

Senior Year Guide

Senior Year Checklist

ALL YEAR

- Review your high school transcript and GPA. Maintain your grades throughout your senior year
- Discuss postsecondary and career goals with your parents and counselor
- Continue co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Keep a log of all activities
- Actively seek and apply for private and institutional scholarships

FALL/WINTER

- If you're hoping for a better score, register to take the ACT and/or SAT exam again..
- Visit with your Counselor to explore college options
- Use Naviance to search to find colleges that fit what you're looking for
- Explore college websites and their requirements for admissions
- Visit college campuses and college fairs
- Narrow your list of colleges to 5-8 schools. Review admission requirements of colleges on your list
- Attend CSU/UC Application Workshops (Sign up through virtual UC/CSU website)
- Create a calendar and keep track of deadlines for applications and financial aid submissions
- Complete college applications
- Have your transcripts and official test scores sent to colleges as requested
- Submit applications on time
- Apply for FSA ID
- Apply for FAFSA beginning October 1st - March 2nd.
- Students applying to a U.S. military academy should follow through on necessary requirements
- Athletes should review the NCAA Guide Student Athletes and file with the NCAA
- Complete Letter of Recommendation Brag Sheet (located on JCS website)

SPRING

- If you haven't already, submit your FAFSA no later than March 2
- If you were accepted for Early Decision, withdraw your application for remaining colleges
- Complete mid-year reports, as requested
- Apply to community colleges, Take advantage of priority registration by applying early through www.californiacolleges.edu
- Review Financial Aid packages received (usually between April 1 and May 1) and compare
- Notify the college you choose to attend by May 1. Notify other colleges you will not be attending
- Request Final transcript thru Parchment be sent to the college or university you will attend (Request for Final Grades)
- Plan to relax this summer! If you want to stay busy, getting some work experience is a great option.

[College Bound Senior Important Information](#)



JCS Family High School - Class of 2024

Important Information for College Applications

Senior Schedule	JCS Counseling Website
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General College Application Information
CSU Application Deadline: November 30th UC Application Deadline: November 30th
Private & Out-of-State Application Deadlines: Varies by campus
Quarter vs. Semester: Semester: Julian Charter School (JCS LIVE), JCS Pine Hills, JCS Manzanita, JCS Cedar Cove, JCS Pine Valley <small>*All JCS Schools use the Semester system</small>
Community College Application Deadline: No deadline but aim for February/March
Financial Aid Applications: FAFSA/CADAA : Opens December 2023 CSS Profile : Used by some colleges, deadlines vary
Counselor Letter of Recommendation: If you need a counselor letter of recommendation, you must request it at least two weeks prior to your earliest application deadline. Fill out this questionnaire . CSU/UC DO NOT ACCEPT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
Teacher Letter of Recommendation: Deadline's are up to each individual teacher. Fill out this form and turn it in to your teacher.
Transcripts: Request unofficial or official transcripts here .
Scholarships: Look at scholarships here .

Important Dates	
Mandatory Senior Meeting	x
College Application Workshop	x
Financial Aid Workshop	1/30/2024 @ 6 pm
Fall SAT Dates	8/26/23, 10/7/23, 11/4/23, 12/2/23
Fall ACT Dates	9/9/23, 10/28/23, 12/9/23
UC Applications Open	8/30/23
CSU Applications Open	10/01/23
UC Applications Due	11/30/23
CSU Applications Due	11/30/23
College Decision Day	5/01/24

JCS Family School Information	
Class Rank	Ask your counselor
GPA Scale	4.0
GPA Type	Weighted
Date of Entry	August 2020
Graduation Date	May 28, 2024

JCS Family School Information				
JCS Cedar Cove	JCS Manzanita	JCS LIVE	JCS Pine Hills	JCS Pine Valley
Class Size: 5	Class Size: 6	Class Size: 31	Class Size: 71	Class Size: 8
School/CEEB Code: 062830	School/CEEB Code: 052919	School/CEEB Code: 052929	School/CEEB Code: 052720	School/CEEB Code: 052800
Address: 1221 Encinitas Blvd, Encinitas, CA 92024	Address: 5300 Jackson Dr, La Mesa, CA 91942	Address: 1704 Cape Horn Ave, Julian, CA 92036	Address: 29141 Vallejo Ave, Temecula, CA 92592	Address: 28876 Old Hwy 80, Pine Valley, CA 91962

Senior Schedule

JCS High School Graduation Requirements

JCS Graduation Requirements Checksheet

A-G Requirements

To meet minimum admission requirements for four year Universities, 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. Keep in mind that taking high school (A-G) courses isn't the only way to satisfy these requirements. You also may meet them by completing college courses or earning certain scores on various acceptable exams. With the exception of math and language other than English, all subject requirements must be met in 9th through 12th grade.

