



John Carroll High School

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Academic Handbook

and

Course Catalog

JCHS MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by our Catholic faith and tradition, we recognize Jesus Christ as the model for the whole person we seek to develop. Our mission is to inspire the pursuit of educational excellence, foster character formation, develop a commitment to service, and affirm the dignity of each student entrusted to our care.

JCHS ROOT BELIEFS: *At John Carroll High School, we believe that...*

We are all made uniquely in the image and likeness of God.

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them. Genesis 1:27

We are called to be a community united in Christ's love.

Love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:12-13

We love Christ by serving others with joy.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

We are always learning.

*An intelligent mind acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. Proverbs 18:15*

Excellence is intentional.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. Colossians 3:23

JCHS CORE VALUES: Smile ~ Persevere ~ Encourage ~ Listen ~ Love

DISPOSITIONS OF A JOHN CARROLL LEARNER: *At John Carroll, we aspire to help develop lifelong learners who are:*

Curious - Inquisitive learners who are driven by a desire to seek out new knowledge and pursue answers and solutions

Collaborative - Articulate learners who contribute to group efforts, support their peers, and value diverse perspectives

Independent - Courageous learners who demonstrate initiative, are willing to take academic risks, and take ownership of his/her learning experience

Resilient - Adaptive learners who know how to bounce back from setbacks and demonstrate grit in the face of challenges

Reflective - Thoughtful learners who continuously evaluate their learning, seeking and integrating feedback to refine and improve

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JCHS ACADEMIC HANDBOOK

John Carroll High School Accreditation

John Carroll High School is accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference Accreditation Program, in partnership with Cognia. CEEB Code is 100527

JOHN CARROLL'S COLLEGE PREPARATORY CORE CURRICULUM

John Carroll's college preparatory curriculum aims to prepare students to be successful at the college level. John Carroll High School is, first and foremost, a Catholic institution; therefore, students are required to take a minimum of 4 credits in theology. JCHS exceeds the Florida Department of Education graduation requirements. Our core college preparatory curriculum provides:

- ❖ Caring and dedicated teachers committed to the success of each student
- ❖ A rigorous college preparatory curriculum and the opportunity to enroll in college prep, honors, Advanced Placement, and dual enrollment courses, based on JCHS guidelines and requirements.
- ❖ College/career counseling through the guidance office, including the creation of a 4-year personalized plan based on a student's personal goals and expectations
- ❖ Opportunity for college visits
- ❖ Built-in time for student support as needed
- ❖ Access to dual enrollment courses through IRSC on our safe and secure campus in a Catholic environment

At John Carroll, our teachers, guidance counselors, and administration are committed to helping students achieve their goals. We encourage students to challenge themselves with rigorous courses not only to strengthen their academic profile, but also to grow as learners, developing the skills, knowledge, and habits that prepare them for college and life beyond.

While we strive to provide strong support throughout the college planning process, it's important to understand that college and university admission requirements can vary widely, and often change. Because of this, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to ensure their course selections and academic credits align with the expectations of their desired colleges or universities.

If a student has a particular institution in mind, they should take the initiative to visit that college's website, reach out to its admissions office, and become familiar with the school's application criteria, deadlines, and academic requirements.

JOHN CARROLL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Theology*	4 credits
English*	4 credits
Mathematics*	4 credits (Algebra I and Geometry required)
Science*	4 credits (Biology required)
Social Studies*	4 credits (World History, U.S. History, Economics, & U.S. Government required)
Foreign Language - Spanish	2 credits (3 recommended)
Personal Fitness	½ credit
JC Seminar	½ credit
Fine Arts, Performing Arts, or Practical Arts	1 credit
Electives	3 credits (minimum)
Christian Service Hours	100 hours of approved service by JCHS Campus Ministry
Senior Retreat Attendance	1 Attended Retreat - Kairos or an otherwise JCHS approved retreat

**Students must take four years of theology, English, math, science, and social studies while a student at JCHS, even if the student has already earned the requisite credits from taking high school courses in middle school.*

^A three-credit exception may be made to meet student needs.

Transfer students

Adjustments of credit requirements may be made for transfer students as necessary. Students already taking honors and AP courses (or similar level coursework such as AICE or IB) will remain in this level as long as John Carroll's grade requirements are met. The school reserves the right to determine transferred course levels and weighting factors. John Carroll High School cannot remove credits earned by students at other educational institutions.

GRADUATION POLICIES

Each student must have completed all graduation requirements, satisfied any disciplinary consequences, and met all financial obligations to participate in the graduation ceremony. Any student who has not met all of the academic requirements but who can fulfill them by attending summer school may participate in the graduation ceremony with the announcement that he/she

is receiving a certificate of attendance. In addition to academic requirements, participation in the Baccalaureate Mass and graduation ceremony are required to earn a John Carroll diploma. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, each student must also attend the Baccalaureate Mass practice, Baccalaureate Mass, and the graduation ceremony practice. The administration reserves the right to prohibit anyone from participating in any commencement activities and/or delay or deny transcript requests.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

At John Carroll, we believe that we love Christ by serving others with joy, and our mission calls us to ignite the desire to serve in the hearts of our students. As noted in the graduation requirements above, 100 hours of community service is required in order to earn a John Carroll High School Diploma. Of those 100 hours, 50 hours must be outreach hours. Outreach hours are service hours that meet the needs of the poor and marginalized in some manner that aligns with Catholic social teachings. Examples of outreach hours include volunteering at a soup kitchen or packing food boxes at the food bank. Conversely, volunteering for the school's Open House or helping take tickets at a JCHS sporting event would not count as outreach hours as they directly support members of the John Carroll community as an institution rather than individuals in need.

Additionally, while John Carroll does allow paid work hours to be used to meet the service hour requirement for Bright Futures scholarships, we *do not* allow paid work hours to be used for our graduation requirement. However, fulfilling your minimum of 100 hours of community service *will* satisfy both the John Carroll graduation requirement *and* Bright Futures scholarships requirement. Please visit www.johncarrollhigh.com and click on the Faith and Service tab to learn more.

Transfer students may provide an official report of service hours spanning back as far as the summer prior to their freshman year. This report will require signed verification by a member of their prior school's administrative team, and will be subject to the final approval by the Director of Campus Ministry.

GRADING AND REPORT CARDS

Report cards are posted to FACTS SIS each quarter (every nine weeks). A serious attempt is made at all times to evaluate, in the best possible manner, the progress of students. The following grading system has been devised for that purpose:

A (90-100): The student is more than meeting the demands of the teacher. Work is consistently thorough, accurate, and insightful, reflecting a deep comprehension of the course standards and the ability to apply them effectively.

B (80-89): The work is above average and there is a strong understanding of course material. Work is generally complete, well-organized, and accurate. While there may be some minor errors or areas for improvement, the student consistently demonstrates critical thinking and the ability to apply knowledge effectively.

C (70-79): The student does the required work satisfactorily and shows a basic understanding of the course material. The student has met the minimum expectations and demonstrated adequate competence in the subject. The work is generally complete and shows a fair effort, but it often lacks depth, contains errors, or falls short in critical thinking and analysis. While the student may understand fundamental concepts and skills, there is significant room for improvement in terms of clarity, organization, and mastery of standards.

D (60-69): The student is not doing all of the required work, is dependent on others, is inconsistent, and is uncertain. Work is below average and shows little evidence of growth. The student has met only the basic requirements and demonstrated limited competence in the subject. The student needs considerable improvement to meet the academic standards and expectations of the course and has not proven mastery of the course content. It is recommended that the student repeats the course.

F (59 or below): This grade signifies failing performance and an insufficient understanding of the course material. Work is incomplete, inaccurate, and poorly organized, reflecting a failure to grasp the standards of the course. The student shows a significant lack of effort and is unable to apply knowledge or think critically about the material. It is mandatory for the student to repeat the course.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students who cannot demonstrate adequate academic progress are placed on academic probation. A plan is established to assist and impress upon the student the need for academic improvement as well as the required expectations. A student is placed on academic probation if:

- ❖ The student has failed two or more courses during the semester.
- ❖ The student has a cumulative GPA below 2.0.

Students placed on academic probation are expected to adhere to the stipulations stated in the probation letter. Failure to comply with the stipulations established to assist the student in achieving success may jeopardize the student's ability to remain a student at John Carroll High School.

