

# 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.

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 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 <sup>th</sup> grade may elect to be tested for high school credit and placement in classes at the next level.
Algebra 1 & 2	Calculus	
Geometry	Chemistry	<b>Dual Credit</b>
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 <sup>th</sup> grade.
Biology		<b>Standardized Testing</b>
Physics		
Anatomy & Physiology		
World History		
		9 <sup>th</sup> Grade – PSAT 8/9
		10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Grades – PSAT NMSQT

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English Language Arts.....	4 Credits	Physical Education.....	1 Credit
Math.....	4 Credits	Fine Art ...	1 Credit
Theology.....	4 Credits	Electives .....	5 Credits
Science .....	4 Credits	Christian Service.....	1 Credit
World Languages.....	2 Credits		
Social Studies.....	4 Credits	<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>30 Credits</b>

### A typical 9<sup>th</sup> grade schedule

Theology  
English  
Algebra 1 or Geometry  
Biology  
World Languages  
World Geography  
Fine Art  
P.E. (Earned through extra-curricular activities)

**TOTAL CREDITS..... 8**

### A typical 10<sup>th</sup> grade schedule

Theology  
English  
\*Geometry or Algebra 2  
World History  
World Languages  
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 11<sup>th</sup> grade schedule

Theology  
English  
Algebra 2 (required) or Upper Level Math\*  
Upper Level Science\*\*  
U.S. History  
Fine Art or Elective  
World Languages or Elective  
Christian Service (½)

**TOTAL CREDITS..... 7½**

*\*Statistics, Discrete Math, or Pre-Calculus  
\*\*Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry AP or Forensics*

### A typical 12<sup>th</sup> grade schedule

Theology  
English  
Upper Level Math\*  
Physics  
Government (½)  
Economics (½)  
Fine Art or Elective  
Elective  
Christian Service (½)

**TOTAL CREDITS..... 7½**

*\*Statistics, Discrete Math, Pre-Calculus or Calculus AP*

### Grades

A = 90 - 100  
B = 80 - 89  
C = 70 - 79  
F = 69 and Below

### 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 courses
- St. Joseph High School does not rank its students