A) History

Two years of history, including:

- One year of world history, cultures or historical geography (may be a single yearlong course or two one-semester courses), and
- one year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government

Exams & coursework that satisfy "A":

AP or IB Examination

- U.S. History: score of 3, 4 or 5 on the AP U.S. History exam; score of 5, 6 or 7 on the IB History of the Americas HL exam.
- U.S. or Comparative Government: Score of 3, 4 or 5 on the AP exam satisfies a half year.
- World History/Cultures/Geography: score of 3, 4 or 5 on the AP exam in European History, World History, Modern World History or Human Geography; score of 5, 6 or 7 on the IB History HL or Geography HL exam

College Courses:

- U.S. History: grade of C or better in a transferable course of 3 or more semester (4 or more quarter) units in U.S history; grade of C or better in a transferable course of 3 or more semester (4 or more quarter) units in civics or American Government meets one semester of the requirement.
- World History/Cultures/Geography: grade of C or better in a transferable course of 3 or more semester (4 or more quarter) units in world history, cultures and geography

B) English

Four years of college-preparatory English that include:

- Frequent writing, from brainstorming to final paper, as well as reading of classic and modern literature.
- No more than one year of ESL-type courses can be used to meet this requirement.

Exams & coursework that satisfy "B":

ACT English Language Arts (ELA):

- Score of 24 meets the first three years; a score of 30 meets the entire four-year requirement.

SAT Writing and Language Test:

- Score of 31 meets the first three years; a score of 36 meets the entire four-year requirement.

AP or IB Examination:

- Score of 3, 4 or 5 on the AP English Language and Composition or English Literature and Composition exam; score of 5, 6 or 7 on the IB HL English: Literature exam (formerly IB HL English A1)

College Courses:

- For each year required through the 11th grade, a grade of C or better in a non-transferable college course of 3 or more semester (4 or more quarter) units in English composition, literature (American or English) or foreign literature in translation. Courses used to satisfy the fourth year and/or the entire requirement must be transferable.

C) Mathematics

Three years of college-preparatory mathematics that include:

- The topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two-and three-dimensional geometry. A geometry course or an integrated math course with a sufficient amount of geometry content must be completed. Approved integrated math courses may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement, as may math courses taken in the seventh and eighth grades if the high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses; also acceptable are courses that address the previously mentioned content areas and include or integrate probability, statistics or trigonometry. Courses intended for 11th and/or 12th grade levels may satisfy the required third year or recommended fourth year of the subject requirement if approved as an advanced math course.

Exams & coursework that satisfy "C":

AP or IB Examination

- Score of 3, 4 or 5 on the AP Calculus AB or Calculus BC exam satisfies two years of the requirement (but not geometry).
- Score of 5, 6, or 7 on the IB Mathematics HL Analysis and Approaches exam satisfies two years of the requirement (but not geometry).

College Courses:

- Three semester (4 quarter) units of non-transferable college courses in elementary algebra, geometry, intermediate algebra or trigonometry, with a grade of C or better, satisfy one year each of the math requirement.
- Grade of C or better in a transferable mathematics course of at least 3 semester (4 quarter) units that has intermediate algebra as a prerequisite satisfies two years of the requirement (but not geometry).
- NOTE: *All students must complete a geometry course or integrated math with geometry content. One transferable college course will not satisfy the full three-year math requirement.*

D) Science

Two years of college-preparatory science, including or integrating:

- Topics that provide fundamental knowledge in two of these three subjects: biology, chemistry, or physics.
- One year of approved interdisciplinary or earth and space sciences coursework can meet one year of the requirement.
- Computer Science, Engineering, Applied Science courses can be used in area D as an additional science (i.e., third year and beyond).

