

# Sophomore Year Guide

## Sophomore Year Checklist

- o Review your transcript. Understand the difference between your weighted and unweighted GPA.
- o Review your four year high school academic plan
- o Make a Sophomore counseling meeting with your counselor
- o Focus on your goals for academic and personal success
- o Monitor your grades regularly using your Canvas account
- o Use study groups and tutors as needed
- o Use Office Hours to get help from teachers
- o Take the PSAT. Review your results for strengths and weakness in preparation for the SAT.
- o Explore extracurricular interests and activities, such as clubs and community service
- o Keep a log of all extracurricular activities
- o If you are unsure what you want to do after high school or are interested in joining the military, take the ASVAB.
- o Start researching scholarship eligibility opportunities
- o Obtain recommendations for junior year classes
- o Athletes should read the NCAA Guide for the college Bound Student Athlete
- o Plan summer activities. Consider summer school courses, enrichment courses, volunteering, working, studying for the SAT or ACT, visiting colleges, or traveling.

## 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 sch      uccess.

Select Path

# 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>

Please Note:

UC or CSU schools no longer require students to take the SAT or submit any 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 make sure to research the schools that you are considering applying 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.

# 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.