

1. Classroom instruction/field trips/guest speaker
2. Mississippi Career Association (personal motivation to students)
3. Leadership development
4. Annual career development conference
5. Community service projects
6. Entrepreneurship training
7. Employability skills instruction
8. Social service referrals
9. Competency-based curriculum (career development, job attainment, job survival)
10. Twelve-month follow-up (monthly contact is to be made to all participants)
11. Work experience/job placement