Exams & coursework that satisfy "D":

AP or IB Examination

- Score of 3, 4 or 5 on any two AP exams from different disciplines in Biology, Chemistry, Physics (B, C, 1 or 2) and Environmental Science; score of 5, 6 or 7 on any two IB HL exams in Biology, Chemistry or Physics

College Courses:

- For each year of the requirement, a grade of C or better in a transferable course of at least 3 semester (4 quarter) units in a natural (physical or biological) science with at least 30 hours of laboratory (not "demonstration")

E) Language other than English

Two years, or equivalent to the 2nd level of high school instruction, of the same language other than English are required. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading, composition and culture. American Sign Language and classical languages, such as Latin and Greek, are acceptable, as are Native American languages.

Exams & coursework that satisfy "E":

SAT Subject Tests:

The following scores satisfy the entire requirement:

- Chinese With Listening: 520
- French/French With Listening: 540
- German/German With Listening: 510
- Modern Hebrew: 470
- Italian: 520
- Japanese With Listening: 510
- Korean With Listening: 500

- Latin: 530
- Spanish/Spanish With Listening: 520

AP or IB Examination

- Score of 3, 4 or 5 on the AP exam in Chinese Language and Culture, French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Italian Language and Culture, Japanese Language and Culture, Spanish Language, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture or Latin; score of 5, 6 or 7 on an IB HL language B exam.

College Courses:

- Grade of C or better in any transferable course(s) (excluding conversation) held by the college to be equivalent to two years of high school language.
- Many colleges list the prerequisites for their second course in language as "Language 1 at this college or two years of high school language." In this case, Language 1 clears both years of the requirement.

F) Visual and performing arts

One yearlong course of visual and performing arts chosen from the following disciplines:

- Dance, music, theater, visual arts or interdisciplinary arts — or two one-semester courses from the same discipline is also acceptable.

Exams & coursework that satisfy "F":

AP or IB Examination:

- Score of 3, 4 or 5 on the AP Art History, Art and Design (2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design or Drawing) Music Theory exam; score of 5, 6 or 7 on any one IB HL exam in Dance, Film, Music, Theatre Arts or Visual Arts

College Courses:

- Grade of C or better in any transferable course of 3 semester (4 quarter) units that clearly falls within one of four visual/performing arts disciplines: dance, drama/theater, music or visual art

G) College-preparatory elective

One year (two semesters) chosen from courses specific to the elective (G) subject area or courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements of the A-F subjects.

Exams & coursework that satisfy "G":

- Requirements
- Freshman requirements
- Subject requirement (A-G)
- GPA requirement
- Admission by exception
- English language proficiency
- California residents
- Out-of-state students
- Home-schooled students

- UC graduation requirements
- Transfer requirements
- International applicants
- AP & Exam credits
- For California students

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 OR VAPA (Visual Art/Performing Art)	2 years of the same Foreign Language at the High School level OR 1 semester of a Foreign Language at the Community College level
VAPA (Visual Art/Performing Art)	1 year of a Foreign Language OR VAPA (Visual Art/Performing Art)	1 year of the same Visual/Performing Art at the High School level OR 1 semester of a Visual/Performing Art at the Community College level
Math	3 years of math	3 years of math going up to the level of Integrated Math III. 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.

Look here to see if your courses are A-G approved: <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist>.

Four Year Planning

An example of a JCS student who college bound:



JCS-Family of Schools
Four-Year College Bound
High School - Four-Year Graduation Plan

UC	CSU	Other
Name: _____		
Exp. Grad Date: _____		
EF/Coordinator: _____		
Date Submitted to Counselor: _____		
Last Revision Date: _____		

Courses accredited by WASC may be considered transferable to other public high schools and courses approved

by the

University of California or the California State University as creditable under the a-g admissions criteria may be considered to meet college entrance requirements.