Grade Forgiveness Policy for High School Students and Middle School Students Who Took High School Courses

It is strongly encouraged that high school students who earn a D or F in a course or middle school students who earned a C, D, or F in a high school course take advantage of FL statute 1003.4282 section 4: *GRADE FORGIVENESS POLICY.—Each district school board shall adopt policies designed to assist students in meeting graduation requirements including grade forgiveness policies. Forgiveness policies for required courses shall be limited to replacing a grade of “D” or “F” with a grade of “C” or higher earned subsequently in the same or comparable course. Forgiveness policies for elective courses shall be limited to replacing a grade of “D” or “F” with a grade of “C” or higher earned subsequently in another course. The only exception to these forgiveness policies shall be made for a student in the middle grades who takes any high school course for high school credit and earns a grade of “C,” “D,” or “F.” In such cases, the district forgiveness policy must allow the replacement of the grade with a grade of “C” or higher earned subsequently in the same or comparable course. In all cases of grade forgiveness, only the new grade shall be used in the*

calculation of the student's grade point average. Any course grade not replaced according to a district school board forgiveness policy shall be included in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average required for graduation.

LEVELS OF ACADEMIC RIGOR

College Preparatory (CP) - Students should expect that our college prep courses are more rigorous than typical high school academic courses. We believe that a rigorous curriculum is the best preparation for college and beyond. It not only equips students with the knowledge and skills they need for academic success but also prepares them for the challenges and opportunities they will encounter in life.

Honors (H) - Honors courses cover similar material as CP courses but explore it with greater depth and complexity. They demand more time, effort, and critical thinking, not simply more work. Rigor is achieved through the analysis, evaluation, and creation of complex ideas, higher text complexity, and more challenging tasks. Instruction emphasizes deeper conceptual understanding and connections across disciplines.

Advanced Placement (AP) - AP courses are rigorous, college-level courses offered through the College Board. Students with a strong work ethic are encouraged to choose AP courses aligned with their strengths and interests. All AP students take national exams in May, with a fee of approximately \$100 per exam billed through FACTS. Many colleges award credit for scores of 3 or higher, though policies vary by institution. For details, consult the [Florida State University System \(SUS\) Credit by Exam Equivalencies](#) or individual college websites. A list of AP courses offered at JCHS is found below.

Dual Enrollment (DE) - DE courses allow students to earn both high school and college credit through Indian River State College (IRSC). Students must meet eligibility requirements from both JCHS and IRSC. College policies on dual enrollment credit vary, so students should contact prospective colleges directly to learn how their DE credits will be evaluated and applied. For more information, see the JCHS Dual Enrollment Handbook. [26-27 Dual Enrollment Handbook](#)

JCHS Advanced Placement Course Offerings

AP Art AP Biology AP Business AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Chemistry AP English Language & Composition AP English Literature & Composition AP Environmental Science AP Human Geography	AP Research AP Pre Calculus AP Psychology AP Seminar AP Spanish Language & Culture AP Statistics AP U.S. Government AP U.S. History AP World History
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Should I take Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Enrollment (DE) classes?

Very serious consideration should be given to course selection, particularly when choosing between AP and DE courses. Individual institutions vary regarding the transfer of AP and DE college credits. Students should research their colleges of choice to determine the best path for

their particular situation. Please see the chart below for a list of the different attributes of each path before making a decision.

Attributes	Advanced Placement	Part-time Dual Enrollment
Prerequisites	❖ <u>Incoming freshmen</u>: HSPT, other standardized test scores, middle school transcript, midterm and final exams/EOC exams. ❖ <u>10th - 12th</u>: Student has maintained A's in honors level classes of the same subject and wants to challenge themselves.	❖ Student has earned a minimum of four high school credits ❖ Student has earned an A or B in the correlating subject ❖ Student has earned a minimum 3.0 GPA ❖ Student earns minimum passing scores on the PERT (taken at IRSC), SAT, or ACT ❖ Administrative approval
Courses	❖ 16-18 courses offered on JCHS Campus each year.	❖ Online elective classes offered as independent study at JCHS with a designated class period during the regular school day. ❖ Classes offered online or at an IRSC campus
Cost	❖ No cost for the course or books ❖ However, all students are expected to sit for the College Board AP Exam. The fee for the exam is roughly \$100.	❖ First attempts will have: ➢ No cost for the course ➢ No cost for books ➢ No cost for exams
Exams/ Testing	❖ AP exam is required but is not part of the student's grade	❖ All exams, including final exam, are required and are part of student's grade
College Transcript	❖ AP course grades are a part of the students high school transcript. ❖ AP course grades are not a part of the student's college transcript.	❖ Dual enrollment course grades are a part of the student's high school transcript. ❖ Grades MUST be reported to the colleges and become part of the student's official college transcript.
College Credit	❖ Grade of 3 or higher on the AP exam earns college credit at some colleges and universities. Others require a 4 or higher. AP exam grades do NOT need to be reported to the colleges if the student does not want/need credit for them.	❖ Grade of C or higher earns college credit at most Florida public colleges and universities. Students must check out-of-state colleges as to whether the institution accepts dual enrollment transfer credit.

QUALITY POINTS

John Carroll awards quality points for honors and college-level courses. Honors level courses earn additional 0.5 quality points while college-level courses, such as AP & DE earn additional 1.0 quality points.

ONLINE COURSES

There are times when it is necessary for a student to take an online course; for instance, for credit recovery, to accelerate learning, or due to a scheduling conflict. Each circumstance is looked at on

a case by case basis. Students must fill out an *An Online Course Request Form* found at the end of this catalog to begin the process. These grades become part of the student's permanent record and are calculated into their cumulative GPA. There are additional fees for online courses paid directly to the online institution.

Students who are seeking accelerated learning in math may only take either Geometry or Pre-Calculus online. This is due to the fact that courses such as Algebra I or II are foundational in nature, and such a foundation is best built during an in-person course. Students seeking accelerated learning in any domain must also exhibit strong academic ability and must only have earned A's and B's in related courses.

COURSE PLACEMENT

Initial Placement Criteria for Incoming Freshmen

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) is a norm-referenced, standardized test designed for high schools to administer to 8th graders entering high school. It is the most comprehensive placement test available to assess 8th graders and provides reliable data needed for admissions, placement, remediation, and scholarship decisions. The HSPT's rigorous content reflects the demands of a high school curriculum. The HSPT is only given on predetermined testing dates. John Carroll follows the guidelines of the Scholastic Testing Service and does not allow any retakes for the High School Placement Test.

For placement in college-level AP courses:

- HSPT - Students must score in the top 15% of the cohort.
 - *Although the HSPT is required for all incoming freshmen, alternative standardized test scores may also be considered for further evaluation.*
- Reading and language subscores must exceed grade nine for AP World History placement.
- Students scoring in the top 16% - 20% of the cohort will be considered if they exceed grade 9 in their reading and language subscores and show evidence of a strong academic history in both English and Social Studies.

For placement in honors-level courses:

- HSPT - Student scores are within the top 16th-30th percent of the cohort.
 - *Although the HSPT is required for all incoming freshmen, alternative nationally normed, standardized test scores may also be considered for further evaluation.*
- Reading and language subscores must show at least grade nine for Honors World History placement.
- Students scoring in the top 31% - 35% of the cohort will be considered if their reading and language grade level is at or above grade nine and show evidence of a strong academic history in both English and Social Studies.

Please note that teachers closely monitor our students' progress and reassess their placement if it becomes evident that they are consistently performing above grade level in their current classes.

****Important note for middle school students who took high school courses****

Algebra 1 and Geometry

John Carroll High School follows the math policy of the Diocese of Palm Beach. Successful mastery of Algebra 1 and Geometry is critical to a student's success in subsequent math classes and on college admissions exams such as the SAT and ACT. In the best interest of our students, the Diocese of Palm Beach provides the following policy regarding students seeking to receive high school Algebra 1 or Geometry credit from a course taken in middle school.

- Middle School Students from Diocesan Partner Schools:
 - Students who earn an A or B in Algebra 1 or Geometry AND score an 85% or higher on the diocesan end-of-course exam will be placed in Geometry Honors or Algebra 2 Honors at the high school level.
 - Students who earn an A or B in Algebra 1 or Geometry AND earn between 70%-84% will be placed in a College Prep Geometry course or a College Prep Algebra 2 course.
 - Regardless of the grade earned in the Algebra 1 or Geometry course taken in middle school, students who score a 69% or lower on the diocesan end-of-course exam will need to take Algebra 1 or Geometry again.
- All other middle school students:
 - Must receive an A, B, or C in Algebra 1 or Geometry AND pass the state of Florida end-of-course exam.
 - The admitting school determines placement in academic or honors based on grades and scores on the state EOC and/or the diocesan algebra 1 or Geometry final exam.
- The school and diocese reserve the right to address exceptions on an individual basis.

