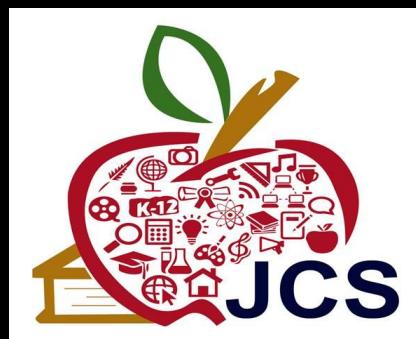


JCS TK-12 Home Study Program



Empowering Learners with Educational Choice!



Website: www.jcs-inc.org

★ Overview Home Study Program - TK-12

The home study program is designed for students whose parents are actively involved in their education. The parents have a strong sense of how they want their children to master the Common Core Standards, and are actively involved in the lesson planning, instructing, and correcting of assignments for their children.

★ Overview Home Study- High School

In addition to an EF, high school students work with highly qualified teachers, called specialists, in core subject areas (English, math, science and social studies). Daily work is turned in to the EF while standards-based assessments are turned in to the specialists. Submission of specialist assignments is mandatory for course success. All students must take proctored final exams in core content areas. Adhering to due dates is particularly important, and required for success in high school.

Academic counselors meet with students to review the 4-year plan, and discuss college/post-high school options.

★ Home Study Meetings

All home study students, as well as their parents, have face-to-face meetings with their educational facilitator at least once every 20 school days for a minimum of one hour, per student, per meeting. During the monthly meetings, the facilitator reviews ALL assignments, collects samples to include in the required monthly paperwork, discusses any problems or areas of concern that may have occurred during the month, and assigns, with parental input, the next month's assignments. The meeting dates are decided upon during the completion of the master agreement each semester.

★ What Can I Expect in Home Study?

The School Will:

- Provide a personalized learning path (based on the 4-year plan for high school students) along with the necessary curriculum, resources, and materials
- Ensure that every family is provided a highly qualified facilitator and teachers
- Monitor and assess learning
- Hold family meetings every 20 days or less
- Ensure that each family is aware of the school's opportunities and expectations
- Provide a range of curricular and extracurricular activities
- Provide ways for the parent or parent-teacher to grow as an educator

★ Simultaneous Enrollment

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Students may not be simultaneously enrolled with Julian Charter School and another pre-TK-12 institution of any kind. If you are paying student tuition to a private school or if your student is enrolled with a traditional public school, the student may not enroll with us. This includes preschool. (High school students may take college courses).

It is imperative that you are certain you have withdrawn your child from any other public or private school prior to officially enrolling with JCS. Falsifying information is grounds for immediate withdrawal from our program.

Students should not be withdrawn from their current placement until the EF has called the family to confirm enrollment has been completed.

Note: Students may be enrolled in enrichment classes or programs where no ADA is being collected.

★ Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

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Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is for children who turn five between September 2 and December 2 and is the first year of a two year kindergarten program that uses age-appropriate curriculum aligned to the Common Core State Standards. TK curriculum is different than kindergarten curriculum. Curriculum is centered on hands-on activities and enrichment experiences to encourage children to be lifelong learners from a young age. TK students will enter Kindergarten the following year. TK students receive the same educational unit allotments as other K-8 students.

JCS also offers TK, second semester, for students who turn five between December 3 through the enrollment cut off date. These students may enroll second semester as long as they are 5 years old. So, for example, if the student turns five on February 7, 2017, they may enroll on February 7, 2017 (birthdate is Feb. 7, 2012). Specific TK curriculum will be available for all TK students through the JCS Resource Center.

★ Selecting Curriculum - TK-8

Part of the appeal of Julian Charter School is that K-8 home study families have a choice of curriculum. The EF, in collaboration with the parent, selects curriculum that is appropriate for the student, taking into consideration the student's learning style, grade level and other relevant factors. JCS has a Resource Center in Murrieta where we house thousands of titles. Each student may check out up to 50 titles.

For middle school students wishing to take high school level mathematics, a highly qualified teacher is assigned to work with the student. The HQT is responsible for 70% of the grade, which includes assessments such as quick checks, benchmarks, and a mandatory proctored final examination. The EF and parent are responsible from 30% of the grade, which is based on work completion and EF projects.

★ Selecting Curriculum - High School

High school home study students have less flexibility with curriculum choices, most notably in the core content areas and **with college prep coursework**. All of the necessary curriculum is included with the high school home study program. Specialist (HQT) assignments are turned in, typically, once per month through an online platform.

Home study families will notice during the curriculum discussion time with your EF that the school has a list of popular selections for each grade level. The school seeks to provide quality curricula aligned with the Common Core Standards and that work well for home study students. What to Order Forms 9-12 lists for home study students are available through the Parent Portal. For convenience, the online resource center catalog can also be used to review available curriculum options.

★ What is Expected of the High school Student?

- Focus attention on learning during “school time,” actively complete work, and pursue educational goals, while taking responsibility for own learning.
- Turn in quality/authentic work by the due date.
- Ask for help as needed.
- Take part in some of the extra opportunities/activities provided by the school.

