

Introduction

This booklet contains information for students, as well as parents. Included is information about student grades and grade point averages, academic recognition, and college scholarships. This booklet is also a guide for student scheduling during the high school grades of 9 through 12, and includes course descriptions for all classes offered at Jackson Center High School. For further information or answers to other questions, please contact the guidance office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Grades for Classes

Student grades for classes are based on several criteria including quiz, test, and exam scores, special projects, completion of assignments, participation in class, and other factors as established by the classroom teacher. The grading scale of Jackson Center High School is as follows:

<u>General:</u>	
A	100 - 93
B	92 - 83
C	82 - 73
D	72 - 65
F	64 - 0

Grades for all classes will be reported by numeral and letter.

Final grades for full year classes will be computed by averaging the first semester and the second semester grades. Semester grades and final grades for semester classes will be computed by averaging the first quarter grade (3 times), the second quarter grade (3 times), and the semester exam (1 time), if an exam is given.

Credits and Grade Placement:

High School students in grades 9 through 12 will be classified by grade based on the number of credits earned. The following applies:

Freshmen	0 – 5	First year in H.S.
Sophomore	5.25 – 10.75	Second year in H.S.
Junior	11 – 15.75	Third year in H.S.
Senior	16+	Fourth year in H.S.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Student grade point average is computed at the end of the year for grades, 9, 10, and 11, and at the end of the first semester and the end of the year for seniors. Accumulative GPA and class rank for students is reported and calculated at the end of the year for grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, as well as at the end of the first semester for seniors. At Jackson Center High School, GPA is calculated as follows: _

- A 4 points
- B 3 points
- C 2 points
- D 1 point
- F 0 point

GPA is computed by dividing the total number of points earned by the total number of credits attempted. Points are given as follows (to figure GPA with AP Biology use the point scale on page 1):

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credit Points</u>		<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Points</u>
A	1	4	D	1	1
A	.75	3	D	.75	.75
A	.5	2	D	.5	.5
A	.25	1	D	.25	.25
B	1	3	F	1	0
B	.75	2.25	F	.75	0
B	.5	1.5	F	.5	0
B	.25	.75	F	.25	0
C	1	2			
C	.75	1.5			
C	.5	1			
C	.25	.5			

Grade point average and cumulative GPA are used in determining valedictorian and salutatorian, establishing, class rank, awarding some scholarships, selecting candidates for National Honor Society, gaining acceptance to some colleges and universities, as well as other functions. For questions about student grade point average, contact the guidance office. Example of how a GPA is figured = divide the total points earned by the total credits attempted.

Student A:	<u>Course:</u>	<u>Grade:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>Credit:</u>	
	Algebra	93% A	4	1.00	
	Band	90% B	3	1.00	
	Biology I	85% B	3	1.00	
	English	90% B	3	1.00	
	PE II	100% A	1	.25	
	History	88%	3	1.00	
			17 pts.	5.25 Credits	= 3.238

Merit and Honor Rolls

Merit and Honor Rolls will be listed at the completion of each grading period. A student must have “A’s” in all classes in order to earn Merit Roll status. The Honor Roll will recognize those students who have a 3.0 GPA or higher. Students who achieve Merit or Honor Roll status for a grading period will receive a certificate of achievement. Students who achieve Merit or Honor Roll status for all four grading periods will receive a plaque at the end of the school year.

Senior Academic Awards

The following guidelines are used to determine the senior award winner in each academic area:

Valedictorian Highest grade point average over four years

Salutatorian Second highest grade point average over four years

Art Best senior portfolio in a minimum of four courses

Business Highest grade average in a minimum of four business courses

English Highest grade average in English over a minimum of four years.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Highest grade average in a minimum of three family and consumer science courses and active membership in FCCLA.

Foreign Language

Highest grade average for a four year foreign language student.

Mathematics Highest grade average in a minimum of four and one-half credits of math courses with at least one having been taken during the senior year.

Music Best senior performer from the four year music students.

Science Highest grade average in a minimum of four science courses with at least one having been taken during the senior year.

Social Studies Highest grade average in a minimum of four social studies courses.

Vocational Best senior at the Upper Valley JVS as selected by the UVCC faculty.

Vocational Agriculture:

Highest grade average in a minimum of four vocational agriculture course.

