



# JACKSON LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

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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

JLHS is a four-year high school accredited by the New Jersey Department of Secondary Education.

Current enrollment for 2023-2024 is 1,061:

9th-grade students=226  
10th-grade students=271  
11th-grade students=269  
12th-grade students=295

## SCHEDULING

Block scheduling was fully implemented in September 1997. Our courses, with a few exceptions, are taught on a semester basis. A typical student schedule consists of four courses in the fall semester and four in the spring semester.

## 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 provide 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 Studio Art 2-D	AP Biology	AP Calculus
AP Chemistry	AP Comp Sci Principles	AP Computer Science
AP English Language	AP Environmental Sci	AP US Gov't & Politics
AP Macroeconomics	AP Microeconomics	AP Music Theory
AP Physics	AP Psychology	AP Statistics
AP Studio Art Drawing		

## 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

## GRADING SYSTEM and CLASS RANK

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the Jackson School District implemented a new grading system for high school students. Highlights of these changes are:

- Students receive numeric grades
- The numeric system is based on a 100-point scale
- Honors classes will receive the extra weight of 1.05 times the numeric grade.
- Advanced Placement (AP) classes will receive the extra weight of 1.10 times the numeric grade.
- Grade Point Average (GPA) will be calculated on a weighted 4.0 scale.

The following chart serves as a general guide to understanding numeric scores:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	65-69
F	Below 65
WC	Still indicates Withdrawal of Credit
WF	Withdraw Failing
P or F	Pass/Fail Course and will not be configured into GPA

## EARLY EXIT PROGRAM

Students who have completed their junior year (11th-grade) are eligible to attend Ocean County College on a part-time basis. Students in the top 10% of the class are eligible to attend college in lieu of the second semester of their senior year.