Spanish I and Spanish II

- Students who took high school-level Spanish courses in middle school and would like to advance to honors-level Spanish II or III must take the Spanish placement exam at JCHS. Students scoring 75% or higher on the placement exam will advance to the honors level.
- However, students who took a high school-level Spanish course in middle school and earned a C (70% - 79%) in the course are strongly encouraged to repeat the course in high school. At JCHS, we firmly believe that a C does not indicate a strong enough foundation to advance successfully at the high school level. See FL statute 1003.4282 section 4 on page 7.

For all other high school-level courses taken during middle school

- An end-of-course exam or similar assessment may be required for proper placement.

Placement for Established JCHS Students

Moving from college prep courses to honors-level courses or from honors-level to AP is a significant step for students seeking additional rigor, wanting to add to their “strength of schedule” for college applications, or just for enrichment, or a love for a particular subject.

Students who desire to move into honors or college-level courses and meet the following requirements are eligible for a level change.

1. **STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES** - Only one qualifying test score is required. Please note these scores are updated yearly based on PSAT and NWEA MAP norming criteria.

❖ **COLLEGE PREP to HONORS**

■ **PSAT** - ~ 75th percentile

- Rising Sophomores - Minimum composite score of **980** with a minimum subsection of math or EBRW of **490** (Scores between **950-980** will be considered.)
- Rising Juniors - Minimum composite score of **1040** with a minimum subsection score in math, or EBRW of **520** (Scores between **1010-1040** will be considered.)
- Rising Seniors - Minimum composite score of **1140** with a minimum subsection score in math, or EBRW of **570** (Scores between **1110 - 1140** will be considered.)

■ **NWEA MAP** - ~ 75th percentile

- Rising Sophomores -
 - Minimum math RIT score - **239**
 - Minimum reading RIT score - **232**
- Rising Juniors
 - Minimum math RIT score - **242**
 - Minimum reading RIT score - **233**
- Rising Seniors
 - Minimum math RIT score - **245**
 - Minimum reading RIT score - **235**

❖ **HONORS to AP**

■ **PSAT** - ~ 85th percentile

- Rising Sophomores - Minimum composite score of **1050** with a minimum subsection of math or EBRW of **525**
- Rising Juniors - Minimum composite score of **1120** with a minimum subsection of math or EBRW of **560**
- Rising Seniors - Minimum composite score of **1220** with a minimum subsection of math or EBRW of **610**

■ **NWEA MAP** - ~ 85th percentile

- Rising Sophomores
 - Minimum math RIT score - **247**
 - Minimum reading RIT score - **239**
- Rising Juniors
 - Minimum math RIT score - **250**
 - Minimum reading RIT score - **241**

- Rising Seniors
 - Minimum math RIT score - 253
 - Minimum reading RIT score - 242

2. **Grade Requirements** - Students must show a strong academic history in correlating subjects.

3. **Self Advocacy** - Students seeking to move into honors or college-level courses should share this desire during the course selection process when prompted.

Placement for Transfer Students Entering Grades 10th - 12th

- ❖ Transfer students who were previously enrolled in honors, AP, IB, or AICE courses will remain in similar course levels given that the student has shown a strong academic history taking courses at that level.
- ❖ Depending on the grade level, students transferring from Florida public high schools must have passed end of course exams for Algebra I, Biology, and the ELA Reading assessment, or have earned a concordant/comparative score* from a nationally normed exam, to be placed in Geometry, a science course, and English III. Students transferring without a passing grade on these exams will need to repeat Algebra I, Biology, and/or English II at JCHS.
- ❖ Depending on the grade level, students transferring from online, homeschooled, or out of state public or private high schools, can meet Algebra 1 and grade 10 ELA assessment requirements by earning a concordant/comparative score* from a nationally normed exam. Students transferring without a passing grade on these exams will need to repeat Algebra I and/or English II at JCHS.
- ❖ JCHS's graduation requirements will likely differ from the transfer's previous school. To earn a JCHS diploma, JCHS's graduation requirements must be met.

The Concordant and Comparative Scores table is for students transferring from public high schools.

Grade 10 ELA Concordant Scores	
PSAT EBRW	430
SAT EBRW	480
ACT English and Reading subtests (averaged)	18
CLT Verbal Reasoning and Grammar/Writing sections (sum)	36
Algebra 1 EOC Comparative Scores	
PSAT/NMSQT Math	430
SAT Math	420
ACT Math	16
CLT Quantitative Reasoning section	11

STANDARDIZED TESTING

John Carroll does not teach to a certain standardized test, nor does the school require students to pass a standardized test in order to move to the next grade level. John Carroll uses both the PSAT and the NWEA MAP testing data to gauge how we are doing as a school, how we can improve, and as a measurement of student growth. We utilize data from these assessments to enhance our teaching methods and ensure students are placed in academically challenging environments that align with their abilities to effectively master course standards.

- ❖ PSAT - Students take the PSAT in October in ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades. This test serves as a barometer for the SAT and a qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- ❖ NWEA MAP test - Students in ninth and tenth grades take the MAP Growth test three times each school year through English and math classes. This test provides rich data for teachers to use to guide instruction and improve student achievement.

HOMEWORK AND STUDY TIME

In order to be successful in John Carroll courses, parents and students must acknowledge that in addition to written homework, students must set time aside nightly to intentionally study by reviewing notes and other materials the teacher referenced that day in class. While the teachers' directions in the class regarding homework always take precedence, students in AP and honors can expect homework and study time to be up to double that of a college prep class, and sometimes more. Students should use the various tools available on their iPads to keep track of their daily homework. Further, teachers post homework in FACTS for the week for students to access.

SEMESTER EXAM POLICY

Given in English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language, semester exams (midterms and finals) account for a portion of a student's semester grade. Dates are set aside well before the exams and can be found both in email communications and the school calendar. Families must take note of these dates and plan vacations outside of exam dates.

Only in the case of a medical emergency, legal appointment, or death in the immediate family will the administration excuse a student from taking an exam on the scheduled date. Like many of our peer institutions, John Carroll will charge families \$50 per rescheduled exam.

Seniors with the required second-semester average of 90% or higher AND ten or fewer unexcused absences (50 periods) during the *entire senior year* will be exempt from their final exams. A senior may not be exempt from an exam in a course for which they are attempting to make up credit for grade forgiveness. John Carroll High School reserves the right to amend this policy as needed.

INTEGRITY

John Carroll High School stands for truth, as evidenced by the Latin “veritas” on our school seal. Truth and honesty do not allow us to take that which does not belong to us or to give information to others that is to be used for a dishonest purpose. Further, students who are seen with a cell phone out during an assessment, regardless of whether the student is actually cheating or not, will be subject to the penalties as outlined below.

Any student who cheats on any assignment may be subject to serious penalties at the discretion of the teacher and administration including but not limited to a zero on the given assignment, ripple effects lessons, or demerits.

Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form at John Carroll High School. Cheating is defined as using or attempting to use materials, information, notes, study aids, or other assistance in any type of examination or evaluation which have not been authorized by the instructor. Plagiarism is intentionally or unintentionally presenting the work of another as one’s own.

This would include (but is not limited to) any of the following behaviors:

- The use of AI or other generative software without explicit permission from the instructor
- Copying another person’s test, quiz, or assignment of any kind
- Allowing someone else to copy assessment or assignment answers or divulging test questions and answers to other students
- Using electronic devices to capture, send, or retrieve data, images, or voice/video information during assessments or assignments, including in a group chat setting
- Using “cheat sheets” of any kind
- Intentionally or unintentionally presenting the work of another as one’s own
- Copying portions of written work without giving credit to the author. It is unacceptable to borrow any work (or pay another person to do one’s work) and then submit that work as one’s own

Consequences, regardless if it is homework, classwork, a quiz, or a major assessment, may include but are not limited to:

- Student receives no credit (zero) on the assignment without any opportunity to make it up
- Assignment of Ripple Effects Lessons
- Demerit(s) and requisite detention(s) Documentation of the infraction is entered on the student’s record - regardless of consequence assigned by teacher
- Student may be placed on academic or disciplinary probation
- Other consequences may apply as deemed appropriate by the Administration

THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

John Carroll High School recognizes that AI tools and other generative software can be valuable educational resources when used appropriately. Students are encouraged to use these tools to support their learning, not replace it. All use of AI should align with the expectations of academic integrity. If a student is suspected of using AI to gain an unfair advantage, such as submitting

AI-generated work as their own without meaningful input, academic and/or disciplinary consequences may follow, including receiving a zero on the assignment. Teachers will communicate clearly when AI use is permitted and will help guide students in using these tools responsibly and ethically.

