

# Junior Year Guide

## Junior Year Checklist

### ALL YEAR

- o Review your four year high school academic plan
- o Monitor your grades regularly using your Canvas
- o Discuss postsecondary and career goals with your parents and counselor
- o Continue co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Keep a log of all activities
- o Actively seek and apply for private scholarships
- o Visit college campuses and college fairs
- o If you are unsure what you want to do after high school or are interested in joining the military, take the ASVAB.
- o Athletes should review the NCAA Guide for Student Athletes and file with the NCAA

### FALL

- o Take the PSAT, Review your results for strengths and weaknesses in preparation for the SAT

### SPRING

- o Take the ACT and/or SAT exam
- o Review ACT and/or SAT results and decide whether or not to try for a better score
- o Visit with your counselor to explore college options
- o Use College Board and Naviance to search to find colleges that fit what you're looking for
- o Explore college websites and their requirements for admissions
- o Build a list of schools you're interested in Naviance account
- o Plan summer activities. Consider college courses, enrichment courses, volunteering, working, studying for the SAT or ACT, visiting colleges, learning a new skill, or traveling

## CAASPP Testing

Website: <https://www.caaspp.org/>

Online Practice and Training Tests: <https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>

Parent/Guardian Resources: <https://www.caaspp.org/ta-resources/parent-resources.html>

What is CAASPP Testing?

CAASPP stands for California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, so it helps the state determine whether a student is considered college and career ready. The CAASPP test is taken only once during high school and it's during April of the student's junior year.

Why does it matter?

It is important because looking towards the student's future, the CAASPP testing can help with Math or English placement in all levels of schooling, from university to trade school. So that means that the student could potentially skip over some of the Math or English classes,

because the student scored well on CAASPP and already proved that the student knows that material!

Also, CAASPP testing is a time to celebrate all that the student has learned. The student and their teachers worked hard over the last three years of high school and now the student has the opportunity to demonstrate all of that hard work!

## Standardized Testing

### **SAT:**

UC or CSU schools no longer require students to take the SAT or submit their SAT scores. However, there are still many colleges/universities that do. In addition, there are many colleges/universities that may not require SAT scores, however they could help your chances of being accepted. Please research the schools you plan on applying to (or might apply to) and see what their SAT requirements/recommendations are.

They offer the SAT many times throughout the year, and College Board recommends that students who are planning to take the SAT, take it for their first time during the Spring semester of their Junior year. You can take the SAT as many times as you would like, and it is recommended that you take it at least twice.

You can register for the SAT here: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>.

The College Board website can also help you find:

- SAT pricing
- SAT locations
- SAT dates and times
- What to bring and NOT to bring to your test
- Practice tests and study tools

### **ACT:**

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They offer the ACT many times throughout the year, and the official ACT website recommends that students who are planning to take the ACT, take it for their first time during their Junior year. You can take the ACT as many times as you would like, and it is recommended that you take it at least twice.

You can register for the ACT here:

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>.

The ACT website can also help you find:

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## **ASVAB:**

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is a multiple choice test, administered by the United States Military Entrance Processing Command, used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces.

The ASVAB helps the DoD determine whether you are a good fit to join the service. The test results also suggest which service branch might be best for you, and even what military jobs you could hold after you finish basic training or boot camp. The better your ASVAB score, the more options you have.

**The ASVAB is required by the United States Armed Forces to gain entrance into any of the military branches.**

Junior year is a great time to take the ASVAB for the first time. You are allowed to take it multiple times. If you are interested in joining the military, your ASVAB results can help you begin mapping out your post-secondary plans.

For more information regarding the ASVAB, click here:

<https://asvabtutor.com/what-to-expect-on-the-asvab/>

JCS Family of Schools typically offers the ASVAB once per year for students at the JCS Pine Hills Vallejo campus. If you are interested in signing up to take the ASVAB, please email your academic counselor.

## **PSAT:**

JCS Family of Schools offers the PSAT for 10th and 11th grade students once per year, at varying JCS campuses. If you plan to take the SAT, or think you might in the future, the Practice SAT is a great way to practice and learn what to expect on the SAT.

