



JSERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-2017

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MISSION STATEMENT

JSerra is an independent Roman Catholic high school that encourages students to pursue personal and professional excellence in life. Guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church, we work in partnership with committed parents and inspirational teachers to form the faith, intellect, and character of our young men and women within a Christ-centered, sacrament-based learning environment.

Founded in 2003, it is the first non-dioscean founded, private Roman Catholic high school in California and the fourth in the country. Located in beautiful, historic San Juan Capistrano, JSerra is in an ideal location between San Diego and Los Angeles.

Religious education, the use of technology, extracurricular activities, and active involvement in Christian service projects are important facets in the students' overall educational experience.

JSerra is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Education Association. It is a member of the College Board and the National Catholic Educational Association.

ACADEMICS

Today, JSerra offers its students five acclaimed Professional Magnet Programs and online education options. Its excellent academic programs have nurtured and developed National Merit Scholarship winners and a Fulbright Scholar.

Faculty

JSerra attracts highly qualified faculty from all over the country. There is an 18:1 student-to-teacher ratio and 41% hold advanced degrees. All faculty and staff, both within the classroom and beyond engage our students by captivating their hearts and minds with the beauty of the Gospel in order to inspire them to become virtuous, faith-filled adults.

Campus Environment

From the first class of 156 students in 2003, the dedicated staff and administration worked meticulously to develop innovative and exceptional academic programs, including advanced placement (AP) classes and honors courses. Through positive word-of-mouth recommendations, enrollment quadrupled within the first three years.

ATHLETICS

By 2006, the impressive 29-acre athletics complex was completed with an Olympic sized pool and a state-of-the-art training center. Competition began within the Trinity League – the most competitive league in the nation. Over 80% of our student body participates in athletics at JSerra. The Lion's sports teams have produced college scholarship and professional athletes. The school is proud of its 18 Trinity League, 8 CIF and 4 state championships. Twenty-eight of the Class of 2016 have committed to collegiate sports. JSerra continues to thrive and grow as its students and alumni become leaders in their families, neighborhoods, churches and professional communities.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

1181 Total Students
55% Male | 45% Female
61% Caucasian
4% Asian/Pacific Islander
10% Latino/Hispanic

10% Multi Racial
1% African American
3% Undisclosed/Other
11% International
44% Recive Financial Aid

MAGNET PROGRAMS

Roughly 30% of our student body participates in a magnet program. Because all magnet programs require specialized courses per year, many of the magnet students must take online courses and/or summer school to meet all graduation requirements. These students spend many hours outside of class time to fulfill magnet requirements, whether it is visiting hospitals at five am, to mock trials over weekends, to statewide and national competitions through Future Business Leaders of America. Our students have been recognized both regionally and nationally for their accomplishments through their respective magnet programs. All magnet courses receive honors credit at JSerra. Magnet classes are only available to students who are in the magnet program.

Arts Magnet Program

The Arts Magnet Program provides four years of pre-professional training in the Visual and Performing Arts, including Choral and Instrumental Music, Dance, Theater, Drawing & Painting, Graphic Design, Photography, and Broadcast Journalism. The mission of JSerra's Arts Magnet Program is to create independent thinkers and leaders who will contribute inventively and critically to their culture through their artistic discipline.

Business Magnet Program

In collaboration with UC Irvine's Paul Merage School of Business, the BMP seeks to develop future business leaders who are prepared, knowledgeable and skilled in the global business environment. Classes through the program are now matriculated through Saddleback College and are awarded college credit.

Engineering Magnet Program

The JSerra EMP adopts the curriculum of Project Lead the Way (PLTW), a leader in providing rigorous and innovative STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education.

Law Magnet Program

In conjunction with an adjunct Chapman University professor, the Law Magnet Program seeks to introduce the student to the law field and help prepare the student for the rigors of law school. Courses include a substantial amount of the first year law school curriculum.

