

St. Joseph High School Curriculum Highlights

St. Joseph High School has been 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

English 1 & 2
Algebra 1 & 2
Geometry
Pre-Calculus
Chemistry
Biology
Physics
Anatomy & Physiology
World History

AP Courses

English 3 & 4
Calculus
Chemistry
U.S. History
Statistics
Music Theory

Credit by Exam

Incoming 9th graders who have taken Algebra 1 and/or Spanish 1 in the 8th grade may elect to be tested for high school credit and placement in classes at the next level.

Dual Credit

Dual Credit classes through Victoria College or UH-V are offered to qualifying students beginning the summer after 9th grade.

Standardized Testing

9th, 10th & 11th 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
Social Studies	4 Credits		
World Languages	2 Credits		
		TOTAL.....	
	30 Credits	

A typical 9th 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 10th 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 11th 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 or Pre-Calculus
**Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry AP, Environmental Science, Forensics, or Physics*

A typical 12th grade schedule

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

TOTAL CREDITS 7½

**Algebra 3, Statistics, Pre-Calculus or Calculus AP
**Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry AP, Environmental Science, Forensics, or Physics*

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