JAC^3 = E/MC

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JAC^3 Overview

- What is the JAC^3 E/MC?
  - Unique program that ties together local business, local high schools, and local post-secondary institutions.
- How did this get established?
  - Major contributions from local manufacturing companies seeing the need for reaching out to education for future employees.
  - In order for their companies to thrive they need to invest in the future workforce which was missing in the past.
  - The most crucial component of this model is the industry support and their desire to make this work; if not now, then when?

Jackson Area Career Center
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Why JAC^3 is UNIQUE?

- What is the model?
  - Currently allows students the opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree in Advanced Manufacturing from Jackson College over 3 years starting in 11th grade while working for a sponsoring company.
- What does the sponsoring company do?
  - Pay an annual contribution of $2,000 per student towards tuition cost.
  - Employ students from 11th grade to 13th grade and the hours are applied to a school-to-register apprentice program
    - Can be paid or unpaid work-based learning experience
  - Company and high school split the cost of college costs so students earn the degree for **FREE**

Uniqueness cont.

- What does the local high school do?
  - Supports the student for graduation requirements and earns a 13th year FTE in the process
  - Verifies the student does not have all required credits for graduation; must hold back the final year math credit until the 13th year.
    - For programs that require multiple math courses for the degree the student cannot earn both HS and college credit
- What does the post-secondary institution do?
  - Supports the student in the college courses and maintains communication with JAC^3 E/MC administration for student progress

JAC^3 E/MC Companies

- How did the companies get onboard?
  - Sought out help from Jackson ISD and Jackson County Superintendents
- Which companies are involved?
  - 12 local manufacturing companies with many more joining

JAC^3 E/MC Students

- What programs can students take?
  - Students must attend the Jackson Area Career Center to be enrolled
  - Currently open to all Junior-status students in the welding and precision machining programs
  - Expanding to Computer Informational Systems (CIS) and Pre-Engineering for 2015-2016 school year
  - Future planning for Ag Science, Construction, Visual Communication, and Health Occupations
- What do students get from JAC^3?
  - **Earn 2 degrees** at the conclusion of the 13th year
    - High School Diploma
    - Associate's Degree

Students cont.

- When do students go to college?
  - Students attends Jackson College classes that are offered after school, during school, and during summer.
  - College classes are developed in a way that doesn't impact their high school schedule
- Can students still be high school students?
  - Sponsoring employers want students to still be ***STUDENTS***! Therefore, they are flexible with scheduling work around athletics, band, drama, or any other school-based extracurricular activity
  - Time management is critical to the many different schedules

JAC^3 E/MC Community Partnerships

- How do you reach out to the community for support?
  - Must break down barriers and have a common goal for the common good—improve county economy
  - Huge support from local schools and collaboration with superintendents
- What barriers exist?
  - Between high schools – students (FTEs)
  - Between companies – future employees
  - Between post-secondary institutions – lifelong learners

Community Partnerships cont.

- Commitment and support from Jackson Area Manufacturers Association (JAMA), Jackson County Schools, Jackson College, Baker College, College & Career Access Center, and Cradle 2 Career (C2C)

JAC³ E/MC Next Steps

- How do we get started in our county?
  - Starts with Employers
    - Determine what your economy needs are from business input; Economic Development programs are a great start
  - Get Superintendent Support
    - Start the conversation about collaborative initiatives
  - Use a Career Center/Tech Center if possible
    - Helps with keeping commonality between the many partners
  - Rally around the overall county goal and needs
  - Bring ALL Partners Together for a Meeting
    - Offer to host so that you can showcase your facility
  - Stay Diligent with the Message

Q & A

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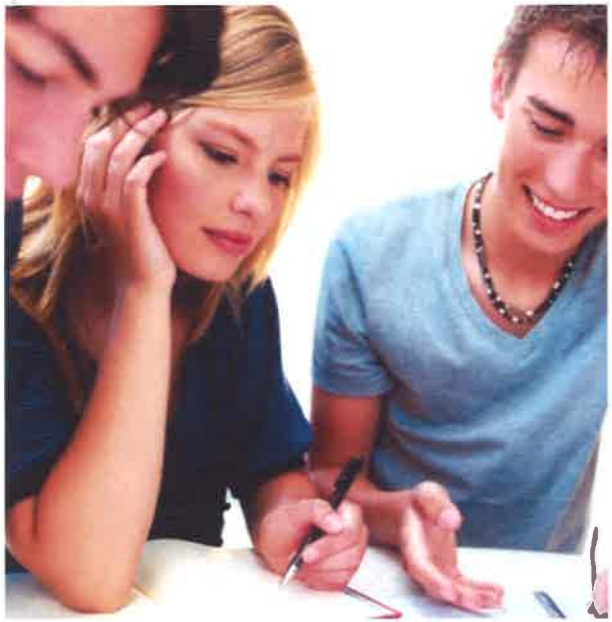

Why Enroll?

