

Scheduling Basics

Preparing for Sophomore Year

Scheduling & Helpful Tips for the Class of 2024

- You will select courses through Skyward beginning March 8th through March 12th
- Teachers will lock in recommendations March 1-5th
- You'll log into your Skyward account - not your parents. You can log in using Clever.
- [Refer to this video to see how you'll schedule through Skyward: Skyward Walkthrough](#)
- **Look at top right to select 7 credits and then you can add alternate elective choices**
 - All available courses for you will be listed on Skyward
- **Review your plan with your parents**
- [2021-22 Program of Studies](#) - The program of studies contains course descriptions for every course that the high school offers. Use this as a reference to find out more about the classes you are considering for next school year

TJHS Basics

- 7 academic periods
 - flexible lunch with personalized learning time
 - PE is a semester-long class every day
 - Personalized Learning Time
 - Two 30 minute blocks to pursue chosen activities
 - Course selection through Skyward
- The plan is for us to be back on our full-day schedule from 7:30-2:30 next year

Graduation Requirements

How many credits for a TJ diploma?

CLASS OF	2024
Language Arts (English)	4
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Social Studies and/or Science*	1
Mathematics	3
Computers	0.5
Physical Education	3 years
Health	Built in to 10th gr. PE course
Arts and/or Humanities	1
Electives/Additional Credits	8.0
Total Credits	25.00

***7 total Science and or Social Studies must be completed**

Graduation Requirements

Things to consider

- Graduation requirements are the minimum number of credits in each area needed in order to graduate
- Some programs will want to see 4 years minimum in all of the core classes and additional core classes taken
- NCAA eligibility requires 16 core classes be completed with a 2.3 GPA or better in those classes
- Students will be able to earn 7 credits per year for a total of 28 credits
- World language (Spanish or French) is not a graduation requirement, but many colleges like to see at least two years of a world language and some want to see 3 or more
- There is not a lot of margin for error with the credit requirements and the total available credits. Failing classes will jeopardize graduation. Do everything you can to stay on track.

Some General Notes

- If you need help in a class, ask your teacher for help! We have PLT which will allow for teachers to pull you if you are struggling. This is similar to the activity period here at the middle school.
- If you miss school for three or more days, contact your teachers via e-mail/Canvas or if you know you will be out then see your teachers before you miss the days.
- Get into the habit of checking student email daily, checking your e-hallpasses, registering for PLT in flex-time manager, and checking Canvas to see what work you have

What do I need to take next year?

- English class - recommended by teacher
- Math class - recommended by teacher
- Science - recommended by teacher
- Social Studies - recommended by teacher
- Physical Education/Health
- Electives (2.5 credits)
 - Everyone will be scheduled for 7 credits
 - Sophomores will be able to schedule 2.5 elective credits
 - You could be recommended for a world language

Core Sequences/Options

	9th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English	Honors English 9 English 9 Resource English English ESL	Honors English 10 English 10 Resource English English ESL	AP English Lang. English 11 Resource English English ESL	AP English Lit. English 12 Resource English English ESL
Math	Honors Algebra 2 Algebra 2 Honors Geometry Geometry Algebra I Algebra I - Self-Paced B	Honors Pre-Calc Pre-Calc Algebra 3 Honors Alg. 2 Algebra 2 Geometry Algebra I	AP Calc (AB) CHS Calc AB Honors Pre-Calc Pre-Calc Algebra 3 Algebra 2 Differentiated Math Prob. & Statistics	AP Calculus (AB or BC) AP Statistics Calculus Pre-Calculus Algebra 3/Trig Probability & Statistics Algebra 2
Science	Honors Biology Biology Biology A	Honors Chemistry Chemistry Physical Science	AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1 AP Physics 1 & 2 Physics Environmental Science	AP Biology AP Physics Anatomy & Physiology Environmental Science Astronomy (0.5)
Social Studies	Government/Civics Hon. Gov./Civics	World History AP World History	AP US History US History	AP European History Shaping the Modern World AP Psychology Law/Econ/Psych/Soc.

Override Meetings

If you and your family disagree with a teacher's recommendation, you are able to request a meeting with your counselor and a principal to discuss overriding the recommendation.