Diploma with Honors

To receive the diploma with honors, a student is required to meet at least seven of the eight criteria which are listed below for the college preparatory or the vocational curriculum.

Academic Honors Diploma

- a) Earn four units of English
- b) Earn four units of math which must include the courses of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and one other higher level course
- c) Earn four units of science which should include 2 units of an advanced science
- d) Earn four units of social studies
- e) Earn either three units in one foreign language or two units each in two different foreign languages.
- f) Earn one unit in fine arts – band, choir, music theory, art
- g) Achieve an overall high school grade point average of at least a 3.5
- h) Achieve a composite score of at least a 27 on the American College Test (ACT) or a combined Verbal/Math score of 1210 on the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT).

Career Tech Curriculum (must attend the JVS at least two years)

- a) Earn four units of English
- b) Earn four units of math which must include the courses of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and one other higher level course
- c) Earn four units of science which must include 2 units of an advanced science
- d) Earn four units of social studies
- e) Earn four units in the student's career-technical education curriculum
- f) Achieve proficiency in the Ohio Vocational Competency Assessments
- g) Achieve an overall high school grade point average of at least a 3.5
- h) Achieve a composite score of at least a 27 on the American College Test (ACT) or a combined Verbal/Math score of 1210 on the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT)
- i) Achieve the proficiency benchmark established for the appropriate Ohio Career-Technical Competency Assessment.

An Art, STEM, and Social Studies & Civic Engagement Honors Diploma's are currently being proposed. Once approved by ODE, information will be provided.

Award of Merit

To receive the Award of Merit from the Jackson Center H.S., students must meet the following requirements for either the college preparatory or the vocational curriculum. This is no longer offered by the Ohio Department of Education, JCHS will award their own certificates to completers.

Performance Criteria (applies to both college prep and vocational)

1. Maintain above average (91%) attendance for grades 9 through 12.
2. Demonstrate outstanding academic achievement by at least one of the following:
 - GPA of at least 3.25 through grades 9-12
 - GPA of at least 3.5 for grades 11 and 12
 - Rank in the top 25% of class
3. Participate in co-curricular, extracurricular, and/or community activities
4. Display outstanding citizenship and character traits.

College Preparatory Curriculum

1. Earn four units of English.
2. Earn three units of math which must include the courses of Algebra I and Geometry.
3. Earn three units of science which must include two units from the courses of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.
4. Earn three units of social studies.
5. Earn three units of a foreign language or earn two units each of two different foreign languages.
6. Earn two units of business, computer science, or fine arts or earn two additional units from one or more of the area which are listed above.

Vocational Curriculum

1. Earn four units of English.
2. Earn three units of math.
3. Earn two units of science.
4. Earn three units of social studies.
5. Earn two units from business, computer science, foreign language, or fine arts or earn two additional units from one or more of the areas which are listed above.
6. Complete a two-year program at the UVCC.

Outstanding Student Award

This award is presented to the senior boy and girl who achieves the most points in the areas of leadership, behavior, contribution, academic effort and achievement, and character in conducting himself or herself in a sportsmanlike manner while participating in the daily activities and extracurricular functions of Jackson Center High School, especially in his or her consideration of other students. The students are rated annually by the faculty. The total of these evaluations over the four year period is used to determine the winners of this award. The recipients of this honor will also receive a scholarship award.

Local Scholarship Awards

During the past few years, the number of local scholarships sponsored by local businesses, organizations, and families has increased steadily. Several thousand dollars in scholarships are now awarded annually to the students of Jackson Center High School. We at JCHS are indeed fortunate to have this outstanding support in our community.

Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who are planning to attend college. Selections are based on various criteria which can include: student grade point average; financial need; academic effort and achievement; and seriousness of study throughout high school. These scholarships are given as a reward for high school academic achievements and as an incentive to seek further education.

State Assessments for Students

The Ohio Graduation Tests or the 10th Grade Tests are requirements for students graduating from high school in 2017 in the state of Ohio. These students must pass tests in all 5 areas (writing, reading, math, citizenship, and science) in order to graduate. The results of the Ohio Graduation Test (10th gr. test) will be printed on the high school transcripts of the students.

To obtain previous tests for study purposes you may go to the ODE's website at www.ode.state.oh.us/, click on "Sample Tests and Materials", on the right side of the screen you will see OGT, click on that, then click on "Previous Tests". You will then see old tests and answer documents that can be downloaded.

