

South Dakota JAG

Jobs for America's Graduates

JAG is a leadership development and career exploration program for students that is also a class – for credit – that gives students voice and choice. It supports them to overcome challenges inside and outside the classroom and provides personal connections with businesses, professionals, and students.

JAG-SD
engages and
empowers middle and
high school students
to persist through
to graduation and
beyond.

GRADUATION RATE

2024- 25 SY,
JAG-SD students

99%

RETENTION RATE

JAG-SD students

don't get lost; they stay in school.

99%

POSITIVE POST HIGH SCHOOL OUTCOMES

88%

Includes pursuing further
education, employment,
and /or military service.

*Ally Salomon, Bennett Co.
High School 2025 Graduate,
plans to attend Western
Dakota Technical College
for Dental Assisting.*

“ JAG gave me the tools, foundation, and confidence to recognize a need in our community - then go earn a degree and open my own small engine and ATV repair shop. ”

- Gunner Johnson,
Lyman High School Graduate 2023
Mitchell Tech Graduate 2025 -
Powersports & Marine Technology
Owner of G's Small Engine Repair



JAG ADVANTAGE



Across the nation, JAG has a proven track record of preparing students for academic, career, and personal success where traditional strategies have failed. The JAG model incorporates active learning opportunities that students find relevant and engaging; relationship building and life skills; and connections with local employers who invest time and resources to customize learning experiences for JAG students. These experiences provide a bridge between classroom learning and the student's future.



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