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## Jones Academy of Excellence

### Jones Academy of Excellence Curriculum

**Life Skills I** - This course encompasses the basic concepts of properly preparing for each day with prayer, meditation, hygiene and personal care, home chores, personalized care in order to productively conquer each day and more.

**Life Skills II** - This course prepares our students for the transition from K-12 to life after high school through research, learning protocols, understanding the financial aid process, participating in extracurricular activities that promote higher education, and visiting higher education institutions in-person or virtually. All students will have a college portfolio that includes their personal statement, academic highlights, and their creative persona.

**Spiritual Formation** - This course is designed with our modern day youth as an individual and a collective whole. Students will anticipate learning how to cultivate an experience that focuses on the connection between their natural and spiritual perspectives with respect to family beliefs and values.

**Restorative Justice/Social Emotional Learning** - This course gives the students the opportunity to learn the basic concepts of Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices as well as its relation to social emotional learning. Once the student has grasped the basic concepts of Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices, the student will participate in a trainer-to-trainer model teaching from proper implementation to successful execution.

**Math** - This course covers the basics of math fundamentals to college Math from Logic to Applied Mathematics. An extensive analysis of the branches of mathematics helps students in organizing their concepts clearly and develop a strong foundation. Khan Academy is heavily used.

**Science** - This course is guided solely through Khan Academy in the areas of Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Sciences.

**Social Science** - This course is designed in the moment to cover our current state of affairs which includes our Civic Engagement Plan.

**Writing/Language Arts + Reading** - This course builds skills for reading and comprehension throughout our curriculum. The course provides individual skill work through the use of text, technology, writing, speaking, and listening. In this course, students read literary and nonliterary works of various lengths to emphasize higher order thinking skills. By completing a variety of directed and independent reading units for diverse learners, students will be able to improve test-taking, comprehension, vocabulary, and decoding skills.

**Electives** - This course is tailored to meet the needs of the individual student who has shown a strong interest in a specific discipline or profession based on the results of their strength assessment via Thrively. The student will be paired with a mentor who will aid in supervising their elective hours. Note: students will start with a communication course.