



Website: www.jacksonchristianschool.org

School at a Glance

School Type: Co-ed
Religious Background: Christian
Founded: 1972
Grade Levels: PreK-12
Number of Students: 201 (71 in 9-12)
Average Class Size: 18
Teachers with Advanced Degrees: 26%
Student to Teacher Ratio: 9:1
International Students: 5
Housing Type: Homestay

Location at a Glance

Address: 4200 Lowe Road, Jackson, MI 49203
State: Michigan
Closest Major City: Detroit (80 minutes to downtown)
Closest University: University of Michigan (#28)
Climate: 4 unique seasons; hot summers, cold & snowy winters.
Airport: DTW (Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport)

Academic Programs

Academic Statistics

- # of honors courses: 5
- # of online college-level courses: 22

Standardized Tests: Students at Jackson Christian primarily take the ACT, the most frequently taken college admissions test by American high school students, and consistently exceed the national average. All international students also take the iTEP SLATE Plus upon beginning their studies at JCS and then again at the end of each school year.

Honors Program: Jackson Christian offers challenging math and sciences courses, with the 5 Honors courses offered including Chemistry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Environmental Science and Anatomy and Physiology.

Theology Program: One course is required in each year of enrollment.

JCS University and On-Line Academy: Students at Jackson Christian can earn up to 30 transferable college credits through several different ways:

1. JCS University: Students attend their normal classes, but receive college credit to the nationally accredited Spring Arbor University, in addition to high school credit to Jackson Christian. Applicable classes include Government, Speech, English and Psychology.
2. JCS University: Students may also attend classes at nearby Spring Arbor University, Jackson Community College and Baker College.
3. JCS University: Students use school-provided computers to take online classes during the school day. 10 college courses are offered through Spring Arbor University.

4. On-Line Academy: Students use school-provided computers to take online classes during the school day.

This program is limited to Junior and Senior students, with an estimated cost/credit hour of \$95.

College Statistics

- College Acceptance Rate: 97%
- International Student Acceptance Rate: 100%
- SAT (Class of 2015 SAT Concordance from ACT*)
 - Top 30%: 1760
 - Top 10%: 2050
- ACT (Class of 2017)
 - Top 30%: 24
 - Top 10%: 29

*Note that all SAT averages are converted from ACT scores using the chart provided by ACT at: www.act.com

Over its history, students from Jackson Christian School have attended schools including Michigan State University, University of Michigan, University of Virginia and University of Notre Dame as well as a number of private liberal arts colleges & universities.

Stories of the School

History

Founded in 1972, Jackson Christian School was founded through community initiatives, and to this day is governed by an independent Board of Directors. In its 40+ year history, Jackson Christian School has demonstrated consistent increases in enrollment, as well as upgrades to its physical facilities.

Location

Jackson Christian School is located in the city of Jackson, Michigan, the county seat of Jackson County. Founded in 1829, Jackson is recognized as the birthplace of the Republican Party, one of the two major political parties in United States politics. In addition, it is located within 50 minutes of Ann Arbor and the state capital of Lansing, the homes to University of Michigan and Michigan State University, two of the most renowned universities in the United States. Jackson is also located on the Chicago-Detroit rail line, allowing residents to take public transportation to both of these major cities.

Teaching Philosophy

Jackson Christian School educates all students to possess wisdom, knowledge, and a biblical worldview, resulting in a lifestyle of high character, leadership, service, stewardship, and worship.

Campus

Jackson Christian School features two different campuses for its elementary and middle/high schools. The middle and high school sits on a 10 acre campus in southwest Jackson, a fertile area with numerous lakes, as well as the town country club. The school features SmartBoards in classrooms, and is in the process of creating a full technology park to provide hands-on scientific experience for students, starting with two campus wind turbines. The school's commitment to technology can also be seen in the campus-wide WiFi, as well as the interactive participation technology available for honors math students.

Teacher Profile

Lisa Griffis teaches English at Jackson Christian, from Grade 6 to Grade 12, in addition to teaching Dual Enrollment courses in conjunction with nearby Baker College, where she also serves as Professor, teaching Speech Communication. Having received Bachelor's degrees in Speech, Mathematics and Education from Cornerstone University and Calvin College, as well as a Masters in Theater and Speech from Eastern Michigan University, Lisa also received the Jackson County Teacher of the Year award in 2011.

Awards and Honors

8 students from the schools quiz team have won academic scholarships from Michigan State University for their Quiz Tournament Achievements in 2010/11, 2011/12, & 2012/13.

Since 1984, the school has received a "Superior" rating from the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association, the highest possible rating.

Student Profile

Jaehoon Pyon, Class of 2018 – Jaehoon Pyon is the first international student in JCS history to graduate as a class valedictorian.

Lucy Jeong, Class of 2014 – Originally from Korea, Lucy studied at JCS for six years and graduated with honors. While at JCS, Lucy was a part of the track team as well as the honors choir. She recently completed a major in marketing at Michigan State University.

Kennedy Wilson, Class of 2013 – Received a perfect score of 36 on the ACT, in his first time taking it, with little preparation. His teammates on Quiz Bowl describe having him as a teammate "like having Michael Jordan on your basketball team."

Notable Alumni

Jason Qiu '14 – Originally from China, Jason Qiu graduated from JCS in 2014. Since graduating, he has completed his B.A. at the University of Washington, Foster School of Business. After working with ChemPoint, he is now moving on to pursue his master's degree in Information Studies at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

Aaron Lindstrom '92 – Since graduating from Jackson Christian, he has obtained his B.A. from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and his J.D from University of Chicago Law School, where he served as articles editor for the Chicago Journal of International Law and the national symposium board editor for The Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy. Currently, Aaron is the state of Michigan's Solicitor General, representing the state of Michigan in cases going before the Supreme Court.

Accreditation

Jackson Christian School is accredited by AdvanceEd (North Central Association of Colleges and Universities) and Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).