

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



Meeting the graduation requirements of JCHS meets the minimum eligibility requirements for the University of California and California State University systems. Students are required to maintain a minimum course load of seven courses per year in grades 9 through 11 and 6 courses in 12th grade for a total of 27 courses (including FreshSem and Keystone) over their four years at JCHS.

REQUIRED COURSES: CLASS OF 2026 AND BEYOND

SUBJECT	NUMBER OF COURSES REQUIRED	REQUIRED COURSES
HUMANITIES	7	English 9 – Postcolonial World Literature
		English 10 – American Literature
		English 11 – Writing & Rhetoric or AP English Language & Composition
		English 12 – Senior Seminar or AP English Literature & Composition
		United States History or AP United States History
		Modern Jewish History
		1 Humanities elective course
MATH & SCIENCE	6	Conceptual Physics
		Chemistry
		Biology
		3 core math courses through at least Algebra II
JEWISH STUDIES	4	1 Tanach core course
		1 Rabbinics core course
		Senior Seminar: Jewish Thought or Jewish Thought Honors
		1 Jewish Studies elective course
WORLD LANGUAGE	2 (through level 2)	2 core courses in the same language in consecutive years through level two. Level three strongly recommended.
VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS	1	1 core course
REQUIRED SEMINARS	2	FreshSem (required for students starting in 9th grade)
		Keystone: Senior Research Project
JEWISH ENGAGEMENT	Customize your educational journey. Choose one of the following pathways: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 1 additional Jewish Studies elective course Complete 2 additional consecutive years of Hebrew Pilot Program (starting with the Class of 2028 for the 2026/27 school year) Complete a JCHS approved self-directed Jewish community-impact project 	

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1.5 credits

SERVICE LEARNING

Participation in the 9th grade Service Learning program and 52 hours of Community Service during 10th and 11th grades

SENIOR SEGUE

SENIOR THESIS

Senior Thesis is part of Senior Seminar: Jewish Thought and Jewish Thought Honors

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Completion of 4 terms per school year