STUDENT-TEACHER-PARENT COMMUNICATION

John Carroll High School's mission is to educate the whole child. One of our aims is to aid students on the path to adulthood. Part of that path requires that students learn how to advocate for themselves when a concern arises with a teacher. All parties should understand that students learn best when there is cooperation and support between home and school. If a student has a concern with a teacher, class, or grade, the school asks the following:

- ❖ First, the student should advocate for themselves by respectfully communicating with their teacher directly to address the concern.
- ❖ Second, if the student is unable to resolve the issue satisfactorily, the parent may contact the teacher directly.
- ❖ If a problem still persists after a parent-teacher meeting, the student or parent is invited to contact administration and/or guidance to help resolve any issues.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Academic support is available to all students and includes:

WIN Flex Sessions - Each week, one block is devoted to academic support called WIN ("What I need"). During this time, students may request a teacher from which they need additional academic support. A teacher may also assign students for focused help in an area of need.

Peer support from our PIT Crew in designated courses - Designated freshmen and sophomore courses have a peer from the PIT Crew (Peer Inclusion Team) available for peer academic support during class.

Guidance counselors are available for academic, social, and emotional help. Students may make appointments with a guidance counselor who will listen and support students as they navigate through academic, social, and emotional concerns.

Academic Support Coordination -The Dean of Academics is available to meet with students to offer strategies for engagement, motivation, and test-taking skills as well as different approaches to organization and time management to help students find success.

Classroom Teachers are available every day after school until 3:10. Schedule this time with the teacher in advance to ensure one-on-one or small group academic support can be provided on a particular day.

Extended Learning Hour - The Cole Coppola Learning Commons remains open Monday - Wednesday until 4:30 p.m. to accommodate peer tutoring, study groups, or a quiet space to work on assignments or prepare for assessments.

Accommodations - Reasonable accommodations may be provided for students with IEPs, 504 Plans, or a documented psycho-educational evaluation from a licensed school psychologist. *Reach out to our Academic Dean, Mrs. Lisa Schilling, for more information.*

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma

The College Board approved John Carroll High School as an AP Capstone Diploma School in the 2015-2016 school year. Since then, dozens of students have earned the AP Capstone Diploma and gone on to have successful college careers. AP Capstone™ is a diploma program based on two year-long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. These courses are designed to complement other AP courses that the AP Capstone student may take.

- ❖ Instead of teaching specific subject knowledge, AP Seminar and AP Research use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills students need for college-level work.
- ❖ The College Board developed the AP Capstone Diploma program at the request of higher education professionals, who saw a need for a systematic way for high school students to begin mastering these skills before college.
- ❖ Students typically take AP Seminar in grade 11, followed by AP Research. Each course is yearlong, and AP Seminar is a prerequisite for AP Research.
- ❖ In both courses, students investigate a variety of topics in multiple disciplines. Students may choose to explore topics related to other AP courses they're taking.
- ❖ Both courses guide students through completing a research project, writing an academic paper, and making a presentation on their project.
- ❖ Over the course of the two-year program, students are required to:
 - Analyze topics through multiple lenses to construct meaning or gain understanding.
 - Plan and conduct a study or investigation.
 - Propose solutions to real-world problems.
 - Plan and produce communication in various forms.
 - Collaborate to solve a problem.
 - Integrate, synthesize, and make cross-curricular connections.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing receive the AP Capstone Diploma™. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research but not on four additional AP Exams receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.

AP Capstone uses the QUEST framework, to develop, practice, and hone their critical and creative thinking skills as they make connections between various issues and their own lives:

❖ Question and Explore

Questioning begins with an initial exploration of complex topics or issues. Perspectives and questions emerge that spark one's curiosity, leading to an investigation that challenges and expands the boundaries of one's current knowledge.

❖ **Understand and Analyze Arguments**

Understanding various perspectives requires contextualizing arguments and evaluating the authors' claims and lines of reasoning.

❖ **Evaluate Multiple Perspectives**

Evaluating an issue involves considering and evaluating multiple perspectives, both individually and in comparison to one another.

❖ **Synthesize Ideas**

Synthesizing others' ideas with one's own may lead to new understandings and is the foundation of a well-reasoned argument that conveys one's perspective.

❖ **Team, Transform, and Transmit**

Teaming allows one to combine personal strengths and talents with those of others to reach a common goal. Transformation and growth occur upon thoughtful reflection.

Transmitting requires the adaptation of one's message based on audience and context.

Because of the unique format of the AP Capstone courses, all AP Seminar and AP Research teachers must take part in training prior to their first year teaching the course.

<u>Florida Colleges that endorse AP Capstone program</u>	<u>A small sample of colleges out of state that endorse AP Capstone program:</u>
❖ Flagler College ❖ Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University ❖ Florida Atlantic University ❖ Florida Gulf Coast University ❖ Florida International University ❖ Florida Polytechnic University ❖ Florida State University ❖ Johnson & Wales University: North Miami ❖ Lynn University ❖ Rollins College ❖ Stetson University ❖ University of Florida ❖ University of Miami ❖ University of Central Florida ❖ University of North Florida ❖ University of South Florida	❖ California Institute of Technology ❖ Yale University ❖ Georgetown University ❖ Georgia Institute of Technology ❖ University of Georgia ❖ University of Chicago ❖ Johns Hopkins University ❖ Boston College ❖ Massachusetts Institute of Technology ❖ University of Michigan ❖ Princeton University ❖ Columbia University ❖ New York University ❖ University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ❖ Carnegie Mellon University ❖ Vanderbilt University ❖ Rice University

For a complete list, please go to: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-capstone/higher-education-endorsement>

AWARDS & DESIGNATIONS

- ❖ Quarter recognitions
 - Principal's List - 4.0 GPA
 - Honor Roll - 3.5 - 3.99 GPA
- ❖ Excellence Award - Given yearly to the student with the highest grade in each course.
- ❖ Distinction Award - Given yearly to an outstanding student who exemplifies the dispositions of a JCHS learner in each course.
- ❖ Valedictorian
 - In order to earn the designation of valedictorian, students must be enrolled at JCHS for three consecutive years and have earned the Summa Cum Laude distinction. Students who participate in full-time dual enrollment at IRSC are not eligible for these designations.
 - These designations are announced the first week of April. However the GPA will be confirmed again at the conclusion of semester two.
 - Should a student fail to keep his or her Summa Cum Laude status at the end of semester two of their senior year, the student will become ineligible for the valedictorian designation.
 - All valedictorians have the opportunity to earn the honor of delivering one of two commencement speeches at John Carroll High School's graduation ceremony.
 - Information on commencement speech opportunities will be provided after valedictorians have been announced.
- ❖ Latin Honors - see criteria below
 - Cum Laude
 - Magna Cum Laude
 - Summa Cum Laude

LATIN HONORS	<i>Cum Laude</i> (with distinction)	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> (with great distinction)	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> (with highest praise)
12th grade <i>Beginning with the class of 2027</i>	Minimum 3.75 GPA (unweighted), no grade lower than a C, and at least six college level courses or 12 honors courses	Minimum 3.875 GPA (unweighted), no grade lower than a B, and at least seven college level courses	4.0 GPA (unweighted) and at least eight college level courses.
11th grade	Minimum 3.75 GPA (unweighted), no grade lower than a C, and at least three college level courses or six honors courses	Minimum 3.875 GPA (unweighted), no grade lower than a B, and at least four college level courses	4.0 GPA (unweighted) and at least five college level courses
10th grade	Minimum 3.75 GPA (unweighted), no	Minimum 3.875 GPA (unweighted), and no	4.0 GPA (unweighted) and at least two

	grade lower than a C, and at least four honors courses	grade lower than a B, and at least four honors courses and one college level course	college level courses
9th grade	Minimum 3.75 GPA (unweighted), no grade lower than a C, and at least two honors courses	Minimum 3.875 GPA (unweighted), and no grade lower than a B, and at least three honors courses	4.0 GPA (unweighted) and at least one college level course

AP/Honors courses are cumulative over the student's time at JCHS.*

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Young Floridian's Scholarship

The St. Lucie County Young Floridian Scholarship Program honors high school seniors who excel in academics, leadership, and character across 15 distinct categories. Applicants must live or attend school in St. Lucie County, be nominated by their school, and participate in a process including networking and interviewing. Winners receive a two-year scholarship to IRSC (with a book stipend), cash awards of \$500–\$750, and school-based donations. The Academic Excellence winner is also eligible for a four-year scholarship at IRSC. Finalists attend a ceremony in April.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Awards

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship recipients receive either 75% or 100% of their tuition paid when they attend a Florida public college or university. John Carroll's guidance office assists students in ensuring they understand the requirements and what they need to do to earn the scholarships. In addition, the guidance office coordinates the registration of scholarship recipients online, taking the burden off of the parent and student. For more information, families should reference the FL Bright Futures website: [Bright Futures](https://www.brightfutures.org/)

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours

In addition to Florida's Bright Futures Scholarships and St. Lucie County's Young Floridian Scholarships, there are thousands of scholarship opportunities available for students to apply to. While we do our best to promote all scholarship opportunities we are made aware of, there is no way for the school to provide students with an exhaustive list of all the scholarships available each year. The most up-to-date scholarship information we are aware of is available in the guidance office, and our College and Career Counselor will assist students with scholarship preparation when possible. However, students are responsible for providing all information and/or documentation required by the scholarship donor. The Guidance Office will send any necessary transcripts with the scholarship application at the student's request.

