

Academic Information

Graduation Policy

Jackson Christian School does not allow for early graduation. We believe that the educational experience is not based solely on credits earned. It is our position that the senior year allows for needed growth, maturity, and spiritual development.

Graduation Requirements

1. A student who desires to graduate from Jackson Christian must earn a minimum of fifty-six semester credits from grades 9-12. Or:
54 credits + 1 JCS University Course
52 Credits + 2 JCS University Courses
50 Credits + 3 JCS University Courses
2. All students are required to earn one credit in Bible for each semester they attend Jackson Christian High School. In addition to classroom work, they must also complete their Christian/Community service requirements prior to the last day of each Semester to earn a Bible credit.
3. The cumulative GPA of the students determines valedictorian and salutatorian at the end of the second semester. To be eligible, students must attend a minimum of four semesters at JCHS. To be invited to speak at the graduation commencement, they must be a member of our National Honor Society, unless waived by a vote of the administration and faculty.
4. To be eligible for class ranking, students must attend a minimum of four semesters at JCHS.
5. Graduation before a student's final semester in their Senior year is not allowed.
6. All high school students must pass the following required core courses to graduate from Jackson Christian High School:

JCS University

Bible	4 years	8 credits	
English	4 years	8 credits	6 credits +Eng 104
History, Soc. St	3 years	6 credits	4 credits + Pol 214
Mathematics	4 years	8 credits	
Science	3 years	6 credits	
Physical Ed.	1 year	2 credits (or sports)	
Foreign Language	2 year	4 credits	
Computer Class	1 year	1 or 2 credits	
Visual, Performing	1 year	1 or 2 credits	
Total Core Classes:		42-46 credits	
General Electives:		10-14 credits	

Total Requirement: 56 credits or 50-56

Regarding Core Classes For All Students:

1. Physical education may be met by participating in two varsity or junior varsity sports from grades 9-12.
2. The senior Modern Literature class may count as English or Social Studies credit; whichever is needed, but not both.
3. To receive credit each year for English classes and as a graduation requirement, each student must read, write a report, and pass the Accelerated Reader test on two books from the required reading list. One of the required books will be part of the students' English or Literature class each year.
4. Each senior shall do a major thesis to qualify for graduation. The requirements, methods, and grading will be set by the teacher of the senior English class, including a minimum passing grade. A student must complete the thesis satisfactorily to receive any English credits for second semester of the senior year.
5. Two years of Drama may equal one year of English credits, if a conflict arises in scheduling.
6. Students may be allowed to withdraw from a class and enter another one without academic penalty, if it is done within two weeks of the beginning of the first semester and one within one week of the second semester. A parent, classroom teacher, and Principal must approve a drop/add form.
7. A student cannot gain an additional credit for a class that is retaken. If a student gains approval to do so by a teacher and administrator, the second grade will show on the transcript. High honors candidates (such as Valedictorian and Salutatorian) cannot refigure the second grade in their GPA to their advantage.
8. Junior and Senior students may be allowed to take one daily non-core class on a pass/fail basis with the approval of the classroom teacher and counselor. The purpose of taking a pass/fail class is to encourage students to take a difficult course and broaden their horizons without endangering their GPA. A "C-" or higher grade must be achieved to record a "P" in both marking periods, or the actual grade (which would be a "D+" or lower) would be recorded instead. If a student earns an "A" or "A-" in the course, he/she has the option of counting the grade towards his/her GPA.