JOB MENTOR PROGRAM

In the Job Mentor Program (JMP), students earn .50 credit hours per semester in the Albuquerque Public School (APS) District through course instruction and work experience.

Total JMP-participating Schools: 16
Total Students (annually): 1,525

JMP Schools

- Albuquerque High School
- Atrisco Heritage Academy
- Career Enrichment Center
- Cibola High School
- Del Norte High School
- eCADEMY High School
- Eldorado High School
- Freedom High School
- Highland High School
- La Cueva High School
- Manzano High School
- Rio Grande High School
- Sandia High School
- Valley High School
- Volcano Vista High School
- West Mesa High School

Contact Information

Director of Family & Community Services:
Carol M. Pierce

Deputy Director of Family & Community Services:
Jess R. Martinez

Division Manager of Youth Engagement and Education:
Cristin Chavez-Smith (505) 767-5813, TTY 711
cristinchavez@cabq.gov

Community Outreach Coordinator:
Rachel Droste Gwinn
(505) 767-5838, TTY 711
rdrostegwinn@cabq.gov

Job Mentor Coordinators:
Anita Nevarez
anevarez@cabq.gov
Ashley Aceves
aaceves@cabq.gov

For the latest news and info, follow us!
Instagram: @fcsABQ
Facebook: @fcsABQ
http://www.cabq.gov/family
**Course Instruction**

Each participating high school is designated a School Based Coordinator who is responsible for instructing the Job Mentor Program classroom seminar. Instructors will teach courses such as: Life Skills, Social Skills, Employability, Financial Stability, Community Partnership. The Job Mentor Program is focused on facilitating skills for success in school, college, career, and life.

**Work Experience**

JMP students gain work experience through both the Job Shadow and Summer Internship Programs. During the Fall and Spring semesters, JMP students have the opportunity to shadow a mentor with whom they will explore career options that match their interest, personality, values, and skills. The Job Mentor Program offers a training stipend during the school year that is approved by the School Based Coordinator at each high school.

**Who can participate?**

Any student attending the 16 participating high schools may participate in JMP as an elective course from 9th—12th grade.

**Summer Internship**

During the summer, the City of Albuquerque hosts a 7-week, paid summer internship program.

Interns earn minimum wage and the program implements job opportunities in Government, APS, and Non-Profit organizations.

**Government Day**

Every Fall, JMP students have the unique opportunity that allows them to learn firsthand how City Government works. Several City departments and divisions host JMP students for a whole working day. Students are able to see City facilities and learn about City jobs. A core element of Government Day is to educate and inspire students about the value of public service.

**Community Service & Volunteer Work**

JMP students also gain job skills by completing community service projects and volunteer work throughout the fall and spring semesters, which is also a critical component of a successful college application.