NATIONAL ACADEMIC CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

National Beta Club

- The National Beta Club is an academic honor organization for students in the United States. The four pillars of the National Beta Club are Achievement, Character, Leadership, and Service. Founded in 1934, the club provides opportunities for students to develop leadership skills, participate in community service projects, and be recognized for their academic accomplishments. Membership is an honor that indicates a student's commitment to excellence both in and out of the classroom.
- Students may join Beta Club beginning their freshman year. Members are required to maintain a 3.0 unweighted GPA and complete a minimum of 25 service hours, logged through x2VOL. Students must join prior to their senior year to be eligible for membership. Members will have the opportunity to compete at state and national conventions for scholarships and recognition of their academic and creative achievements. Inductions are held annually, but JCHS Beta Club accepts applications throughout the school year.

National Honors Society

- The National Honor Society (NHS) is a prestigious organization that recognizes high school students in the United States for their exemplary academic achievement, leadership, service, and character. Established in 1921, NHS promotes student engagement in school and community activities, fostering the development of strong leaders committed to making a positive impact.
- Students become eligible for membership in NHS in the spring of their sophomore year. To be considered for membership, a student must have a 3.75 unweighted GPA. All students who meet that minimum criteria and who are not current NHS members will receive a letter early in the spring semester inviting them to submit materials for consideration by the Faculty Council.

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (National Spanish Honors Society)

- The Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (SHH) is a nationally recognized honor society for high school students studying Spanish and Portuguese. Founded in 1953, its mission is to recognize academic achievement in Spanish and Portuguese studies, promote cultural understanding and appreciation of Hispanic and Lusophone cultures, and encourage service and leadership among its members. SHH provides opportunities for students to engage in cultural activities, community service projects, and language-related events, fostering a deeper appreciation for Hispanic and Lusophone languages and cultures.
- Students become eligible for membership after completing a minimum of three semesters of Spanish and maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher with no semester grade lower than a B. Students must also be currently enrolled in Spanish and in the tenth grade or higher at the time of induction. In addition, students must be interested in continuing with their study of Spanish at the next level and must be willing to do at least 5 hours of Spanish-related community service.

JCHS COURSE CATALOG

ELECTIVES

Fine, Performing, Practical Arts

AP Art 2-D Art & Design - 0109350

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Two semesters of Art I, II or III and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

Description: The AP Art & Design course is an inquiry-based approach to learning about and creating artwork. Students will conduct an in-depth, sustained investigation (SI) of materials, processes and ideas after developing their own unique inquiry question. AP Art students will develop their art and design skills through practice with materials and processes such as drawing, graphic design, photography, printmaking, figure drawing, painting, collage, and/or other mediums. Students commit to one of three course options, Drawing, or 2-D Art and Design, or 3-D Art and Design. The framework of this course is based on college-level introductory courses focused on helping students become inquisitive, thoughtful artists and designers who are able to articulate information about their original work. AP Art and Design students develop and apply skills of inquiry and investigation, practice, experimentation, revision, communication, and reflection. The College Board AP portfolio exam requirements include the SI with 15 digital images

of the student's process and written evidence, and a Portfolio (the AP Art Exam) of 5 completed artworks with written evidence about the student's body of work. The College Board requirements include submitting digital images of works in progress, evidence of experimentation, revision and a final fully developed portfolio of artwork that is directly related to the student's SI. Students are required to purchase a personal sketchbook, and a fee for additional supplies is charged each semester. Additional supplies may be required depending on the direction of the student's SI. The College Board charges a fee for the AP Art Exam.

Art I - 0101300

Length: 1 semester or full year

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

Description: In this CP level course students taking Art-I will use a variety of art materials to explore the elements and principles of art and design in both 2-D and 3-D forms. Drawing, painting, assemblage, fibers, and mixed media are some of the mediums used by students in this semester. Each semester of Art offers students an introduction to both art history and a variety of world cultural traditions. Lessons include both historical and contemporary artists, periods and styles of art from around the world. Lessons are sequential and built upon introduced material with a focus on aesthetics, art criticism, and the elements and principles of art and design. Throughout the creative process students will develop their personal, creative expression as well as a sense of appreciation, accomplishment, and mastery of the National & Diocesan Standards for Visual Arts. Students are required to purchase a personal sketchbook, and a fee for additional supplies is charged each semester.

Art II - 0101310

Length: 1 semester or full year

Grade level: 10,11, 12

Prerequisite: Art I and recommendation of art teacher

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

Description: In this CP level course, Art II students will use a variety of art materials to explore the elements and principles of art and design in both 2-D and 3-D forms. Drawing, painting, assemblage, fibers, and mixed media are some of the mediums used by students in this semester. Each semester of Art offers students an introduction to both art history and a variety of world cultural traditions. Lessons include both historical and contemporary artists, periods and styles of art from around the world. Lessons are sequential and built upon introduced material with a focus on aesthetics, art criticism, and the elements and principles of art and design. Throughout the creative process students will develop their personal, creative expression as well as a sense of appreciation, accomplishment, and mastery of the National & Diocesan Standards for Visual Arts. Students are required to purchase a personal sketchbook, and a fee for additional supplies is charged each semester.

Art III Honors - 0101320

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Art I & II and recommendation of art teacher

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

Description: Art III students will use a variety of art materials to explore the elements and principles of art and design in both 2-D and 3-D forms. Drawing, painting, assemblage, fibers, and mixed media are some of the mediums used by students in this semester. Each semester of Art offers students an introduction to both art history and a variety of world cultural traditions. Lessons include both historical and contemporary artists, periods and styles of art from around the world. Lessons are sequential and built upon introduced material with a focus on aesthetics, art criticism, and the elements and principles of art and design. Throughout the creative process students will develop their personal, creative expression as well as a sense of appreciation, accomplishment, and mastery of the National & Diocesan Standards for Visual Arts. Students are required to purchase a personal sketchbook, and a fee for additional supplies is charged each semester.

Principles of Entrepreneurship 1 - 8812110

Length: Varies

Grade level: 10-12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Practical Arts

Description: This CP level course provides instruction in the basic principles of entrepreneurship: the role of the entrepreneur, entrepreneurship as a career, ethics in business, and the principles of marketing, financing, and managing a business.

Principles of Entrepreneurship 2 Honors - JC8812120

Length: Varies

Grade level: 10-12

Prerequisite: Principles of Entrepreneurship 1

Graduation Requirement: Practical Arts

Description: This honors-level course builds on the foundational concepts of Entrepreneurship 1 by offering a deeper exploration of business development, innovation, and strategic planning. Students will apply entrepreneurial principles through hands-on projects, such as creating a business plan, conducting market research, and developing branding and financial strategies. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, leadership, and real-world application through simulations, case studies, and potential business ventures.

Media/Journalism 1 - 8203000

Length: 1 semester or year long

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Practical Arts

Description: In this CP level course, students explore and develop concepts, terminology, techniques, and applications to design, create, print, and display media productions/packages for the school. As they become more adept at using the tools and techniques available to them, students design digital animated images through the single or combined use of computers, digital cameras, digital video cameras, scanners, photo editing software, drawing and painting software, graphic tablets, printers, new media, and emerging technologies. Through the critique process, students evaluate and respond to their own media creations and those of their peers to measure artistic growth with increasing sophistication.