EOC (End of Course Assessments) are the requirements for all students graduating in 2018 and after. To graduate students must earn a minimum of 18 graduation points across all end-of-course tests, with a minimum 4 pts required in both English and Math and 6 points across science and social studies. The tested subjects are: Alg. I, Geometry, American History, Government, English 9, English 10, Physical Science, and Biology. Go to the following ODE website for further information: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/What-s-Happening-with-Ohio-s-Graduation-Requiremen/Graduation-Requirements-2018-Beyond>

Opportunity School/CBI Programs:

These two programs are strictly **credit-recovery programs**. To be eligible one must be lacking in credits, fit the criteria of the program, and get approval of the administrative staff.

Summer School

High school students who do not pass courses which are required for graduation are encouraged to attend summer school classes in order to make-up failed grades and keep-up required credits. By attending summer school, students can maintain planned schedules and eliminate any extra required courses, especially during the junior and senior years. Although attendance at summer school involves personal sacrifices for students, the benefits of graduating on time and experiencing fewer obstacles on schedules will be advantages for students. The guidance counselor will contact students who have failed required courses for the year and provide necessary information about summer school options.

NCAA College Bound Student Athlete:

Do you aspire to play college level sports? Then as a freshman, you need to be aware of the NCAA rules and regulations that govern ones opportunity to play at the college level. Yes, it is too soon to know if that will be a reality, but you need to realize at the beginning of your high school years how important your grades and preparation are to making all your dreams come true. Check out this website: http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp for all requirements. At the end of your junior year or the beginning of your senior year, you will need to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse for Division I & II schools.

College Preparatory Core Recommendations:

- 4 units of English
 - 4 units of Math (should include Algebra and Geometry)
 - 3 - 4 units of Science (should include Biology, Chemistry and possibly Physics)
 - 3 units of Social Studies
 - 2 - 3 units of Foreign Language
 - 1 unit of Visual or Performing Arts
- Computer skills and basic academic skills are also helpful.

Most colleges will require students to take placement tests in Math and English. Remedial course work may be necessary if achievement is not high enough.

Eligibility Requirements for JCHS and OHSAA:

** OHSAA requires that you are passing 5 credit courses, or their equivalent, in the immediately preceding nine-week grading period to be eligible to participate in sports. J.C. has a GPA rule of at least a 1.5 to participate in any extra-curricular (sports and activities/clubs). For more information, go to the Ohio High School Athletic Association Website: www.ohsaa.org.

Credit Flexibility:

Credit Flexibility options available at JCHS include the following: independent study, online classes, culminating projects, portfolios, Dual Enrollment courses, end of course exams, and other student developed proposals. Students will complete an application as well as develop and submit a plan to JCHS credit flexibility committee will review it. In the plan, students will state specifics for the method and timeline. Plans may be accepted, accepted with modifications or rejected by the committee. Please see Mrs. Kohler for an application on Credit Flexibility. Deadline is May 1st.

College Credit Plus: Dual Enrollment/Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program

Students have the opportunity to include college courses on their high school schedules. The CCP or College Credit Plus Program has been established for this purpose. Each year during the month of February, students and parents will be notified of a meeting with the guidance counselor to discuss this program. Students who want to participate will have to complete and return a required form to the guidance counselor by the end of March, and also contact the college which they want to attend. CCP students can earn both high school and college credit and not have to pay any college fees.

Students have the option to take some of these courses here at J.C. with our very own teachers; getting college credit as well as high school credit and they don't have to leave our building to do so! We will be offering English, Spanish, Math, FCS and Science credits through CCP - please see a complete list of the CCP courses that will be offered on the very last page of this booklet. Take advantage of this option!

Students who are interested in this program should have a strong academic background, excellent study skills, and a good sense of responsibility. Information about this program will be presented at the annual meeting or is available from the guidance office.

Jackson Center High School Graduation Requirements:

To graduate from Jackson Center High School, a student must meet the following criteria:

Go to: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/What-s-Happening-with-Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Graduation-Requirements-2018-Beyond> for further information.

- I. Class of 2017: Pass all areas of the OGT.
Class of 2018 and Beyond: Must take 7 EOC exams.

