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COMMUNITY

Jackson Township is located in the central part of New Jersey. It is a semi-rural community of 60,207 residents, 55 miles from New York City and 40 miles from Philadelphia. With an area of over 100 square miles, Jackson is the second-largest township in the state of New Jersey.

HIGH SCHOOL

Jackson Liberty High School opened its doors to freshman and sophomore students for the 2006-2007 school year. Each year to follow another grade level was added until it housed a full complement of 9th through 12th-grade students. The first graduating class was in June 2009.

SCHEDULING

Block scheduling was fully implemented in September 1997. Our courses, with a few exceptions, are taught on a semester basis and carry a value of 5 credits. A normal student schedule consists of four courses in the fall semester and four courses in the spring semester. The semesters are divided into 3 marking periods, each approximately 30 days long. Scheduling exceptions include AP lab courses which meet every day for a full year, earning 10 credits. Certain classes meet every other day for the full year and are represented on the schedule as A or B. Example schedule as follows:

COURSE	PERIOD	SEM	DAYS	
H. CHEM 1	01	S1	AB	Semester course meeting every day, 5 credits
HON US 1	01	S2	AB	
BAND	02	AB	B	Full year course meeting every other day, 5 credits
PE/H MT 10	02	AB	A	
AP BIO	03	FY	AB	Full year course meeting every day, 10 credits
HON ENG 2	04	S1	AB	
SAT REVIEW	04	S2	AB	

CURRICULUM

JLHS offers a fully diversified curriculum of over 180 courses in Art, Mathematics, Music, Communications, Physical Education, Air Force Jr. ROTC, Science, Social Studies, World Language and Vocational and Technical fields. The latter is provided via a cooperative share-time program with the Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools. Academic academies are offered in S.T.E.M., Digital Media, Arts Academy, and Business Academy.

HONORS PROGRAM

The purpose of the Honors Program is to provide students with an accelerated and expanded approach to the curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages. Approximately 24 honor-level courses are offered.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

JLHS is proud to offer its honor students the opportunity to gain college credits by enrolling in year-long Advanced Placement courses. The AP offerings for the 2023-2024 school year are

AP Biology	AP Calculus	AP Chemistry	AP Comp Sci	AP Eng Language	AP Environment
AP Macroeconomics	AP Microeconomics	AP Music Theory	AP Physics	AP Psychology	AP Statistics
AP Studio Art 2D	AP Studio Art Drawing	AP US Gov't & Politics	AP Comp Sci Principles		

EARLY COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

The Dual Enrollment Program allows high-achieving students who are capable of meeting an increased challenge the opportunity to earn credit through Ocean County Community College. These students are registered for dual enrollment classes with OCC and the Jackson School District.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to passing the state-required testing, all graduates of the Class of 2024 must successfully earn 130 credits:

- 4 courses each in English and Physical Education/Health
- 3 courses in Math
- 3 courses in Science
- 2 courses in U.S. History
- 1 course in World History
- 2 courses in World Language
- 1 computer-related course
- 2 courses in Visual and Performing Arts
- 1 course in Financial Literacy

UNWEIGHTED GPA

Beginning with the 2021 senior class, an unweighted GPA will be posted to the transcript in addition to the current weighted GPA. The numeric grade translated to a 4.0 scale multiplied by credits earned/total credits attempted.

Percent Grade	4.0 Scale	Unweighted
Unweighted		
97-100	4.0	
93-96	4.0	
90-92	3.7	
87-89	3.3	
83-86	3.0	
80-82	2.7	
77-79	2.3	
73-76	2.0	
70-72	1.7	
67-69	1.3	
65-66	1.0	
Below 65	0.0	

Total Credits Required 130.0

***It is possible for an unweighted GPA to be higher than the weighted GPA due to the range of scores within a grade percent which are used for the calculation.**

GRADING SYSTEM and CLASS RANK

A weighted ranking system is used with extra quality points granted for honors and advanced placement courses. A student's rank in class is determined by his/her cumulative grade point average (GPA). This is determined by the following formula: $GPA = \frac{\text{Quality Points} \times \text{Credits earned}}{\text{Total Credits Attempted}}$. Class rank is computed after the completion of six semesters.

Weighted Percentile Grade	GPA Quality Points	Percentile Grade	GPA Quality Points
110	5.5	87	3.2
108	5.3	85	3.0
106	5.1	83	2.8
104	4.9	81	2.6
102	4.7	79	2.4
100	4.5	77	2.2
98	4.3	75	2.0
96	4.1	73	1.8
94	3.9	71	1.6
92	3.7	69	1.4
90	3.5	67	1.2
88	3.3	65	1.0
		Below 65	0.0