Media 2 Honors - 8771110

Media 3 Honors - 8209510

Length: 1 semester or year long

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Media 2 H requires a full year of Media 1 and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Practical Arts

Description: Media 2 H and Media 3 H build upon Media 1 while increasing student ownership and responsibility. Students are tasked with roles and responsibilities requiring collaboration among peers to complete independent projects and media packages.

Theater 1 - 0400310

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Performing Arts

Description: This CP level course is designed to introduce the student to the principles of performance including improvisation. Technical theater topics including, but not limited to, makeup, costuming, and theater terminology will be studied. Theater students engage in the process of producing creative works, in addition to highlighting the culminating finished products or performances. Students will study works and focus on analysis and interpretation, peer-to-peer dialogue, reflective writing, and experimentation. Students who begin Theater 1 in the second semester must complete Theater 1E before earning honors credit in consecutive theater courses.

Theater 2 Honors - 0400320

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Full year of Theater I

Graduation Requirement: Performing Arts

Description: This course will continue to build on the skills from Theater I, specifically improvisational and advanced performance techniques. Technical Theater topics and activities with a focus on directing and stage managing.

Theater 3 Honors - 0400330

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Theater II and instructor approval

Graduation Requirement: Performing Arts

Description: This course further develops voice and diction as well as acting skills. Students will study and analyze plays, as well as writing vignette play that will be produced.

Yearbook 1 - 1006300

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Application and interview

Graduation Requirement: Practical Arts (JC)

Description: This CP level course introduces students to the skills necessary for publishing the school yearbook. Layout design, writing copy, photography, art and the mechanics of publishing are developed. Since the yearbook is self-supporting, business and organizational skills are also included. This course is limited to twenty students. Students in 2nd and/or 3rd year will receive 1 full practical arts credit.

Yearbook 2 Honors - 1006310

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Yearbook 1

Graduation Requirement: Practical Arts (JC)

Description: The purpose of this course is to perform advanced skills in the production of journalism across print and to develop advanced knowledge of journalism history, ethics use, and management techniques related to the production of journalistic media.

Yearbook 3 Honors - 1006320

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Yearbook 1 and 2

Graduation Requirement: Practical Arts (JC)

Description: The purpose of this course is to perform advanced skills in the production of journalism across print and to develop advanced knowledge of journalism history, ethics use, and management techniques related to the production of journalistic media.

Music

Band - 1302300 (This is currently a *pre-school* class beginning at 7:15 am / Thursday in the afternoon)

Length: 1 year (*year 2 and beyond carry honors weight*)

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Previous woodwind/brass experience and approval of the teacher

Graduation Requirement: Performing Fine Arts

Description: While this is our entry-level course, some previous experience is expected as this course enables students to refine and develop technical skills on woodwind or brass instruments through the refinement and performance of high school band literature. The importance of the relationship among composers, performers, and audiences will be addressed. Self-discipline, practice, and dedication are required. Performances and rehearsals during, before, and after school are required.

Chorus - 1303300 (This is currently a *pre-school* class beginning at 7:15 am / Thursday in the afternoon)

Length: 1 year (*year 2 and beyond carry honors weight*)

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Previous choral experience and approval of the Chorus instructor

Graduation Requirement: Performing Fine Arts

Description: This course is designed for students with previous participation in a school chorus who have basic knowledge of note-reading and vocal technique, and concentrates on providing students opportunities to strengthen existing skills in critical listening, vocal techniques, and ensemble performance using high-quality three- and four-part choral literature. Rehearsals focus on gaining independence in music literacy and aesthetic engagement through critical listening and thinking skills.

Jazz Ensemble 1 - 1302500 - (This is currently a *pre-school* class beginning at 7:15 am / Thursday in the afternoon)

Length: 1 year (*year 2 and beyond carry honors weight*)

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Previous experience on an instrument suited for jazz ensemble

Graduation Requirement: Performing Fine Arts

Students with experience on an instrument suited for jazz ensemble explore the fundamentals of performance practices, improvisation, and music theory through a diverse repertoire of high-quality jazz literature. Students learn the basics of foundational jazz styles, use chord symbols, develop knowledge of musical structure, and study the history of jazz and its iconic musicians. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Students in this class may need to obtain (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) an instrument from an outside source.

Physical Education

JC Seminar - 0800300 (*Graduation Requirement - Pairs with Personal Fitness*)

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 9

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Physical Education

Description: This CP level course helps students understand how to make healthy choices: physically, socially, and mentally. Using the School Connect Curriculum, this SEL course focuses on five components - self awareness, self management, social awareness, relationship building, and responsible decision making. The components are discussed in the context of healthy lifestyle and relationship choices with an emphasis on effective communication and resolving conflicts peacefully.

Personal Fitness - 1501300 - Graduation Requirement

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 9

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Physical Education

Description: This CP level course helps students understand their personal capabilities and pushes them to increase their overall cardiovascular and muscular endurance. Our intention is to motivate students to become physically active and incorporate exercise into their lifestyle in an appropriate manner. John Carroll physical education uniforms are required for this course.

Team Sports 1 - 1503350

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Electives

Description: This CP level course helps develop the physical skills necessary to be competent in many forms of movement, knowledge of team sports concepts such as offensive and defensive strategies and tactics, and appropriate social behaviors within a team or group setting. The integration of fitness concepts throughout the content is critical to the success of this course.

Team Sports 2 - 1503360

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Electives

Description: As a continuation of Team Sports 1, this CP level course further develops the physical skills necessary to be competent in many forms of movement, knowledge of team sports concepts such as offensive and defensive strategies and tactics, and appropriate social behaviors within a team or group setting. The integration of fitness concepts throughout the content is critical to the success of this course.

Weight Training 1 - 1501340

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Approval of the teacher

Graduation Requirement: Physical Education

Description: This CP level course introduces the following: (a) basic knowledge and skills in weight training, (b) methods and techniques to improve muscular strength and endurance, and (c) ways to enhance body image.

Weight Training 2 - 1501350

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Beginning Weight Training or approval of the teacher

Graduation Requirement: Physical Education

Description: This CP level course will have an emphasis on the power lift, bench press, squat, and power clean. Programs will be designed for weight gain and enhancement of athletic performance.

Weight Training 3- 1501360

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Intermediate Weight Training

Graduation Requirement: Physical Education

Description: In this CP level course students are placed on an individualized program of weight training and plyometrics according to their individual athletic needs.

Other

Advanced Placement Capstone Research - 1700510

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 12

Prerequisite: AP Seminar

Graduation Requirement: Electives

Description: This is the second course in the AP Capstone experience (see page 17), allows students to deeply explore an academic topic, problem, issue, or idea of individual interest. Students design, plan, and implement a yearlong investigation to address a research question. Through this inquiry, they further the skills they acquired in the AP Seminar course by learning research methodology, employing ethical research practices, and accessing, analyzing, and synthesizing information. Students reflect on their skill development, document their processes, and curate the artifacts of their scholarly work through a process and reflection portfolio. The course culminates in an academic paper of 4,000–5,000 words (accompanied by a performance, exhibit, or product where applicable) and a presentation with an oral defense.

Advanced Placement Capstone Seminar - 1700500

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11

Prerequisite: 'A' average in previous AP courses and teacher recommendations

Graduation Requirement: Electives

Description: This course is a foundational course that engages students in cross-curricular conversations that explore the complexities of academic and real-world topics and issues by analyzing divergent perspectives. Students learn to investigate a problem or issue, analyze arguments, compare different perspectives, synthesize information from multiple sources, and work alone and in a group to communicate their ideas.

Leadership in Ministry - 2400310 with diocesan standards incorporated.

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 12

Prerequisite: Application process

Graduation Requirement: Theology

Description: Also known as “Alpha.” This honors-level course will provide the opportunity for selected peer ministers to develop a deeper understanding of their faith, utilize their leadership skills, and share their belief in God through faith ministry. Public speaking skills will be emphasized as students share moral values, witness their faith, lead prayer services, and plan and execute retreats for John Carroll High School and partner middle schools.

Peers as Partners in Learning I* and II - 1400340**

Length: Varies

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Application process

Graduation Requirement: Electives

Description: This CP level course is designed to provide reciprocal academic and social benefits to students with and without learning differences. Students enrolled in this course will learn and apply knowledge and skilled practices in the areas of academic engagement, communication, social barriers, leadership, problem solving, and other neurodiverse-related topics such as historical perspectives, inclusion, Universal Design for Learning, person-first language, presumed competence, social justice for minority populations, and media representation of diverse people.

