



JCS

MANZANITA




280
ENROLLMENT


GRADES
TK-12


CEEB CODE
800050


WASC
ACCREDITED


12:1
STUDENT:TEACHER
RATIO


ESTABLISHED
2018

ABOUT JCS MANZANITA

JCS Manzanita is a tuition-free public charter school serving TK-12 students in La Mesa and surrounding San Diego County communities. As part of the JCS Family of Schools, Manzanita offers personalized learning through its Home Study and Elementary Academy programs, allowing families to choose the educational model that best fits their child's needs. Guided by the mission to "guide each learner along an educational journey toward a meaningful life," the school fosters academic excellence, strong family partnerships, and individualized support to help every student grow with confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning.

STUDENT EXPERIENCES



Monthly Friday Field Trips

Students and families participate in educational outings together.



Project Based Learning

Explore personal interests through the annual Project Week, with opportunities to earn recognition through the EPIC Awards.



Supportive School Community

Students are encouraged to become confident, self-directed learners.



Subject Specialized Support

Access office hours, tutoring, and ongoing support from credentialed teachers throughout the school year.

WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE US



PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Flexible, individualized instruction that fits each student's needs.



FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE

Students learn at home with individualized schedules and curriculum choices.



DEDICATED ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Receive ongoing guidance from credentialed teachers.



REAL-WORLD OPPORTUNITIES

Participate in Project Week, field trips, and enrichment activities.



COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Tools, counseling, and resources to help students reach their goals.



STRONG FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

We work together with families to support student success.

“Empowering parents and students to create a personalized educational journey that inspires confidence, curiosity, and lifelong learning.”

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & CONTACT



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ACADEMIC SNAPSHOT



3.48

MEDIAN
GPA



3.93

HIGHEST
GPA



A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 59% and ↓

GRADING
SCALE

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

A–G Approved Courses

- UC/CSU-aligned courses supporting college readiness and admission pathways.

Credentialed Teacher Support

- Instruction from subject-area teachers and specialists in core academic courses.

Concurrent Enrollment

- Opportunities to earn college credit while completing high school requirements.

Flexible Independent Study

- A self-paced learning environment designed to meet diverse student needs.

Personalized Learning Support

- Individualized guidance from Educational Facilitators to support academic progress.

College and Career Counseling

- Dedicated support for graduation planning, college preparation, and future goals.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

220 total credits are required to graduate with a Diploma.

Students entering first year of high school
before the 2027-2028 school year.

Course	Units
English · 4 years	40
Math · 3 years	30
Physical/Earth Science · 1 year (with lab)	10
Biological/Life Science · 1 year (with lab)	10
US History · 1 year	10
World History · 1 year	10
Economics · 1 semester	5
American Government · 1 semester	5
Foreign Language/VAPA · 2 years	20
Physical Education · 2 years	20
Other coursework	60
Total Credits to Graduate	220

Students entering first year of high school
in or after the 2027-2028 school year.

Course	Units
English · 4 years	40
Math · 3 years	30
Physical/Earth Science · 1 year (with lab)	10
Biological/Life Science · 1 year (with lab)	10
US History · 1 year	10
World History · 1 year	10
Economics · 1 semester	5
American Government · 1 semester	5
Foreign Language/VAPA · 2 years	20
Physical Education · 2 years	20
Personal Finance · 1 semester	5
Other coursework	55
Total Credits to Graduate	220

SAMPLE COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH

English I
English II
English III
CSU Expository
Reading and Writing

HISTORY

World History
US History
American Gov

MATHEMATICS

Business Math
Integrated Math I
Integrated Math II
Integrated Math III
Pre-Calculus/ Trig
Statistics

SCIENCE

Anatomy/Physiology
Biology
Chemistry
Earth & Space Science

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Honors Spanish I
Honors Spanish II

VISUAL PERFORM ARTS

Art Appreciation
Costume Design
Theatre
Visual Art

ELECTIVES

Psychology
Sociology
College/Career Planning
Construction Careers
Nursing Assistant
Ethnic Studies