

8th Grade Conversations

Parent Teacher Organization
Meeting
January 4, 2024

Scheduling Process

- ▶ January 4, 2024 -9:30 am-JJMS PTO 8th Grade Conversations
 - ▶ Counselor discusses 8th to 9th grade scheduling process.
- ▶ January 23rd - 6-9 pm - JJHS Curriculum Night
- ▶ January 17-26 - Counselor conducts scheduling presentations in language classes.

Scheduling Process (cont'd)

- ▶ Week of January 22nd - Teachers share recommendations with students for Math, Science and World Language
- ▶ January 31st - Parent portal opens for 8th grade students and parents to input course requests for their electives only.
- ▶ February 4th - Portal closes to 8th grade students for 9th grade course elective selections

Scheduling Process (continued)

- ▶ Week of February 5th - Counselor meets with students during P.E. classes to review elective choices
- ▶ March 28th - *Deadline for parents to waive their child into a course that their child was not recommended for and to change elective choices*
- ▶ August - JJHS Schedules available via Parent Portal

Basic Scheduling Terms

- ▶ Graduation Requirements - in Course Description Guide (available on HS website)
- ▶ 1 or ½ Credit Courses
- ▶ Transcript

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OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

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Class Size: 6 Semester Weighted GPA: 89.615				Gender: Date Of Birth:			
Courses In Progress				Course	Grade	Credits	
Year: 2023-2024	Grade: 12	Grade	Credits	Year: 2019-2020	Grade: 8		
*AP GOVERNMENT & POLITICS			1.00	SPANISH C 8	80		1.00
ENG 12: SOC & THEORETICAL CRIT			1.00				1.00
PRECALCULUS			1.00	Year: 2020-2021	Grade: 9		
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 11/12 FALL			0.25	ENGLISH 9	92		1.00
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 11/12 SPRIN			0.25	GLOBAL HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 9	90		1.00
COLLEGE PREPARATORY PHYSICS			1.00	ALGEBRA 1	96		1.00
THE HISTORY OF NEW YORK CITY			0.50	EARTH SCIENCE R	96		1.00
ECONOMICS			0.50	SPANISH 2	94		1.00
Computation of GPA: * Honors / AP courses receive an additional five points. The un-weighted grade is shown. + Courses designated by a plus (+) have been retaken. Only the higher grade is included in GPA. - P.E. classes are not included in GPA. Additional Information: Information about the school's academic program can be found on the school profile. Grade 8 students have the opportunity to accelerate in world language, math and science. The school's website is jjhs.k12schools.org . Lowest passing grade is a 65.				STUDIO ART & DESIGN	91		1.00
				PHYSICAL EDUCATION 9/10 FALL	P		0.25
				PHYSICAL EDUCATION 9/10 SPRING	P		0.25
							6.50
				Year: 2021-2022	Grade: 10		
				ENGLISH 10	88		1.00
				GLOBAL HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 10	86		1.00
				GEOMETRY	80		1.00
				COLLEGE PREPARATORY BIOLOGY	88		1.00
				SPANISH 3	87		1.00
BUSINESS LAW	86		1.00				
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 9/10 FALL	P		0.25				
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 9/10 SPRING	P		0.25				
HEALTH	96		0.50				
							7.00
				Year: 2022-2023	Grade: 11		
				*ENGLISH 11 HONORS	88		1.00
				US HISTORY & GOVERNMENT	93		1.00
				ALGEBRA 2	82		1.00
				COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHEMISTRY	87		1.00
				ARCHITECTURE 1	93		0.50
				ARCHITECTURE 2	90		0.50
				MARKETING 1	99		0.50
				MARKETING 2	99		0.50
				PHYSICAL EDUCATION 11/12 FALL	P		0.25
				PHYSICAL EDUCATION 11/12 SPRIN	P		0.25
							6.50
				Total Credits Earned:			21.00
Assessment Key: E = Exempt from Regents exam SA = Special Appeal for Regents exam NF = New Framework Regents exam							
Director of Counseling: Marisa Mertino				School Counselor: Browne			
Signature:				Date Printed: 11/28/2023			

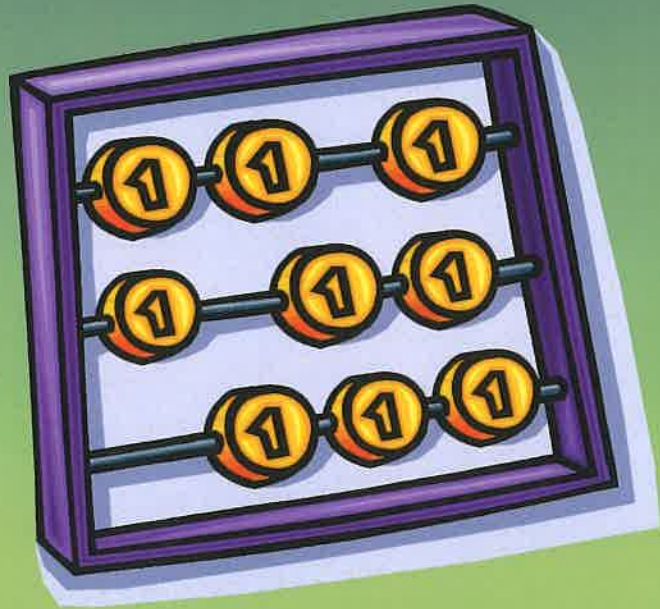
Traditional 9th Grade Schedule

- ▶ English
- ▶ Social Studies
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Science
- ▶ World Language
- ▶ Physical Education \ Science Lab
- ▶ Elective - Fine & Performing Arts
- ▶ Elective
- ▶ Lunch



Notes: Special Education Classes

Mathematics Program



- ▶ Geometry Honors
- ▶ Geometry
- ▶ Algebra 1

Science Program



- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Earth Science

JOHN JAY HIGH SCHOOL COURSE WAIVER FORM FOR THE 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR



Please return this completed form on or before March 28, 2024.

