



## JEWISH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL of the BAY

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### ACCREDITATION

Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC)

California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS)

### STUDENT BODY

180 students

20% students of color

**Class of 2026:** 39 students, 28% of whom have dual citizenship with Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Israel, and the UK.

JCHS is open to all self-identifying Jewish students.

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AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

# 5:1

Student/Teacher Ratio

## 2025–2026 Profile for Colleges

**Jewish Community High School of the Bay (JCHS)** is a pluralistic, college preparatory high school committed to integrating deep learning, universal wisdom, and Jewish values. Located in San Francisco, our school welcomes economically, socially, and ethnically diverse Jewish students from San Francisco, the East Bay, Marin, and the Peninsula. Our 40 faculty members instruct students in a rotating block format of 70-minute periods. On average, 95% of graduates attend 4-year colleges and universities, 4% attend 2-year institutions, and 1% will join the IDF (Israeli Defense Forces). 20% of each graduating class will also choose to pursue a gap year. JCHS is accredited by CAIS and WASC.

### CURRICULUM

JCHS students participate in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum divided into three main components: math and science; humanities, the arts and world languages; and Jewish Studies. Students maintain a minimum course load of six or seven classes per year in grades 9 through 12.

### JEWISH STUDIES

The Jewish Studies curriculum focuses on four core subject areas within Jewish learning: Tanach (literacy and interpretation of the Hebrew Bible), Rabbinic Literature (Talmud, ethics and civil law), Jewish History, and Jewish Culture. All courses are University of California A-G approved, are rigorous in nature, and place heavy emphasis on analysis, interpretation, and writing on original Jewish texts. They ask students to grapple with moral and ethical dilemmas, consider multiple perspectives, and to develop thoughtful and persuasive arguments. Texts are often in original biblical Hebrew, Modern Hebrew and Aramaic. The curriculum culminates in a lengthy research paper on a topic of philosophy or Jewish Thought.

### GRADING AND CLASS RANK

Annual weighted grade point averages for courses taken at JCHS are reported on the transcript. JCHS does not rank or award academic distinctions.

### SENIOR KEYSTONE PROJECT

Keystone is a yearlong educational exercise that provides students with the opportunity to design and implement an independent research project on the topic of their choice. Seniors then present their Keystone Projects in half hour public presentations before the school community.

### Grading Scale

A+ = 4.33  
A = 4.0  
A- = 3.67  
B+ = 3.33  
B = 3.0  
B- = 2.67  
C+ = 2.33  
C = 2.0  
C- = 1.67  
D+ = 1.33  
D = 1.0  
D- = 0.67

## Academic Profile: Class of 2026

GPA (weighted)	Middle 50%	Mean	SAT Scores*	Middle 50%	Average
39 Seniors	3.40-4.16	3.76	<b>EBRW</b>	610-720	678
			<b>Math</b>	630-740	661
<b>AP Scores 3 or Above</b>	93%		<b>ACT Scores*</b>	32-34	33

*\*Test centers remain unreliable in the Bay Area as of Fall 2025.*

*JCHS enthusiastically supports students who choose to opt out of ACT/SAT testing.*

## POINTS OF DISTINCTION

### STUDENT AND JEWISH LIFE

JCHS' student life program encourages students to explore their passions, celebrate traditions, and participate in shaping our school community. Our program includes experiential education, service learning, and Jewish Life initiatives.

**Community Engagement:** Community work is a graduation requirement and integral to a JCHS education - students are encouraged to investigate how they can be of service, stand up against injustice, and use their talents towards making the world a better place.

**Journeys:** Annual, grade-specific Journeys are the centerpiece of the JCHS experiential education program. They combine learning with trips designed to teach life lessons on the road. 9<sup>th</sup> graders build community at Camp Newman in Santa Rosa, 10<sup>th</sup> graders develop their authentic selves in Zion Canyon National Park, 11<sup>th</sup> graders travel to Israel as part of their Modern Jewish History course, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders participate in community engagement in New Orleans.