This year the PSAT is on October 11, 2023 at 8:30 AM and costs each student \$20 to sign up. Students must sign up by October 6, 2023.

Sign up for the PSAT in Pine Valley here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/703740465677?aff=oddtcreator>

Sign up for the PSAT in La Mesa here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/708046966537?aff=oddtcreator>

Sign up for the PSAT in Temecula here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/696658352887?aff=oddtcreator>

## Four Year Planning

### Four Year Planning Worksheet

[Click here](#) for a blank four year plan that you can fill out with your parents, teachers, counselors, or by yourself!

## Julian Charter School High School Graduation Requirements

[JCS HS Graduation Requirements Check-Off Sheet](#)

### A-G Requirements

A-G requirements are requirements that California State Universities (CSU's) or Universities of California (UC's) are going to look to see that students have completed in high school. If students do not fulfill all of these requirements, they will not be eligible to apply to any CSU's or UC's as incoming freshmen. To meet minimum admission requirements, you must complete 15 year long high school courses **with a letter grade of C or better** — at least 11 of them prior to your last year of high school.

[Please click here to learn about the details of A-G requirements.](#)

Please note the 4 main differences between JCS HS graduation requirements are the following:

Subject	JCS Graduation Requirements	A-G Requirements
Foreign Language	1 year of a Foreign Language <b>OR</b> VAPA (Visual Art/Performing Art)	2 years of the same Foreign Language at the High School level <b>OR</b> 1 semester of a Foreign Language at the Community College level

VAPA (Visual Art/Performing Art)	1 year of a Foreign Language <b>OR</b> VAPA (Visual Art/Performing Art)	1 year of the same Visual/Performing Art at the High School level <b>OR</b> 1 semester of a Visual/Performing Art at the Community College level
Math	3 years of math	3 years of math <b>going up to the level of Integrated Math III.</b>  4 years of math recommended.
Science	2 years of science (one biological and one physical, including at least one lab)	2 years of science (one biological and one physical, including at least one lab)  3 years of science recommended.

## Future Planning

What do I want to do after I graduate High School?

# Post Secondary Options

Employment

Career College

Military or Military Academy

Apprenticeship Program

Gap Year

College (2 year and/or 4 year)



For more detailed information about all of these options, please browse through the College Readiness and Career Readiness tabs under JCS School Counseling on the JCS Website.

If I go to college, which college is right for me?

**DEVELOP &  
REFINE YOUR  
COLLEGE APPS**

**2023 - 2024**

**JCS FAMILY**  
20 YEARS OF EMPOWERING LEARNERS

## Which career is right for me?

Log into [Naviance](#) using your Clever ID.

Once you are in Naviance, click on Self-Discovery and fill out the Career Cluster Finder and the Career Interest Profiler.

**Naviance** Home **Self-Discovery** Courses Careers Colleges Planner

**Gabriel's Future Planning**

- Self-Discovery Home
- Career Cluster Finder
- Career Interest Profiler
- Career Key
- Intelligences@
- Learning and Productivity@
- Personality@
- Skills@
- StrengthsExplorer@

Plan for life after high school... success.

Select Path

# Naviance

Please make sure that you are taking advantage of JCS's college and career platform: [Naviance](#). Every JCS student has a Naviance account, which is provided for them with no cost to the student. Please note that you will no longer be able to access your account after you graduate high school.

Naviance allows you to explore colleges and careers, and help you find what the best colleges/universities/careers for you could be! In addition to that, it allows you to apply to colleges, compare college pricing, see access to scholarships, and even calculate how likely you are to get into your dream schools!

In addition to that, there are lessons assigned to every grade level that students are encouraged to complete each school year. It allows you to learn more about yourself and better prepare for your future. Also, students are able to receive 5 credits in "Life Skills" if they complete every lesson that is assigned to their grade level. Life Skills is a JCS graduation requirement. Even if students do not need the credits, they are still highly encouraged to complete the lessons.