You have requested placement in a class against the recommendation of your teacher. To assist you in making the best decision about what course(s) to select, please consider the following:

1. There are prerequisites that must be met to enroll in any class. There are also course grade recommendations to provide guidelines, which have been shown to be necessary for a successful experience [in](#) a course. These are listed under each course in the Course Description Guide and can be reviewed by your school counselor. (This guide can be found under "Quick Links" on the high school's web page.)
2. There are differences between the recommended class and the class you desire. Each course level has a certain pace and expectations for quality of work. Most Honors and AP courses have increased rigor in terms of pacing and depth of material covered as well as additional reading and writing requirements.
3. If you decide to change levels after the school year begins, we cannot guarantee a favorable schedule change. Course level changes are not permitted after December 2nd.
4. Students cannot waive more than one level in a course (for example: Geometry Extended to Geometry Honors).

Before a student may enroll in the new course, their parent/guardian is required to have a conversation with the current teacher to discuss the course recommendation. The student must also obtain the following signatures:

☐ Student Name: _____ Desired Course: _____

☐ Student Signature _____ Date: _____

☐ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

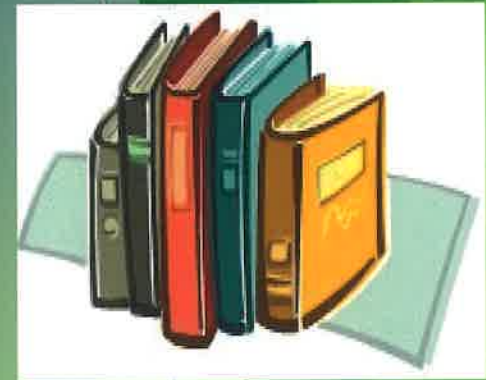
☐ Current Teacher _____ ☐ Conversation had with Parent/Guardian
(The teacher signature is only given after the required parent/guardian conversation)

☐ Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

(Counselor Signature, signifying acceptance of the waiver, is only given after all other signatures have been obtained.)

Humanities Program

- ▶ English
- ▶ Social Studies
- ▶ World Languages
 - ▶ Spanish 2
 - ▶ French 2
 - ▶ Latin 1
 - ▶ Latin 2



Fine & Performing Arts

► Art

Studio Art and Design

Studio Projects 1,2

Photography & Filmmaking 1,2

► Performing Arts

Concert Band,

Symphonic Orchestra,

Vocal Jazz

Introduction to Theatre

Music History & Theory



Business & Technology

► Business and Technology

- Business Dynamics
- Design & Draw for Production
- Computer Science 1
- Computer Science 2



Elective Choices for 9th Grade

Full Year Daily-1Credit Courses

- ▶ Studio Art and Design*
- ▶ Business Dynamics
- ▶ Design and Draw for Production*
- ▶ Concert Band*
- ▶ Music History and Theory *
- ▶ Symphonic Orchestra*
- ▶ Vocal Jazz*
- ▶ Study Hall (No Credit)
- ▶ World Language Additional

*Classes that fulfill the 1 Credit Art/Music Requirement

½ Credit Courses

Every other day all year

- ▶ Introduction to Theatre *
- ▶ Study Hall (No Credit)

Every day half year

- ▶ Computer Science 1
- ▶ Computer Science 2
- ▶ Photography & Filmmaking 1
- ▶ Photography & Filmmaking 2
- ▶ Studio Projects 1
- ▶ Studio Projects 2
- ▶ Study Hall (No Credit)

Looking ahead to Spring...

March/April -Counselor lesson in 8th grade classes - gaining a sense of self

- ▶ Reflect upon their interests, hobbies, and extra-curricular activities
- ▶ Review sample HS activity resumes and college essays
- ▶ Respond to a writing prompt introducing themselves to their HS counselor

Things to consider

- ▶ Independence & responsibility
- ▶ Time management
- ▶ Organization (e.g., use of a daily planner, Schoology calendar)
- ▶ Self-advocacy
- ▶ Establishing an early relationship with your school counselor

Things to consider continued

- ▶ Establishing a positive relationship with teacher
- ▶ Getting involved
- ▶ Pursuing your passions

Grade 8 - 2024 Calendar of Events

Date

Event

1/23/24 Gr. 8 Parent Orientation at JJHS - 6:00 pm

5/8/24 NYS ILS Written Test

6/04/24 Algebra Regents - 8:10 am

6/6 - 6/12 Earth Science Regents Lab Perf Test

6/07/24 Gr. 8 Boat Trip - 2:50 pm to 10:00 pm

6/14/24-6/21/24 Local Exams (10:30 am dismissal)

6/20/24 Earth Science Regents - 8:10 am

6/24/24 Gr. 8 Moving Up Ceremony-9:30 am

6/25/24 Last Day for Students (10:30 am dismissal)

Questions?

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