**Student Activities:** JCHS provides many leadership opportunities and a rich program of extracurricular activities.

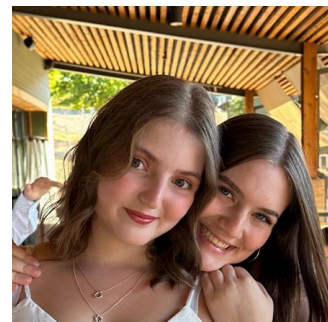
Sample student activities include Book Club, Charity Club, Chess Club, Debate Club, Environmental Club, GSA, Knesset, Literary Magazine, Math Club, The Observer, Russian Club, Student Ambassadors, Tutoring Club, and Yearbook.

### ATHLETICS

JCHS offers athletic choices to student athletes of all abilities, including club, junior varsity, and varsity sports. Options include Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Soccer, Swimming and Volleyball.

### DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

JCHS will report disciplinary actions to colleges that require it. In the spirit of *teshuvah* (repentance), students have the option to petition to expunge their disciplinary history in the fall of senior year. Petitions are granted by the Head of School if the student has fulfilled the requirements of *teshuvah* and demonstrated learning and growth over time.



*JCHS students come from 26 zip codes in five Bay Area counties.*

## 2025–2026 Course Offerings

<b>Humanities</b> <i>English: 4 year long courses</i> <i>History: 2 year long courses</i> <i>Humanities elective: 1 year long course</i>	<b>English</b> World Literature American Literature Writing and Rhetoric AP Language & Composition Senior Seminar: Literature & Culture AP Literature & Composition Writing Jewish New York	<b>History</b> United States History AP United States History Modern Jewish History The Past in the Present (World Civ) AP Comparative Government Holocaust and History
<b>Mathematics</b> <i>3 year long courses</i>	Fundamentals of Algebra Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Algebra II Advanced	PreCalculus AP PreCalculus Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC
<b>Laboratory Science</b> <i>3 year long courses</i>	Conceptual Physics Chemistry Biology AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A	AP Environmental Science Foundations of Computer Science Human Anatomy & Physiology Robotics and Engineering
<b>World Languages</b> <i>2 year long courses through Level 2</i>	Spanish I-III, IV Honors AP Spanish Language and Culture Hebrew I-IV, V Honors, VI Honors Hebrew Literature and Language	
<b>Jewish Studies</b> <i>5 year long courses</i>	<b>3 Core Required</b> Individual & the Collective (English) Individual & the Collective (Hebrew) Introduction to Rabbinic Literature Mishnah & Gemara Senior Seminar: Jewish Thought Senior Seminar: Jewish Thought Honors	<b>2 Electives Required</b> Advanced Bible & Commentaries II Advanced Talmud Holocaust and History L'Chaim: Jewish Celebrations and Consecrations Modern Jewish Ethics Writing Jewish New York
<b>Visual &amp; Performing Arts</b> <i>1 year long course</i>	Combined Music Ensemble Filmmaking Honors Filmmaking Materials and Methods (Intro to Studio Art) Concepts & Processes (Intermediate Studio Art) Fundamentals of Photography Honors Photography AP Studio Art	
<b>Require Seminars</b>	FreshSem / Health & Wellness; Keystone: Senior Research Project	
<b>Additional Requirements</b>	Service Learning (52 hours); Physical Education (1.5 credits); Tefillah (morning reflection)	