If you override a class, you will have to stay in that class the following year and will not be permitted to have a schedule change to get out of the class you requested.

Electives

- Everyone will have Health/PE for half of the year
- You will have 2.5 credits of electives
- You may not always get your first choice.
- Be willing to try new classes!
- Choose classes based on your interests or careers you might be interested in.
- Look in the Program of Studies for class descriptions and videos to be released soon!
- If you don't choose classes, we'll choose them for you.

Steel Center

- Steel Center Applications are due by the end of March. Choosing Steel Center as an option in Skyward is not the same as applying to Steel Center
- Apply to Steel Center using their online application - you were sent an email directly from Steel Center
- [Steel Center Application and Information 2021](#)

Steel Center

- [Steel Center overview video](#) - 28 minute video to find out more about Steel Center
- Steel Center Information Sessions:
 - To assist student and their families that are interested in learning more about applying to Steel Center for the 2021-2022 school year, our Student Services and Administration have created opportunities to connect virtually. [Click here to register](#) for the time(s) and date(s) listed below that you wish to attend the virtual live presentation followed by a Q&A session.
 - 6:30 PM Monday, February 22
 - 9:00 AM Thursday, February 25
 - 6:30 PM Thursday, February 25
 - 4:00 PM Monday, March 1

Sample 10th Grade Schedule

Think Long Term...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	English 10	English 10	English 10	English 10	English 10
Period 2	Algebra 2	Algebra 2	Algebra 2	Algebra 2	Algebra 2
Period 3	1 st semester Bus/Computer Fundamentals 2 nd Semester Health/Phys. Ed	1 st semester Bus/Computer Fundamentals 2 nd Semester Health/Phys. Ed	1 st semester Bus/Computer Fundamentals 2 nd Semester Health/Phys. Ed	1 st semester Bus/Computer Fundamentals 2 nd Semester Health/Phys. Ed	1 st semester Bus/Computer Fundamentals 2 nd Semester Health/Phys. Ed
Period 4	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
Period 5	Spanish 2	Spanish 2	Spanish 2	Spanish 2	Spanish 2
Lunch/PLT	Flexible and Personalized Activity Periods and Lunch. 2 30 minute Activities + 30 min. Lunch				
Period 7	World History	World History	World History	World History	World History
Period 8	Band	Band	Band	Band	Band

- Ninth grade counts. Your grades DO matter!
 - Your QPA starts in 9th grade
- Challenge yourself.
- Get organized.
 - Use planner, Canvas, google calendar or phone calendar
- Use Skyward/Canvas regularly to review your grades, assignments, and announcements.

Get Involved in High School

Planning for after High School

- Get involved in activities
- Time management skills will improve if they have to - being involved forces time management
- 82% of students who have Saturday detention or suspension are not involved in a school activity/club/team

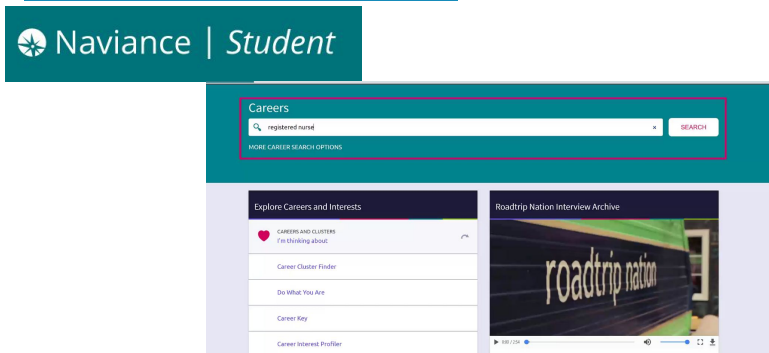
- Explore different options
- 4 year college, trade/technical school, military
- Some sort of post high school training is required for most careers
- Naviance is a great tool to explore careers and college options

Naviance College & Career Planning

Big Future Days - College Board

[Naviance Student Overview](#)
[Road Trip Nation Interview Archive - Virtual Job Shadowing](#)
[Building a List of Colleges I'm Applying To](#)

[Big Future Days - College Board College Search Info](#)



BigFuture Days Northeast, Sunday, March 7, 4:00-8:00 PM ET/1:00-5:00 PM PT

BigFuture Days West + Southwest, Saturday, February 6, 4:00-8:00 PM ET/1:00-5:00 PM PT

BigFuture Days Southeast, Tuesday, February 23, 5:00-9:00 PM ET/2:00-6:00 PM PT

BigFuture Days Midwest, Thursday, March 11, 5:00-9:00 PM ET/2:00-6:00 PM PT

Next Steps...