Subject Graduation Requirements	9th Grade		10th Grade		11th Grade		12th Grade	
	Subject	(Credits)	Subject	(Credits)	Subject	(Credits)	Subject	(Credits)
CP English (4 Years-40 Credits) (Writing-5 Credits)	English I Writing	(10) (5)	English II	(10)	English III	(10)	Expository Reading & Writing (10)	
CP Math (3 Years-30 Credits) 30 credits must be Integrated I or higher	Integrated Math I	(10)	Integrated Math II	(10)	Integrated Math III	(10)	Pre- Calculus or Statistics (10)	
CP Social Studies (3 Years-30 Credits)			World History	(10)	US History	(10)	American Government (5) Economics (5)	
CP Science (2 Years-20 Credits) (1 year Physical Science) (1 year Life Science)	Earth and Space (10) <small>(Meets Physical Science requirement for CSU and College Prep Elective requirement for UC)</small>		Biology	(10)	One year Physical Science W/Lab (UC): Chemistry (10) Physics (10)			
Physical Education (2 Years-20 Credits)	P.E.	(10)	P.E.	(10)				
CP VAPA & CP Foreign Language (CP VAPA: 1 Year-10 Credits) (LOTE: 2 Years-20 Credits)	Spanish I	(10)	Spanish II	(10)			V.A.P.A. (10) <small>(See JCS Course List for CP courses)</small>	
Health/Life Skills (1 Year-10 Credits)	Health (5) Life Skills (See JCS Course List) (5)							
Electives (45 total credits)	Elective	(10)	Elective	(10)	College Prep Elective (10) Elective (10)		Elective (10)	
Total Credits to Graduate (220 Credits)	Credits	9th Cumulative	Credits	9th-10th Cumulative	Credits	9th-11th Cumulative	Credits	9th-12th Cumulative
	60	60	60	120	60	180	40	220

College Preparatory Requirements (C or better required to meet a-g) <small>(See JCS Course List for approved courses)</small>	English	Math Through Integrated Math III	U.S. History	World History	Science (w/Lab)	Foreign Language (2 Years of Same Language)	CP Visual & Performing Arts	CP Electives	Student Signature _____ Parent Signature
CSU—California State University (4 th year of math recommended)	4	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	
UC—University of California	4	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	

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

College Application FAQ's

[JCS Class of 2024 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Senior College Workshops

Khan Academy How To Write A College Essay: mid-October via Zoom

JCS Financial Aid Workshop: late-January via Zoom

College Essay Webinars: <https://www.collegeessayguy.com/webinars-live-events>

College Field Trips & Fairs

San Diego State University Tour:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/708034699847?aff=oddtcreator>

Southwestern Automotive Mechanics Trade School Tour:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/736773809297?aff=oddtcreator>

Paul Mitchell Beauty School of Temecula Tour:

Projected Date: January 2024

Community College Fair at JCS Pine Hills Vallejo Campus:

Projected Date: February 2024

University of California Los Angeles & University of California Irvine:

Projected Date: March 2024

Requesting Letters of Recommendation

From Your Counselor: If you would like to request a letter of recommendation from your school counselor, please fill out one of the linked Google Forms below.

If you attend JCS Pine Hills and your counselor is Mrs. Chavez, please fill out [this Google Form](#).

If you attend JCS Cedar Cove, JCS Pine Valley, JCS Manzanita, or JCS LIVE (Julian Charter School) and your counselor is Ms. Miranda, please fill out [this Google Form](#).

From Your Teacher: If you would like to request a letter of recommendation from your teacher or EF, please fill out this [Brag Sheet](#) and submit it, along with a resume, to the teacher that you are asking.

Transcripts Request

[Instructions on how to request your JCS Transcript](#)

Taking Standardized Tests

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:

UC or CSU schools no longer require students to take the ACT or submit ACT scores. However, there are still many colleges/universities that do. In addition, there are many colleges/universities that may not require ACT 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 ACT requirements/recommendations are.

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

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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.

Sending Standardized Test Scores

Send SAT Scores

[Instructions to Send SAT Scores](#)

Send ACT Scores

[Instructions to send ACT Scores](#)

Send ASVAB Scores

[Instructions to send ASVAB Scores](#)

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.

Scholarships

[JCS Scholarship Spreadsheet](#)

Other Trustworthy Websites:

- Going Merry
- CareerOneStop
- Big Future Scholarship Search
- Sallie Mae Scholarship Search
- Unigo / Scholarship Experts
- Fastweb
- Scholarship America