Medical Magnet Program

Medical magnet students will conduct independent research, participate in medical simulations, and interact with medical professionals when on site at a hospital. Students have access to a state of the art "Sim Man" and cutting edge technology, which will prepare them for the rigors of pre-medical studies in college and beyond. Students must take the most rigorous math and science pathways available at JSerra.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There are many clubs on campus, but a few represent significant influence and demand considerable student time. Students who are members of these organizations are typically devoting many hours of their time to serve the community through their club. These include:

- Caritas Christi (service at all school functions)
- National Honor Society (peer tutoring)
- Link Crew (mentoring to freshmen)
- Lion Ambassadors (mentoring to international students)
- Transfer Lions Club (mentoring to transfer students)

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Graduation Requirements

The academic program is organized in a modified block schedule. Students that are in grades 9-11 must take 7 courses per year. Seniors are required to take a minimum of 6 classes per year. Students meet each class four times per week, with one class being in the block format. Full year courses are 10 credits. Semester classes are 5 credits. Online classes taken will be denoted on our transcripts. Theology is included in our academic gpa and is considered a core academic class at JSerra. Freshman Communications is a required course for all students with the majority of the content covering logic and grammar.

A student must complete 270 credits to graduate.

Graduation requirements include:

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| *Theology | 40 | Fine Arts | 10 |
| English | 40 | Physical Education | 20 |
| Math | 30 | Health | 5 |
| Science | 30 | *Freshman Communications | 5 |
| Social Studies | 30 | Electives | 40 |
| World Language | 20 | TOTAL | 270 |

Students must also complete 80 hours of Christian Service by the time of graduation.

*Transfer students are exempt from completing the full requirement.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES

JSerra offers 22 AP courses and 33 honors courses. Student enrollment in AP or Honors classes is based on placement exams, previous grades in relevant classes, and teacher recommendations. All students are required to take the corresponding AP exam. It is highly recommended that students take no more than three AP's in their junior and senior years.

85%

earned a score of 3 or above

52%

earned a score of 4 or above

53%

earned a score of 5 or above

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| AP Biology | AP European History | AP Physics C |
| AP Calculus AB/BC | AP French Language | *AP Psychology |
| AP Chemistry | AP Latin | AP Spanish Language |
| *AP Computer Science A | AP Macroeconomics | AP Statistics |
| AP English Language | *AP Microeconomics | AP Studio Art |
| AP English Literature | AP Physics 1 | AP U.S. Government |
| AP Environmental Science | AP Physics 2 | AP U.S. History |

* Online Courses Only

GRADING AND RANKING

JSerra assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system.

A = 90% - 100% D = 60% - 69%
 B = 80% - 89% F = 59% and less.
 C = 70% - 79%

Semester grades are reported on the transcript. A grade of a C or better is considered passing at JSerra. Remediated grades are designated on the transcript and are averaged into the GPA along with the failing grade. Students are not ranked at JSerra except for the valedictorian and salutatorian.

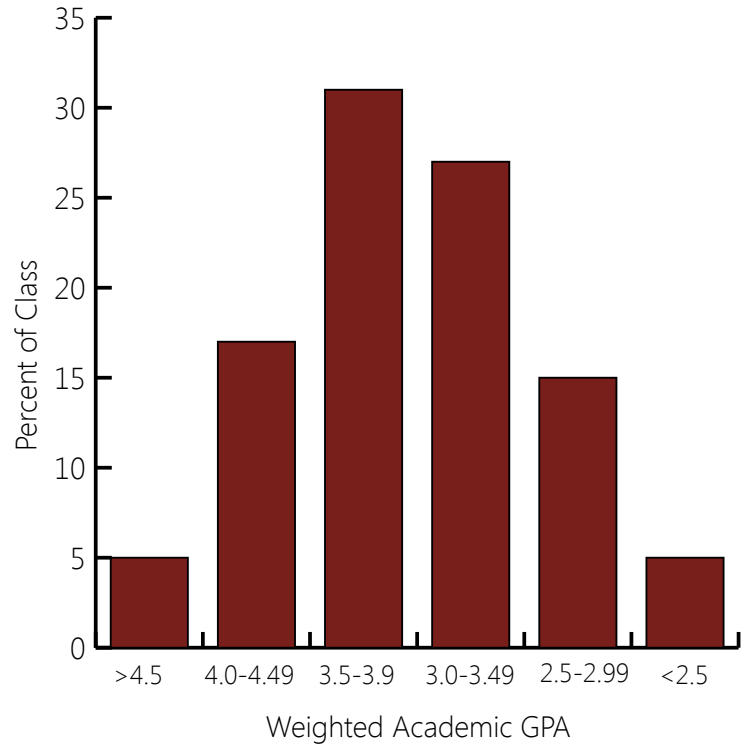
HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

Dean's Honor Roll: GPA of 4.0 or higher for any grading period.

Honor Roll: GPA of 3.50 – 3.99 for any grading period.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2016

Based on 280 students and six semesters of study



CLASS OF 2016 TESTING INFORMATION

53 AP Scholars

33 AP Scholars with Honors

34 AP Scholars with Distinction

5 National AP Scholars

ACT

ACT AVG: 25.0
209 took ACT

| Subject | JSerra | State |
|-------------|--------|-------|
| English | 25.1 | 22.1 |
| Mathematics | 24.6 | 22.7 |
| Reading | 25.1 | 22.9 |
| Science | 24.4 | 22.1 |
| Composite | 25.0 | 22.6 |

SAT

SAT AVG: 1636
130 took SAT

| Subject | JSerra | State |
|------------------|--------|-------|
| Critical Reading | 541 | 491 |
| Math | 559 | 500 |
| Writing | 536 | 485 |

COLLEGE MATRICULATION INFORMATION

JSERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016

Graduates: 280

Attending Colleges and Universities: 96%

Attending 4 Year: 78%

Attending 2 Year: 17%

Attending Other: 4%

In State: 50%

Public: 16% UC: 11% CSU: 6%

Private: 34%

Out of State: 46%

Catholic: 14%

31 States Represented

4 Countries Represented



Arizona State University

Auburn University

+Ave Maria University

Azusa Pacific University

Baylor University

Berklee College of Music

Biola University

Boise State University

Bucknell University

California Baptist University

California Polytechnic State University,

San Luis Obispo

California State Polytechnic University,

Pomona

California State University, Channel

Islands

California State University, Fullerton

California State University, Long Beach

California State University, San Marcos

Case Western Reserve University

Chapman University

College of Charleston

+College of the Holy Cross

Colorado College

Colorado Mesa University

Concordia University - Irvine

Dartmouth College

Drexel University

Duke University

Emory University

Fashion Institute of Design and

Merchandising, Los Angeles

+Fordham University

+Franciscan University of Steubenville

Franklin and Marshall College

Franklin University Switzerland

George Fox University

+Gonzaga University

+Holy Cross College

Indiana University at Bloomington

Iowa State University

Irvine Valley College

+John Carroll University

Louisiana State University

+Loyola Marymount University

Manhattan School of Music

+Marymount California University

Michigan State University

Mills College

Montana State University, Bozeman

New York University

Northern Arizona University

Northwestern Preparatory School (CA)

Oklahoma State University

Orange Coast College

Otis College of Art and Design

Pace University, New York City

Pepperdine University

Pierce College

Point Loma Nazarene University

Pratt Institute

Purdue University

+Quincy University

Relativity School

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Saddleback College

+Saint Mary's College of California

San Diego State University

San Francisco State University

San Jose State University

+Santa Clara University

School of Visual Arts

+Seattle University

+Seton Hall University

Southern Methodist University

+St. Edward's University

+St. Joseph's College - Brooklyn

Campus

Stony Brook University

Syracuse University

Texas Christian University

The American University of Paris

The George Washington University

The New School - All Divisions

The University of Alabama

The University of Arizona

The University of Georgia

The University of Iowa

Trinity University

United States Air Force Academy

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Davis

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, Riverside

University of California, San Diego

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of California, Santa Cruz

University of Colorado at Boulder

+University of Dallas

+University of Dayton

University of Delaware

University of Denver

University of Kansas

University of Northern Colorado

+University of Notre Dame

University of Oklahoma

University of Oregon

University of Pennsylvania

+University of Portland

University of Puget Sound

University of Redlands

+University of San Diego

+University of San Francisco

University of Southern California

University of the Arts London

University of Utah

University of Washington

+Villanova University

Virginia Commonwealth University

Washington State University

Washington University in St. Louis

Whittier College

Bold Forbes top 100.

+ Catholic College/University