

Job Mentor Program

Fall 2024 Summary

The Job Mentor Program was held in 22 classes at 15 Albuquerque High Schools in Fall 2024. The City of Albuquerque contracts with APS to provide School-based Coordinators who hold weekly career-readiness classes earning elective credit and/or stipends that can earn up to \$250 stipend per semester.

JMP welcomed several new people starting with the newest JMP Coordinator, Magda! Also please welcome our new School-based Coordinators in the fall: Allycia Summers at West Mesa, Tim Espinosa at Manzano, Unna Valdez at Sandia, Catherine Jaramillo at Del Norte, and Sang Shin at La Cueva. We are excited to have this new energy on our team!

NEW FIELD TRIPS

Eldorado HS students visited the ABQ BioPark, and worked on pulling out invasive plants, learning about native vs. non-native plants. They had a blast doing so—and got paid!

Volcano Vista's field trip was with the Planning Department at Albuquerque City Hall. Our students learned about long-term growth strategies that preserve and protect our culture, heritage, and resources. The students asked poignant questions and were hugely engaged. 2025 will bring more field trips across the city to prepare our students to be the future generation of Albuquerque's growth.

Rio Grande HS visited ABQ Museum and Explora Museum where they learned about art history and culture, X Studio, and child exploration, engaging in a little fun on their own.

PRESENTATIONS

City JMP staff gave in-person presentations to all classes at the beginning of the school year. This allowed students to learn more about job shadow, internship, and youth employment opportunities within the city. JMP partnered with Rio Grande Credit Union and Nusenda Credit Union to provide Financial Literacy training in our classes.

Fall 2024 Numbers

Total enrollment: 613

Seniors: 242

Special Ed.: 211

Honors: 100

Credit Recovery: 188

Career Experience:

Students who
participated in...

Job Shadow: 203

Volunteering: 209

Working: 309

High Schools with Job Mentor Program:

Albuquerque (2 classes)
Atrisco Heritage
Career Enrichment Center
Cibola (2 classes)
Del Norte
eCADEMY
Eldorado (2 classes)
Highland (2 classes)
La Cueva
Manzano (2 classes)
Rio Grande
Sandia
Valley
Volcano Vista (2 classes)
West Mesa (3 classes)

JMP Fall Highlights

OUR SUCCESSES

“I do grade checks for all my students to make sure they are doing well in all their classes. After doing this a couple weeks ago I realized one of my A+ students was only attending Job Mentorship and was in jeopardy of failing the rest of his classes for not attending. I was able to contact him by email and had him come see me. We developed a plan and I helped him talk to his teachers about making up the missed work. He signed an attendance promise and worked really hard. He ended up taking all his finals and received credit for every class. He is a senior in credit recovery. I am really proud of him and it looks like he'll make it to graduation as long as I stay on top of his grades and attendance.” --Eldorado

“During seminar two weeks ago, I had students reflect on what they learned this semester. Students reported so many different things: learning about budgeting money, to appropriate hygiene at a worksite working with food, to getting along with supervisors, to riding the city bus, etc.! It felt so good to hear so many varied responses and the pride students had in all that they learned/ accomplished this semester.” – Eldorado

I truly enjoyed being able to take our students to the City of Albuquerque Planning Department. Our students loved the experience and would like to go on another field trip soon! Thank you for the opportunity!” – Volcano Vista

“A student this year had fallen upon hard times. The student was no longer able to live with immediate family and needed some direction, some positive reinforcement, and some financial assistance to help with personal expenses and clothing. The student became a member of the JMP program and started to Job Shadow at the school. The student has thrived in the program. Each Job Shadow student is only required to volunteer 3 times a week, but this student enjoys working so much that they volunteer every day. The student has come out of their protective shell and is open and friendly with schoolmates and has greatly benefitted from the JMP program.” – Atrisco

“Many students were able to notice an improvement in their social skills and mentioned that they appreciated the opportunities to develop workplace skills.” -- Rio Grand HS

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