Jump Start College
DUAL CREDIT THAT WORKS!

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2016 WNC Jump Start College Associate Degree Recipients

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• The Lumina Foundation ranks Nevada’s rate of attainment of postsecondary credentials (35.3%) 49th in the United States (*A Stronger Nation*, 2016).
100 students enter the 9th grade

73 of those students graduate from high school (NV Report Card, 2016 cohort)

38 of 73 (51.8%) high school graduates enter college (higheredinfo.org)

16 of 38 (42%) graduate with a postsecondary credential (Chronicle of Higher Education, 2013)
• 57.5% of students entering a Nevada community college tested below college level in English or math (2014)

• 56.7% of all math classes are completed with a grade other than W or F (2014)

• 64.4% of all English classes are completed with a grade other than W or F (2014)

• 56% of students enrolled in fall re-enroll in spring (2013)

• The college graduation rate is 23% (2013)
SOLUTION ➔ JUMP START COLLEGE

A dual-credit partnership between Western Nevada College and area high schools, charter schools and home-school students.
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Jump Start College GOALS

• Increase access to higher education
• Provide college at an affordable cost
• Promote successful college course completion
• Support student persistence
• Increase college certificate/degree attainment
• Started at the request of rural superintendents

• Originally meant to serve 20 students from two high schools

• Grew to 199 students from 9 high schools in the pilot year

• CTE Track pilot 2015

• For 2017, 413 students from 18 schools participated

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Key PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- A supported cohort dual-enrollment program
- Track A: Fifteen credits per semester
- Track C (CTE): Eight to twelve credits per semester
- Cohort Coach provided by the college to mentor students and report on progress
- Open to academically qualified and socially mature 11th and 12th grade students
- College faculty dedicated to student success
- Access to all college support resources on-campus or online

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Key PROGRAM ELEMENTS

• Faculty requirements
• Course selection
• Class schedules
• New instructional locations
  • College campuses
  • High school sites
• Derived from best practices and similar programs:
• 413 juniors and seniors enrolled

• 18 high schools, charter schools, and homeschool network

• 15-to-Finish initiative

• 14 instructional sites (including web)

• Significant portion of students (25-30%) on track to earn AA degree concurrent with HS graduation
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KEY ELEMENTS

• Student Qualifications
  • Academic preparation
  • Social maturity
  • Desire to participate

• Student Responsibilities
  • Attendance, attitude, effort

• Parents’ Roles and Responsibilities

• High School Counselor’s Role

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Student Selection Process

• High school Algebra II used for placement in College Algebra
  • 70% or better (Alg. II fall and spring)

• ACCUPLACER Essay Test used for placement in English 101

• Parent Information Nights

• Individual Conferences
  • HS Counselor, Parent, Student, College Counselor or Dean
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- Compelling rationale for adopting the Jump Start College Model
- Development of the model
- Parent and student feedback
• Course transcription
  • Role of the School Board / Board of Trustees
  • Role of the State of Nevada Department of Education

• Infinite Campus
• Mechanics (and problem-solving)
Western Nevada College  Jump Start NV VIRTUAL COMPLETION

- Course Completion Rates 2016-17 Nevada Virtual Academy Cohorts
  - Fall 2016: 99.3%
  - Spring 2017: 100%

- Re-Enrollment Rate
  - Fall 2016 to Spring 2017: 100%

- Associate Degrees Granted
  - 2017: 13 Degrees Awarded to High School Seniors

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• **Course Completion Rates 2016-17 (413 students)**
  - Fall 2016: **96.3%**
  - Spring 2017: **94.3%**

• **Re-Enrollment Rate**
  - Fall 2016 to Spring 2017: **97%**

• **Associate Degrees Granted**
  - 2016: **27 Degrees Awarded to High School Seniors**
  - 2017: **89 Degrees Awarded to High School Seniors**

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Former NV Virtual Jump Start Grad / School Representative Perspective:

• Jump Start Student Selection Process

• Student Experience

• Cohort Coach Roles and Experiences

• Questions?
NSHE Board of Regents’ Handbook (T4, Ch6, sec2):

NSHE is committed to working with the secondary education community to help prepare students for post-secondary education and the workforce, including providing opportunities for earning college-level credit while in high school.

NSHE institutions shall work collaboratively and may enter into agreements or partnerships with school districts, public and private high schools, and charter schools to provide early and/or dual enrollment opportunities, including, but not limited to “jump start” programs.

NSHE institutions may offer programs and courses, including but not limited to distance education and early and/or dual enrollment courses/programs, to high school students at a registration fee appropriate to cover at least the costs of the course or program, including but not limited to the instructor’s salary, supplies and equipment needed, and appropriate overhead costs. The registration fee must be approved by the President. Institutions must report biennially to the Board on the programs offered, the number of high school students served, and the approved registration fees charged.
“Western Nevada College has it dialed in and it’s frankly a model for the rest of the state.”

“That is what today is all about-- to help remove some of the barriers for students.”

-Governor Sandoval
Statements on Jump Start at SB19 signing 5/24/17

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Thank you for your interest.

Questions?

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