

## Preparing for Junior Year

Scheduling & Helpful Tips for the Class of 2023

## Scheduling Basics

- 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	2023
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
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>25.00</b>

**\*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
- Electives (3.0 credits)
  - Everyone will be scheduled for 7 credits
  - Juniors will be able to schedule 3.0 elective credits
  - You could be recommended for a world language or music elective

## Core Sequences/Options

	9th Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>English</b>	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
<b>Math</b>	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
<b>Science</b>	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)
<b>Social Studies</b>	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

- You will have 3.0 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 11th Grade Schedule

# Think Long Term...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	English 11	English 11	English 11	English 11	English 11
Period 2	Algebra 3	Algebra 3	Algebra 3	Algebra 3	Algebra 3
Period 3	1 <sup>st</sup> semester Bus/Computer Fundamentals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Comp. Team Games	1 <sup>st</sup> semester Bus/Computer Fundamentals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Comp. Team Games	1 <sup>st</sup> semester Bus/Computer Fundamentals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Comp. Team Games	1 <sup>st</sup> semester Bus/Computer Fundamentals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Comp. Team Games	1 <sup>st</sup> semester Bus/Computer Fundamentals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Comp. Team Games
Period 4	Physics	Physics	Physics	Physics	Physics
Period 5	CHS Spanish 3	CHS Spanish 3	CHS Spanish 3	CHS Spanish 3	CHS Spanish 3
Lunch/PLT	Flexible and Personalized Activity Periods and Lunch. 20 minute Activities + 30 min. Lunch				
Period 7	US History	US History	US History	US History	US History
Period 8	Band	Band	Band	Band	Band

- Grades matter
  - Your QPA starts in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and continues
- 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

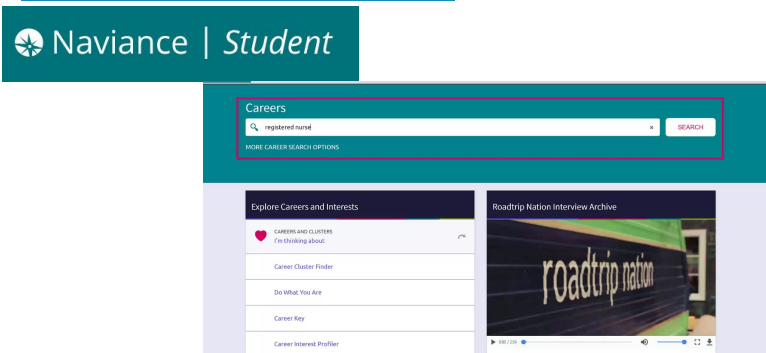
- Get involved in activities
- Time management skills will improve if they have to - being involved forces time management
- 82% of students who have Saturday detention or suspension are not involved in a school activity/club/team

- 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](mailto:eyeager@wjhsd.net) - students whose last names begin with A-G
  - Ms. Maple - [kmaple@wjhsd.net](mailto:kmaple@wjhsd.net) - last names H-O
  - Mr. Kilcoyne - [mkilcoyne@wjhsd.net](mailto: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
  - $(Q1+Q2+Q3+Q4)/4 = \text{Final grade}$
- For a semester-long class, quarter grades are averaged to determine final grade
  - $(Q1+Q2)/2 = \text{Final Grade}$

# Transcript Overview

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



**THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL**  
Official Transcript

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Student/ID# 099999  
 Birth Date: 01/01/2001  
**Name: Joe Student**  
 Address: 123 Main Street  
 Jefferson Hills, PA 15025  
 Pardon/Student Number: 0999 & Jane Student  
 Grad Year: 2018 Grad Date: 06/07/2018  
 Grade Point Avg: 4.236 Total Earned Credits: 21.930  
 Student Rank: 0 Placement: 02/22/2019  
 Class Size: 0

Grade	Course Title	GR	Credit	Grade	Course Title	GR	Credit
09	English 1	A	1.000	10	English 2 Honors	A	1.000
09	Soc. Studies 1	A	0.500	10	Government	A	0.500
09	Math Honors 1	A	1.000	10	Math Honors 2	A	1.000
09	Sci. Honors 1	A	1.000	10	AP Calculus AB	A	1.000
09	PE: Soccer 1	A	0.500	10	PE: Soccer 2	A	0.500
09	Art Honors 1	A	0.500	10	Art Honors 2	A	0.500
09	Music Honors 1	A	0.500	10	Music Honors 2	A	0.500
09	Foreign Language 1	A	0.500	10	Foreign Language 2	A	0.500
09	Health 1	A	0.250	10	Health 2	A	0.250
09	Band 1	A	0.250	10	Band 2	A	0.250
09	Chorus 1	A	0.250	10	Chorus 2	A	0.250
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Thomas Jefferson High School uses a weighted grading scale:

- A - Superior 100.00% - 90.00%
- B - Above Average 89.99% - 80.00%
- C - Average 79.99% - 70.00%
- D - Below Average 69.99% - 60.00%
- F - Failure 59.99% and Below

F - Pass  
 I - Incomplete  
 WF - Withdrawal Failing  
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**Student Notes**

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11	English 3 AP	A	1.000	12	AP English 1	A	1.000
11	Soc. AP US Hist	A	1.000	12	AP English 2	A	1.000
11	Math AP	A	1.000	12	AP Calculus BC	A	1.000
11	Sci. Honors 2	A	1.000	12	AP Chemistry	A	1.000
11	PE: Soccer 3	A	0.500	12	AP Biology	A	1.000
11	Art Honors 2	A	0.500	12	AP Statistics	A	1.000
11	Music Honors 2	A	0.500	12	AP Computer Science A	A	1.000
11	Foreign Language 2	A	0.500	12	AP Spanish	A	1.000
11	Health 3	A	0.250	12	AP French	A	1.000
11	Band 3	A	0.250	12	AP German	A	1.000
11	Chorus 3	A	0.250	12	AP Italian	A	1.000
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Description	Algebra	Biology	Lit.	Math	Reading	Science	Composite	English
Regional Exams	80	85	88	82	85	80	83	85
ACT	34	35	36	33	35	32	34	35
SAT	1450	1480	1500	1420	1450	1400	1460	1480
SAT Subject	680	720	750	650	680	620	690	710

**Keynote Exam Key**  
 A - Advanced  
 B - Excellent  
 C - Good  
 D - Fair  
 E - Below Basic  
 F - Basic

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