****A second year in this course earns Honors weight.**

Personal Finance and Money Management - 2102371

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Electives (Personal Finance Literacy)

Description: This CP level course introduces students to key aspects of personal finance through seven focus areas. Students learn how financial decisions are made and how cognitive biases can influence those choices. The course covers how income is earned and taxed, and explores various career and post-secondary paths. Students develop personal or family budgets and practice making informed purchasing decisions by weighing costs and benefits. They examine how saving early and understanding interest can increase future purchasing power, and compare savings options offered by financial institutions. The course also addresses credit and loans, highlighting their pros, cons, and associated interest. Students explore investment and retirement planning,

evaluating risk, return, and the benefits of diversification. Finally, the course teaches how to manage financial risks related to income, health, and identity through strategies like insurance.

ENGLISH

CP English 1 - 1001310

Length: 1 year

Grade Level: 9

Prerequisite: High School Placement Test

Graduation Requirement: English

Description: English 1 focuses on the close reading, analytical writing, and language skills that have immediate relevance for students and that will be essential for their future coursework. Texts take center stage in the English 1 classroom, where students engage in close, critical reading of a wide range of literary and nonfiction works. The course trains the reader to observe the small details within a text to arrive at a deeper understanding of the whole. It also trains the writer to focus on crafting complex sentences as the foundation for writing to facilitate complex thinking and to communicate ideas clearly.

Honors English I - 1001320

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9

Prerequisite: Placement Test

Graduation Requirement: English

Description: This course develops students' skills in the basic elements of traditional grammar. Students are introduced to literary terms and various literary genres including drama, novels, short stories, poetry and non-fiction selections. Throughout the year, this course stresses and reinforces students' reading, writing, vocabulary, and oral communications skills. Media and technology skills are reinforced through students' research paper writing. This course is more detailed, in depth, and enriched than the academic level.

CP English II - 1001340

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10

Prerequisite: English I

Graduation Requirement: English

Description: English II broadens and deepens student skills in all facets of communicative arts. The course builds on the foundations of English I, promoting extended study in reading, writing, speaking, listening, research, and critical thinking. Skills and concepts taught in this course will help students use language purposefully as they comprehend, construct, and convey meaning.

Honors English II - 1001350

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10

Prerequisite: English I Honors or English 1 with teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: English

Description: The purpose of this course is to provide grade 10 students, using texts of high complexity, advanced integrated language arts study in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language in preparation for college and career readiness. Honors courses require a greater demand on students through increased academic rigor.

CP English III - 1001370

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11

Prerequisite: English I and II

Graduation Requirement: English

Description: This course presents a chronological survey of American literature from the colonial period up to and including twentieth century writers. There is a focus on vocabulary, research, grammar, and writing skills to produce a research paper. The purpose of this course is to provide grade 11 students, using texts of high complexity, integrated language arts study in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language for college and career preparation and readiness.

Honors English III - 1001380

Length: 1 year

Grade Level: 11

Prerequisite: English II Honors or English II with a 90 or higher and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: English

Description: This course presents a chronological survey of American literature from the colonial period up to and including twentieth century writers. There is a focus on vocabulary, research, grammar, and writing skills to produce short essays, compositions, theme papers, speeches, oral reports, and research papers. This course is more detailed, in-depth, and enriched than the academic level. The purpose of this course is to provide grade 11 students, using texts of high complexity, advanced integrated language arts study in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language in preparation for college and career readiness. Students are challenged to think and collaborate critically on the content they are learning. Instruction will be structured to give students a deeper understanding of conceptual themes and organization within and across disciplines.

CP English IV - 1001400

Length: 1 year

Grade Level: 12

Prerequisite: English 1, English II, English III

Graduation Requirement: English

Description: This course reinforces students' skills in grammar and vocabulary. The course is a survey of British history, culture, and literature. Students are exposed to various literary genres including drama, novels, short stories, poetry, and non-fiction. This course will reinforce students'

reading, writing, vocabulary, and oral communication skills. The purpose of this course is to provide grade 12 students, using texts of high complexity, integrated language arts study in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language for college and career preparation and readiness.

Honors English IV - 1001410

Length: 1 year

Grade Level: 12

Prerequisite: English III Honors and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: English

Description: This course reinforces students' skills in grammar and vocabulary. The course is a survey of British history, culture, and literature. Students are exposed to various literary genres including drama, novels, short stories, poetry, vocabulary, and oral communication skills. Media and technology skills are reinforced through students' research paper writing. This course is more detailed, in-depth, and enriched than the academic level. The purpose of this course is to provide grade 12 students, using texts of high complexity, advanced integrated language arts study in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language for college and career preparation and readiness. Students are challenged to think and collaborate critically on the content they are learning. Instruction will be structured to give students a deeper understanding of conceptual themes and organization within and across disciplines.

AP English Language and Composition - 1001420

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11th

Prerequisite: English II Honors or English II, both requiring a grade of an A and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: English

Description: This course enables students to read text with critical understanding and to write with complexity and detail allowing for effective communication with the experienced reader. Writing assignments include narration, description, exposition and persuasion. Students must be able to budget their time, work both independently and cooperatively, and be extremely self-disciplined. Students are required to read two summer reading books. The Advanced Placement test in May is a requirement of the course, but does not affect the student's grade.

AP English Literature and Composition - 1001430

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 12

Prerequisite: AP Language and Composition or English III Honors with a teacher recommendation or English III with a grade of an A and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: English

Description: This course incorporates both a survey of English, American, and world literature and the vocabulary, oral skills, writing, research, and analysis skills needed to take the required Advanced Placement Examination. Outside reading is required and students will read 2 summer

books. The Advanced Placement test in May is a requirement of the course, but does not affect the student's grade.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

CP Spanish I - 0708340

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10, 11

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language

Description: This course includes basic skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Special emphasis is given to learning the verbs: the present tense (regular & irregular), the present progressive tense, and ir + infinitive. In addition to other essential grammar and vocabulary, the program introduces basic information about the geography, history, culture, and arts of the countries in which Spanish is spoken.

CP Spanish II - 0708350

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Spanish I

Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language

Description: This course includes intermediate skills in listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Special emphasis is given to grammar and verb conjugations in various tenses. In addition to extending grammatical knowledge and vocabulary, the program continues the study of the history, geography, culture, and arts of the countries in which Spanish is spoken. Spanish is spoken frequently in class.

Honors Spanish II - 0708350

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Spanish I and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language

Description: This course includes advanced work in the skill areas of listening, speaking, writing, and reading. In addition to extending grammatical knowledge and vocabulary, the program continues the study of the history, geography, culture, and arts of the countries in which Spanish is spoken. Spanish is used in the classroom except when grammatical explanations require the use of English.

Honors Spanish III - 0708360

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Spanish II or Spanish II Honors with a grade of 90 or better and recommendation of teacher

Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language

Description: This course includes an intensive review of Spanish grammar with the emphasis on the student's ability to use the fundamentals from the first two years in a wide variety of areas. Spanish readings develop vocabulary and reading comprehension of many fields and provide a basis for classroom discussions in Spanish. The more complex grammatical structures, the use of the subjunctive, and idiomatic expressions are studied. Emphasis on all four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Culture is studied through the life story of the people as seen in their literature, arts, folklore, and daily lives. English is used only for clarification, and students are expected to function in the Spanish language. Special projects and short papers in Spanish are assigned.

AP Spanish Language & Culture - 0708400

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Spanish III Honors with a grade of A or better and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language

Description: This course prepares students for the AP Spanish Language exam and is organized around the themes of the AP Language Curriculum Framework. Topics range from personal themes to global issues, helping students increase their level of awareness of different Spanish-speaking countries. Students engage with authentic materials by using different modes of communication - interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational. Class is conducted entirely in Spanish. The Advanced Placement test in May is a requirement of the course, but does not affect the student's grade.

MATHEMATICS

CP Algebra I - 1200310

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Algebra I

Description: Algebra I is the foundation for the advanced high school mathematics courses. It is the bridge from the concrete to the abstract study of mathematics. Students will study the following: solving single variable equations and inequalities, graphing linear functions, simplifying exponential expressions, solving systems of equations, simplifying polynomial expressions, solving & factoring quadratic equations and basic statistics.

H Algebra I - 1200320

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9

Prerequisite: Placement test and/or teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Algebra I

Description: Honors Algebra 1 is the foundation for the advanced high school mathematics courses. It is the bridge from the concrete to the abstract study of mathematics. Students will study the following: solving single variable equations and inequalities, graphing linear, exponential, and quadratic functions, solving systems of equations, simplifying polynomial expressions, solving & factoring quadratic equations, solving rational equations, and basic statistics. This HONORS course is designed for students who will be taking AP Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus.