- II. Class of 2018 and Beyond: Earn a minimum of 18 points on several EOC exams
OR earn a remediation free score on a nationally recognized college admission exam (ACT/SAT) OR earn a State Board of Education-approved, industry-recognized credential that demonstrated workforce readiness on a job skills assessment.

- III. All Students: Complete 22 units of credit. The minimum requirements are:
4 units of English
4 units of Math - must include Alg. II or its equivalent
3 units of Social Studies – must include Am. History and Government
3 units of Science – must include Biology, a physical science and an advanced science
½ unit of Personal Financial Management
½ unit of Health (Personal Wellness)
½ unit of Physical Education (options: PE waiver, credit flex, summer PE)
1 unit Fine Arts
5 ½ elective credits (minimum)

Individual Class Schedules

Twelfth Grade:

American Government	(JVS) Applied Communications
English	Elective
Study Hall	American History/American Gov.
Math 4/5 (college prep)	JVS Program Theory
Science (college prep)	JVS Program Lab or Work
Foreign Language (college prep)	
Electives	

Eleventh Grade:

English	(JVS) English
American History (if not taken previously)	Applied Math
Math	Employability Skills
Science	JVS Program Theory
Study Hall	JVS Program Lab
Foreign Language (college prep)	
Electives – make sure 2 sem. worth of the arts are in process/complete	

Tenth Grade:

English 10
Math
Science – Biology if not taken in 9th gr.
Social Studies Elective
Personal Finance (must be taken this year if planning to attend the UVCC)
P.E./Health (Healthy Liv.) - a ½ credit of each needs to be complete before UVCC
Foreign Language (college prep)
Elective

Ninth Grade:

English 9
Math
Science
American History
Foreign Language (college prep)
Physical Education /Health (Healthy Liv.) – if planning to go to the UVCC
Elective

4 YEAR COLLEGE PREP:

<u>9TH Grade:</u>	<u>10TH Grade:</u>	<u>11TH Grade:</u>	<u>12TH Grade:</u>
English 9	English 10	English	English
Geometry/Alg. II	Algebra II/Pre-Calc	Pre Calc/Calc	Calculus/Stats
Biology	Chemistry	Anatomy I/II	Physics/AP Bio/Zoology
American History	Soc. St. Elective	Gov/Elective	Government/Elective
Spanish I	Spanish II	Spanish III	Spanish IV
PE /Health (Liv.)	P.E./Health (Liv.)	Tech. Class	PE/Heath if not complete
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

Personal Finance/Career Search I- can be taken in the 10th, 11th or 12th gr. year
A visual or performing art must be taken sometime during grades 9 - 12th grade.

2 YEAR COLLEGE PLAN:

<u>9TH Grade:</u>	<u>10TH Grade:</u>	<u>11TH Grade:</u>	<u>12TH Grade:</u>
English 9	English 10	English	English
Alg. I A /Alg. I	Alg. I B/Geom.	Geom. /Alg. II	Stats/Alg. II/Pre Calc
Biology	Phys/Geol etc.	Chemistry	Science Electives
American History	World History	Social Studies	Government
PE /Health (opt.)	P.E.	Tech. Class	PE/Health if not complete
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

Pers. Finance/Career Search I - can be taken in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade.
A visual or performing art must be taken sometime during grades 9 - 12th.

VOCATIONAL PATH:

<u>9TH Grade:</u>	<u>10TH Grade:</u>	<u>11TH Grade:</u>	<u>12TH Grade:</u>
English 9	English 10	English	English
Alg. I A	Alg. I B	Geom.	Alg. II
Phys or Elect.	Phys or Elect.	Biology	Env. Science/Ecol/Geology
American History	Soc. St.	Social Studies	Government
P.E./Health (Liv.)	P.E.	Technology Class	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	

Pers. Finance/Career Search I - can be taken in the 10th, 11th or 12th gr.
A visual or performing art must be taken sometime during grades 9 - 12th.

UVCC:

<u>9TH Grade:</u>	<u>10TH Grade:</u>	<u>11TH Grade:</u>	<u>12TH Grade:</u>
English 9	English 10	English	English
Math	Math	Math	Math
American History	Soc. St.	UVCC Prog. Lab	UVCC Prog. Theory
Physical Science	Biology	Science	UVCC Prog. Lab
P.E./Health	P.E.	Employability Skills	Gov.
Art/Choir	Pers. Finance	Prog.Theory	Elective