

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.

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
Pre-Calculus	U.S. History	
Chemistry		Dual Credit classes through Victoria College or UH-V are offered to qualifying students beginning the summer after 9 th grade.
Biology		
Physics		Standardized Testing
Spanish 3		
World History		9 th Grade – PSAT 8/9 10 th & 11 th Grades – PSAT

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English Language Arts.....4 Credits	Physical Education 1 Credit
Math4 Credits	Technology..... 1 Credit
Theology4 Credits	Fine Art 1 Credit
Science4 Credits	Electives 4 Credits
Foreign Language.....2 Credits	Christian Service.....1 Credit
Social Studies3 Credits	TOTAL.....29 Credits

A typical 9th grade schedule

Theology
English
Algebra 1 or Geometry
Biology
Foreign Language
Technology Applications
Fine Art
P.E.

TOTAL CREDITS..... 7 or 8

A typical 10th grade schedule

Theology
English
*Geometry or Algebra 2
World History
Foreign Language
Chemistry
Fine Art or Elective

TOTAL CREDITS 7

**With approval, students who qualify for honors classes may elect to take Geometry & Algebra 2 simultaneously.*

A typical 11th grade schedule

Theology
English
Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus
Anatomy/Physiology or
Environmental Science
U.S. History
Fine Art or Elective
Foreign Language or Elective
Christian Service (½)

TOTAL CREDITS 7½

A typical 12th grade schedule

Theology
English
Algebra 3, Pre-Calculus or Calculus
Physics
Government (½)
Economics (½)
Fine Art or Elective
Elective
Christian Service (½)

TOTAL CREDITS.....7½

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 (40% each) and exams (20%)
- 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
- St. Joseph High School does not rank its students