Home study students will be taught how to turn in work through Canvas. They are expected to turn in work by the due dates provided by their EF/HQT. In addition to specialist assignments, students complete daily work, which is graded by the parent. 70% of the students' grade in each core class is given by the HQT and 30% by the parent/EF.

What Does the School Expect of the Home Study Parent?

Parents will support their child's learning by:

- Showing, through day-to-day activities, the value placed on learning.
- Setting high standards for teaching and student learning.
- Adhering, as a general rule, to a daily “school” routine.
- Helping to maintain a balance between school work and leisure time activities.
- Partnering with the school in meeting responsibilities for the academic program.
- Parents are responsible for grading all assignments except those turned in to the HQT through the online platform, currently Canvas.

★ Canvas Learning Management System

Students turn in assignments using the Canvas LMS for core courses. On average, students turn in about one assignment per month (Benchmarks, Quick Checks, Labs, etc.) and complete discussions, depending on the course, about once per week. Grades are posted in the LMS, and specialists send Monday Messages to students letting them know what is due that week. Parents and EFs have observer accounts.



How Much Study Time a Day is Needed to Succeed in High School?

Home Study is an alternative to a traditional school. It is not an easy way out of high school or a way to get credit for classes without working.

A student should expect to **spend at least the equivalent of a fifty-minute class period every weekday for each class taken**. College prep classes may take more time. Your educational facilitator and specialists will assign work equal to that.

According to the master agreement at least 80% of the assignments for any learning period must be completed or a student will receive a Strike Report documenting that all of the assignments have not been completed. If a student receives three of these, he/she will be dismissed from the school due to lack of success in the independent study environment.

★ Science

How does a high school home study student earn credit for labs?

- Science Lab kits are provided to students for Earth Science, Chemistry, and Biology. In addition to completing labs at home, students are given opportunities to participate in laboratory experiments at one of our locations (required for chemistry once or twice a semester), and also through some amazing field trips, such as a biology trip to Catalina, and field trips to Beckman Lab at the SD Safari Park. Labs are required as part of the a-g requirements for all high school students. In some cases, virtual labs are offered.

★ What Courses are Needed to Graduate?

The goal at the end of four years of high school is to receive a diploma. Students must take a specific sequence of courses. Students take an average of 30 units per semester in grades 9, 10 and 11. **Physical Education is required in grades 9 and 10, and optional, but recommended, in grades 11 and 12.** The high school home study programs has a large selection of elective credits available. In addition, VCI (Vendor Course Instruction) is available for a designated amount of EUs (Educational Units) each semester.

| English / Writing | Social Studies | Math | Science | Foreign Language / Arts | PE | Life Skills / Health | Electives |
|-------------------|----------------|--------|---------|-------------------------|--------|----------------------|---------------|
| 4 Yrs. / Semester | 3 Yrs. | 3 Yrs. | 2 Yrs. | 2 Yrs. | 2 Yrs. | Semester each | 50/As needed* |

★ Learning Centers & Enrichment

Learning Center & Enrichment Classes are available as follows:

- ★ San Diego Enrichment (TK-8 Wednesdays)
- ★ Temecula Learning Center (Fridays TK-8)
- ★ Ramona Enrichment Center (Tuesdays TK-8)

These classes are for enrichment and full day or a la carte options are available using EUs. Each semester a schedule by Learning Center or Vendor operated enrichment classes is made available, and students sign up through our Sign Me Up Program.

★ Field Trips

Field trips are offered on a monthly (TK-12) first come, first served basis, and a student may sign up for three field trips per semester.

- ★ **Grade Level Recommendation:** Most JCS field trips will have a grade level recommendation and siblings in other grade levels are welcome to attend.
- ★ **Specific Grade Levels:** Some venues or programs will only allow specific grade levels and will not allow other grade levels or siblings to attend.
- ★ **Parent Attendance:** Some venues limit parent attendance to one parent. We are not in favor of this type of policy, but must enforce the venue restrictions.

★ Getting Started

Enrollment:

- ★ Admissions: admissions@juliancharterschool.org or (760) 705-4JCS
- ★ Enrollment is completed online and forms are uploaded to the Parent Portal.
 - Includes: birth record, immunization record, proof of residence (utility bill), K-1 health form, transcript for high school students
- ★ Acknowledgement and Testing forms are signed online.
- ★ An EF (Educational Facilitator) is assigned

At the Initial Meeting with the EF:

- ★ Master Agreement is signed and sent to the main office in Julian.
- ★ Curriculum is selected and ordered.
- ★ Vendor course instruction and Education Materials are reviewed/ordered. Students receive a designated number of EUs (Educational Units) each semester. (See ordering guide)
- ★ Semester and/or yearly LP meetings are set up with EF.

★ Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the TK-12 home study program, please e-mail:

- ★ Admissions: admissions@juliancharterschool.org or call (760) 705-4JCS
- ★ Lori Cummings, Director of Home Study: lcummings@juliancharterschool.org
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