Acceptance List (and Matriculation Numbers) 2021–2025

American University (2)	Colorado College	McGill University	Santa Clara University (3)
University of Antwerp (1)	Colorado School of Mines	Menlo College (1)	SF Conservatory of Music
Arizona State University (3)	Columbia University (1)	University of Miami (1)	Sarah Lawrence College
University of Arizona (2)	University of Connecticut	Miami University (Oxford)	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Bard College	Connecticut College	University of Michigan (3)	Scripps College (1)
Barnard College	Cornell University (1)	Mount Holyoke College (4)	Seattle University (1)
Beloit College	Dartmouth College (1)	Muhlenberg College (1)	Simmons University
Berklee College of Music (2)	University of Delaware	University of Minnesota	Skidmore College
Boston College	Denison University	University of Montana	Smith College (1)
Boston University (4)	University of Denver (4)	University of Nevada (Reno)	U of Southern California (2)
Brandeis University (4)	DePaul University	University of New Hampshire	Southern Methodist University
Brown University (1)	Dickinson College	The New School Eugene Lang (1)	Stanford University (3)
Bryn Mawr College (1)	Dominican University (2)	The New School Jazz and Contemporary Music (1)	Stevens Institute of Technology
Bucknell University	Drexel University	The New School Parsons (1)	SUNY at Binghamton (2)
University of British Columbia (1)	The University of Edinburgh	New York University (4)	SUNY at Purchase (1)
California College of the Arts (1)	Elon University	UNC School of the Arts	SUNY Stony Brook
California State University:	Emerson College	Northeastern University (1)	Syracuse University (5)
Chico (2)	Emory University	Northwestern University (1)	Tel Aviv University
Fullerton	The Evergreen State College	Oberlin College (2)	Temple University (1)
Humboldt (2)	Fashion Institute of Technology (1)	Occidental College (1)	University of Tennessee (1)
Long Beach (1)	Fordham University	Ohio State University	Texas A & M University (1)
Maritime Academy (1)	Franklin & Marshall College	Oregon State University	Trinity University
Northridge	George Washington University (3)	University of Oregon (10)	University of Toronto
Pomona	Georgia Institute of Technology (1)	Otis College of Art & Design	Tufts University (1)
San Diego (7)	Gettysburg College	Pace University NYC (1)	Tulane University (1)
San Francisco (5)	Gonzaga University	PNW College of Art at Willamette (1)	Union College (1)
San Jose (5)	Goucher College (1)	University of Pittsburgh	University of Utah
San Luis Obispo (4)	Hampshire College	Pitzer College	Vassar College
University of California:	Harvard University (1)	Pomona College (2)	University of Vermont
Berkeley (5)	Harvey Mudd College (2)	University of Portland (2)	University of Washington (1)
Davis (7)	University of Hawaii at Manoa (1)	Pratt Institute	Washington and Lee University
Irvine (1)	Hofstra University	Princeton University (1)	Washington U in St. Louis (3)
Los Angeles (7)	University of Illinois at UC	University of Puget Sound (3)	Wellesley College (1)
Merced	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Purdue University	Wesleyan University
Riverside (1)	Ithaca College (1)	University of Redlands	Western Washington University (1)
San Diego (3)	Jewish Theological Seminary (4)	Reed College (2)	Whitman College
Santa Barbara (1)	Kenyon College (1)	Rochester Institute of Technology	Wilfrid Laurier University (1)
Santa Cruz (7)	Lafayette College	University of Rhode Island	Willamette University (1)
Carleton College	Lehigh University (1)	University of Rochester (1)	U of Wisconsin, Madison (1)
Case Western Reserve University (3)	Lewis & Clark College (4)	Royal Central School of Speech and Drama (1)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Chapman University (4)	Loyola Marymount University	Rutgers University (3)	Yale University (3)
University of Chicago (1)	Macalester College (2)	University of Saint Andrews (1)	
Claremont McKenna College	U of Maryland College Park (4)	Saint Mary's College of California	
Clark University	U of Massachusetts, Amherst	University of San Diego	
University of Colorado at Boulder (2)	Mass College of Art & Design	University of San Francisco (4)	
University of Colorado at CS (1)	Mass College of Pharmacy (2)		
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology		

Over the last five years, JCHS students enrolled at public and private institutions in the following regions:

