



# JSERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

2017-2018

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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-five of the Class of 2017 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

<b>1181 Total Students</b>	9% Multi Racial
56% Male   44% Female	2% African American
59% Caucasian	2% Undisclosed/Other
17% Asian/Pacific Islander	1% Native American
11% Latino/Hispanic	45% Receive 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:

*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 & HONORS COURSES

JSerra offers 23 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.

**82%**  
earned a score of 3 or above

**53%**  
earned a score of 4 or above

**24%**  
earned a score of 5

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

\*Online Courses Only

## GRADING & RANKING

JSerra assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system.

A = 90% - 100%    D = 60% - 69%  
 B = 80% - 89%    F = 50% - 59%  
 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.

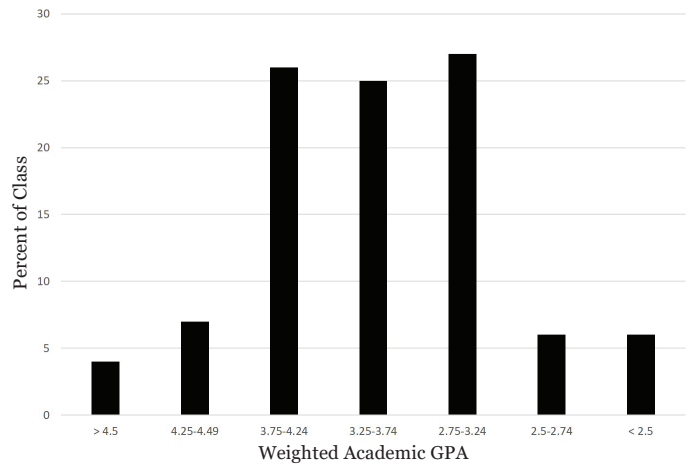
## HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

*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

Based on 280 students and six semesters of study



## CLASS OF 2017 TESTING INFORMATION

**44** AP Scholars

**23** AP Scholars with Honors

**41** AP Scholars with Distinction

**4** National AP Scholars

## ACT

ACT AVG: 25.0  
236 took ACT

Subject	JSerra	State
English	25.7	22.5
Mathematics	24.6	22.7
Reading	25.1	23.1
Science	24.3	22.2
Composite	25.1	22.8

## SAT

SAT AVG: 1224  
129 took SAT

Subject	JSerra	State
EBRW	604	538
Math	618	533

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION INFORMATION

Graduates: 296	In State: 54%	Total Catholic: 15%
Attending College: 97%	UC: 15%	Total 4 year Public: 54%
Attending 4 year: 84%	CSU: 12%	Total 4 year Private: 46%
Attending 2 Year: 13%	Out of State: 46%	30 States represented
Attending other: 3%		4 countries represented

<p>Adelphi University          Amsterdam University College          Arizona State University          Auburn University          Baylor University          Belmont University          Berklee College of Music          Biola University          Boise State University          +Boston College          California Baptist University          California Polytechnic State University,          San Luis Obispo          California State Polytechnic University,          Pomona          California State University, Channel          Islands          California State University, Chico          California State University, Fresno          California State University, Fullerton          California State University, Long Beach          California State University, Los Angeles          California State University, Northridge          California State University, San Marcos          Carnegie Mellon University          Chapman University          +College of the Holy Cross          Concordia University - Irvine          +DePaul University          Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University -          Prescott          +Fordham University          +Franciscan University of Steubenville          Fresno City College          +Gonzaga University          Grand Canyon University          Hope International University          Indiana University at Bloomington          Irvine Valley College          Liberty University          Louisiana State University          +Loyola Marymount University          +Loyola University Chicago</p>	<p>Michigan State University          Montana State University, Bozeman          New Mexico Military Institute          New York University          North Carolina State University          Northeastern University          Northern Arizona University          Northwestern Preparatory School          (California)          Northwestern University          Occidental College          Orange Coast College          Oregon State University          Otis College of Art and Design          Pennsylvania State University          Pepperdine University          Point Loma Nazarene University          Princeton University          Purdue University          Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute          Rutgers University-New Brunswick          Saddleback College          +Saint Louis University          +Saint Mary's College of California          San Diego Community College District          San Diego State University          San Jose State University          +Santa Clara University          Santa Monica College          School of the Art Institute of Chicago          +Seattle University          Sonoma State University          Southern Methodist University          Southern Oregon University          Stanford University          Texas Christian University          The Art Institute of California - Orange          County          +The Catholic University of America          The George Washington University          The New School - All Divisions          The Ohio State University          The University of Akron</p>	<p>The University of Alabama          The University of Arizona          The University of Georgia          The University of Iowa          The University of Montana, Missoula          The University of Texas, Austin          Trinity University          United States Air Force Academy          United States Coast Guard Academy          United States Naval Academy Prep School          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 Denver          University of Illinois at Urbana-          Champaign          University of Mississippi          +University of Notre Dame          University of Oregon          University of Pennsylvania          +University of Portland          University of Puget Sound          +University of San Diego          +University of San Francisco          University of Southern California          University of Utah          University of Washington          Wake Forest University          Westmont College          Whittier College          Wilkes University            +Catholic Universities</p>
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