- Teacher recommendations March 1-5th
- Videos about electives available March 5th
- March 8th-12th - you will select electives to fill out your schedule
- All students should have 7 credits scheduled and alternate electives selected as well
- Discuss with your parents
- Ask us questions if you have them

Next Steps...

- High School Counselor Assignments
 - Mrs. Yeager - eyeager@wjhsd.net - students whose last names begin with A-G
 - Ms. Maple - kmaple@wjhsd.net - last names H-O
 - Mr. Kilcoyne - mkilcoyne@wjhsd.net - last names P-Z
- Email for Scheduling Questions

Additional Resources

- Be thinking about what's after high school
- [Success in the New Economy](#) – 10 min video
 - <https://www.onetonline.org/>
 - <https://www.pacareerzone.org/>
 - Naviance - career planning site. Log in through Clever Portal

Success in the New Economy

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AcNSpKX8kVs>



Key Points of Success in the New Economy

- Aligning your interests and skills with career choice is important
- Everyone has unique skills, talents and interests
- Having skills & perfecting what you're good at can be more valuable than having a degree just to have one
- Nationally – 66% of students enroll in college, but only 25% of that group ends up earning a bachelor's degree (4 year)

Key Points of Success in the New Economy

- 50% of university graduates are underemployed – they end up taking a job for less money than they thought they would be able to work for
- 57% of jobs in 2018 will require skilled training
- 33% of jobs will require a 4 year degree or more
- There are multiple paths to success. Going to college is a great option for some. Getting skilled training is a great option for others.
- Education and Technical Skills are both valuable

High School Academics


- What is a transcript?
- What goes on a transcript?
- How should you be preparing for life after high school?

Transcript Overview

- Your transcript will have your course-end grades for every course you take at TJHS
- Quarter grades make up your course end grade, but they don't show up on your transcript
- For a year-long class, quarter grades are averaged to determine your final grade
 - $(Q_1+Q_2+Q_3+Q_4)/4 = \text{Final grade}$
- For a semester-long class, quarter grades are averaged to determine final grade
 - $(Q_1+Q_2)/2 = \text{Final Grade}$

Transcript Overview

- Your transcript essentially becomes your academic resumé
- Your course end grades determine your QPA
 - QPA is Quality Point Average
 - Interchangeable with GPA (Grade Point Average)
- You will not receive a class rank based on your QPA



THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Official Transcript

Student ID No: 09999
Birth Date: 01/01/2001
Name: Joe Student
Address: 123 Main Street
Jefferson Hills, PA 15222
Parent/Guardian Name(s): John & Jane Student
Grade Year: 2018 **Start Date:** 08/07/2018
Grade Point Avg: 4.236 **Total Earned Credits:** 21.930
Student Rank: 0 **Issued:** 02/22/2019
Class Size: 0 **Comments:**

Grade Level	Course Title	GR	Credits Earned	Grade Level	Course Title	GR	Credits Earned
09	English 1	A	1.000	10	English 2 Honors	A	1.000
09	Soc. Stud 1	A	0.500	10	Government	A	0.500
09	Sci. Honors I	A	0.500	10	Sci. Honors I	A	0.500
09	Math Honors	A	1.000	10	Math Honors	A	1.000
09	Art	A	1.000	10	Art	A	1.000
09	PE	A	0.500	10	PE	A	0.500
09	Foreign Language	A	0.500	10	Foreign Language	A	0.500
09	Music	A	0.500	10	Music	A	0.500
09	Health	A	0.500	10	Health	A	0.500
09	Physical Education	A	0.500	10	Physical Education	A	0.500
09	Character Education	A	0.500	10	Character Education	A	0.500
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