Through the JAC³ Early / Middle College, participating students will simultaneously earn…

- Their High School Diploma
- College Credit (up to an Associate Degree)
- Recognized Business/ Industry Credential
- Opportunity for full-time employment

…at NO COST to the student or family—a savings equal to thousands of dollars!

Looking for More Information?

Get your student on track for a FREE ride today!

For more on how you can begin the enrollment process, contact Dan Draper, Assistant Principal of CTE & Academic Programs at the Jackson Area Career, Center at 517-768-5222 and mention your interest in the JAC³ program!

Or visit our website at www.jacc-mi.net.

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What is the JAC³ E/MC?

Your Scholarship to Success!

The Jackson Area College and Career Connection (JAC³) Early/Middle College (E/MC) is a unique learning program that creates a pathway for Jackson County high school students to simultaneously earn:

- their high school diploma;,
- college credit;
- a technical/career credential;
- participation within a school-to-registered apprenticeship;
- the opportunity for employment upon graduation.

All while remaining enrolled in their local high school!

Offered through a collaboration between Jackson County high schools, the Jackson County ISD, Jackson College, Jackson Area Manufacturers Association, and the Enterprise Group—the three-year program is intended for students entering their junior year of high school with an interest in pursuing careers in the manufacturing field.

By the end of the third year, they will have earned their high school diploma from their home district, up to 64 credit hours (an Associate Degree) certified through Jackson College, and a technical certification—all **tuition free** for the students, and their families.

The JAC³ Advantage

JAC³ E/MC students receive more than a great learning opportunity—they are supported for post-graduate success from their first day in the program. Unique to the JAC³ E/MC is the addition of a **sponsoring local business organization**, which commits a vested interest in working with your individual student. This investment is represented through financial support, on-the-job training, and—in many cases—opportunities for apprenticeships, internships, and full-time employment upon graduation!

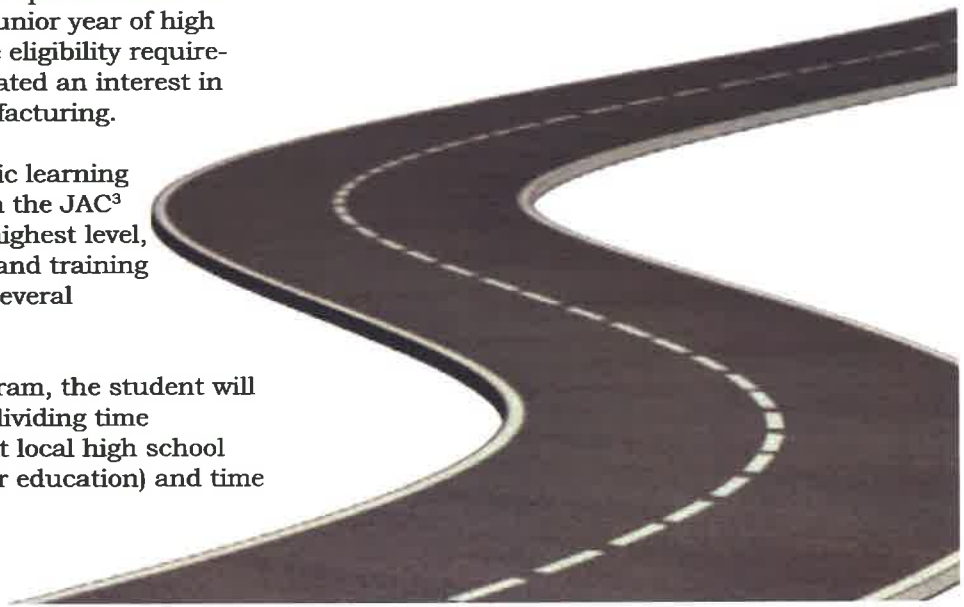
Additionally, JAC³ E/MC students are still able to attend their local high school for many of their courses and activities as well as participate in commencement with their graduating class.

The JAC³ Learning Model

Enrollment and eligibility is open to students who will be entering their junior year of high school, who meet academic eligibility requirements, and have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in manufacturing.

To ensure that the academic learning and real-life training within the JAC³ E/MC program are of the highest level, the program's coursework and training is collectively delivered at several locations.

During the three year program, the student will be continuously engaged, dividing time between classroom work (at local high school and/or institution of higher education) and time in the workplace of sponsoring employers, during which he/she will be receiving hands-on, experiential training. Graduating students will be academically and professionally prepared for the demands of today's workforce —**ready to take off onto the path of successful employment!**

Guided Support at Every Check Point!

During the course of the program, students and their families are supported through frequent counseling updates, employer meetings, and parent review sessions to ensure they are on track for a successful future. Each program partner—the local school district, the Career Center, and the sponsoring employer—is fully committed to the success of each and every student.