

St. Joseph High School Curriculum Highlights

St. Joseph High School is accredited by the State of Texas since 1939. The Texas Catholic Conference Education Department (TCCED) supervises and directs this accreditation process through the Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools. Accreditation with AdvancED (formerly SACS) was first received in 1987.

The curriculum at St. Joseph High School is designed to meet a wide range of student abilities and needs. Regular courses prepare students for college or other post-secondary training and provide flexibility in graduation requirements. Honors and Advanced Placement courses offer a more challenging curriculum and the opportunity to gain college credit, advanced placement, or both. To offset the rigor of these classes, points are added to semester averages for the purpose of calculating GPA.

Honors/Pre-AP Courses	AP Courses	Credit by Exam
English 1 & 2	English 3 & 4	Incoming 9th graders who have taken Algebra 1 and/or Spanish 1 in the 8 th grade may elect to be tested for high school credit and placement in classes at the next level.
Algebra 1 & 2	Calculus*	
Geometry	Environmental Science	Dual Credit Dual Credit classes through Victoria College are offered to qualifying students beginning the summer after 10 th grade.
Pre-Calculus	U.S. History	
Chemistry		
Physics		
Spanish 3		
World History		
U.S. Government		
Economics		
Art 3	*Also offered as Dual Credit from Victoria College	
Varsity Chorale		

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English Language Arts4 Credits	Fine Arts 1 Credit
Math.....4 Credits	Technology..... 1 Credit
Theology.....4 Credits	Health ½ Credit
Science.....4 Credits	Speech ½ Credit
Foreign Language 2-3 Credits <i>3 credits strongly recommended</i>	Electives 2 Credits
Social Studies.....3 Credits	Christian Service 1 Credit
Physical Education 1 Credit	TOTAL 29 Credits

A typical 9 th grade schedule	A typical 10 th grade schedule	A typical 11 th grade schedule	A typical 12 th grade schedule
Theology	Theology	Theology	Theology
English	English	English	English
Math	*Math	Math	Math
Biology	World History	Chemistry	Government (½)
Foreign Language	Foreign Language	Foreign Language or Elective	Economics (½)
Computer Applications (½)	Advanced Comp Applications (½)	U.S. History	Physics
Health (½)	Speech Communication (½)	Fine Art or Elective	Anatomy/Physiology or Environmental Science
P.E.	Fine Art	Christian Service (½)	Fine Art or Elective(s)
TOTAL CREDITS 7	TOTAL CREDITS 7	TOTAL CREDITS 7½	TOTAL CREDITS 7½
	<i>*With approval, students who qualify for honors classes may elect to take Geometry & Algebra 2 simultaneously, postponing Fine Art</i>		

Conduct

Outstanding
Good
Satisfactory
Improvement Needed
Unsatisfactory

Grades

A = 94 - 100
B = 85 - 93
C = 75 - 84
D = 70 - 74
F = Below 70

Grading Information

- Two semesters consisting of two 9-weeks grading periods and exams
- Honor Rolls are calculated at the end of each 9-week period
- Cumulative GPA is calculated at the end of each semester
- When calculating Honor Roll and GPA, eight points are added to AP and DC courses; six points are added to Honors and Pre-AP courses