CP Geometry - 1206310

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Passing grade in Algebra I - For 9th grade - 70 or above on the Diocesan Algebra I Comprehensive Exam or a 'C' or higher on the FLDOE End of Course exam. For 10th grade - teacher recommendation.

Graduation Requirement: Geometry

Description: This course covers the basic concepts of plane geometry with emphasis on the logical structure of geometric proof. Algebra will be integrated throughout the course. Topics studied will include areas, volumes, word problems, rational expressions, right triangle trigonometry, triangles, quadrilaterals, and circles. Scientific or graphing calculator is required.

Honors Geometry - 1206320

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10

Prerequisite: For 9th grade - 85 or above on the Diocesan Algebra I Comprehensive Exam or an 'A' or 'B' on the FLDOE End of Course exam. For 10th grade - teacher recommendation.

Graduation Requirement: Geometry

Description: This course covers basic and in-depth concepts of plane geometry with emphasis on logical structure of proofs and geometric problem solving. Algebra will be integrated throughout the course. Topics include areas, volumes, word problems, rational expressions, right triangle trigonometry, triangles, quadrilaterals, and circles. Scientific or a graphing calculator is required.

CP Algebra II - 1200330

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Algebra I and Geometry - For 9th grade - 70 or above on the Diocesan Geometry Comprehensive Exam or a 'C' or higher on the FLDOE Geometry End of Course exam. For 10th grade - teacher recommendation.

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Description: College Prep Algebra 2 is designed to strengthen students' understanding of essential algebraic concepts while introducing new topics that prepare them for higher-level math courses. Throughout the year, students will explore systems of inequalities, quadratic and polynomial functions, radical expressions and functions, complex numbers, exponential and logarithmic functions, and more. This course emphasizes building a strong foundation by reinforcing previous

skills and expanding critical thinking abilities in algebra. Algebra 2 is often seen as a pivotal and challenging course because it lays the groundwork for Pre-Calculus and all advanced math classes. While the material can be demanding, consistent effort and support will help students succeed. A solid grasp of Algebra 1 and Geometry concepts is recommended to thrive in this course. College Prep Algebra 2 is an important step for students aiming to continue their math journey beyond Algebra 2.

Honors Algebra II - 1200340

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10, 11

Prerequisite: Honors Algebra I, Honors Geometry, and teacher recommendation. For 9th grade - 85 or above on the Diocesan Geometry Comprehensive Exam or an 'A' or 'B' on the FLDOE Geometry End of Course exam. For 10th grade - teacher recommendation.

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Description: Honors Algebra 2 offers an in-depth and rigorous exploration of advanced algebraic topics designed to prepare students for high-level mathematics courses. Students will study complex concepts including polynomial, exponential, and logarithmic functions, complex numbers, conic sections, sequences and series, and advanced trigonometry. This course challenges students to deepen their understanding beyond the standard curriculum, fostering strong analytical and problem-solving skills. A solid foundation in Honors Algebra 1 and Honors Geometry is highly recommended for success. Honors Algebra 2 is ideal for students planning to pursue AP Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus, serving as a critical steppingstone on their path to advanced math and STEM studies.

CP Mathematics for College Algebra - 1200710

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 & Geometry

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Description: This course is intended to prepare students for College Algebra, which is a course that satisfies a mathematics general education requirement at every public postsecondary institution in Florida. In Mathematics for College Algebra, instructional time will emphasize five areas: (1) developing fluency with the Laws of Exponents with numerical and algebraic expressions; (2) extending arithmetic operations with algebraic expressions to include rational and polynomial expressions; (3) solving one-variable exponential, logarithmic, radical and rational equations and interpreting the viability of solutions in real-world contexts; (4) modeling with and applying linear, quadratic, absolute value, exponential, logarithmic and piecewise functions and systems of linear equations and inequalities; (5) extending knowledge of functions to include inverse and composition.

CP Mathematics for College Statistics - 1210305

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Algebra II

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Description: This course emphasizes four areas: (1) analyzing and applying linear and exponential functions within the context of statistics; (2) extending understanding of probability using data and various representations, including two-way tables and Venn Diagrams; (3) representing and interpreting univariate and bivariate categorical and numerical data and (4) determining the appropriateness of different types of statistical studies.

Honors Probability and Statistics - 1210300

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Algebra II and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Description: The purpose of this course is to explore descriptive and inferential statistics including the concepts of probability. Topics will include frequency distributions and graphs; measures of central tendency, position and variation; counting techniques including permutations and combinations; classical and empirical probability; discrete probability distributions; normal distributions; confidence intervals; hypothesis testing; testing the differences between means, variances, and proportions; correlation and regression; chi-square testing; variance analysis; nonparametric statistics; and sampling and simulation. A TI-84 Plus graphing calculator is required for this course.

Honors Precalculus - 1202340

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Honors Algebra 2 and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Description: This course includes polynomial functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, conic sections including geometrical properties, sequences and series, trigonometric functions and their graphs, right triangle trigonometry, circular functions, solution of trigonometric equations, polar coordinates, trigonometric identities including multiple and half angle identities, advanced graphing. Students are required to purchase a TI-84 Plus Calculator (~ \$100).

Honors Calculus - 1202300

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Algebra II

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Description: In Calculus Honors, instructional time will emphasize four areas: (1) developing understanding of limits and continuity of functions; (2) finding derivatives and applying them to motions, slopes, related rates and optimizations; (3) applying limits and derivatives to graph and analyze functions and (4) evaluating integrals and applying them to areas, volumes, average values and differential equations.

AP Precalculus - 1202305

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Honors Algebra 2 and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Description: In AP Precalculus, students explore everyday situations using mathematical tools and lenses. Through regular practice, students build deep mastery of modeling and functions, and they examine scenarios through multiple representations. They will learn how to observe, explore, and build mathematical meaning from dynamic systems, an important practice for thriving in an ever-changing world. AP Precalculus prepares students for other college-level mathematics and science courses. The framework delineates content and skills common to college precalculus courses that are foundational for careers in mathematics, physics, biology, health science, social science, and data science. Students are required to purchase a TI-84 Plus Calculator (~ \$100)

AP Calculus AB - 1202310

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11 or 12

Prerequisite: AP Pre-Calculus and teacher recommendation. (Honors Pre-Calculus on a case by case basis)

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Description: This course focuses on students' understanding of calculus concepts and provides experience with methods and applications. Through the use of big ideas of calculus (e.g., modeling change, approximation and limits, and analysis of functions), each course becomes a cohesive whole, rather than a collection of unrelated topics. Both courses require students to use definitions and theorems to build arguments and justify conclusions. The courses feature a multi representational approach to calculus, with concepts, results, and problems expressed graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally. Exploring connections among these representations builds understanding of how calculus applies limits to develop important ideas, definitions, formulas, and theorems. A sustained emphasis on clear communication of methods, reasoning, justifications, and conclusions is essential. Teachers and students should regularly use technology to reinforce relationships among functions, to confirm written work, to implement experimentation, and to assist in interpreting results. A TI-84 plus calculator is required. The Advanced Placement test in May is a requirement of the course, but does not affect the student's grade.

AP Calculus BC - 1202320

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 12

Prerequisite: A score of 3 or higher on the AP Calc AB exam and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Description: This course is a continuation of AP Calculus AB and continues to focus on students' understanding of calculus concepts and provide experience with methods and applications. Through the use of big ideas of calculus (e.g., modeling change, approximation and limits, and

analysis of functions), each course becomes a cohesive whole, rather than a collection of unrelated topics. Both courses require students to use definitions and theorems to build arguments and justify conclusions. The courses feature a multi representational approach to calculus, with concepts, results, and problems expressed graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally. Exploring connections among these representations builds understanding of how calculus applies limits to develop important ideas, definitions, formulas, and theorems. A sustained emphasis on clear communication of methods, reasoning, justifications, and conclusions is essential. Teachers and students should regularly use technology to reinforce relationships among functions, to confirm written work, to implement experimentation, and to assist in interpreting results. A TI-84 plus calculator is required. The Advanced Placement test in May is a requirement of the course, but does not affect the student's grade.

AP Statistics - 1210320

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: 85 or higher in Algebra II, Geometry Honors, and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Description: This course introduces students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing, and drawing conclusions from data. Students will explore trends; planning and conducting a study; random phenomena using probability and simulation; and population parameters and testing hypotheses. TI-84-Plus is required. The Advanced Placement test in May is a requirement of the course, but does not affect the student's grade.

SCIENCE

CP Anatomy & Physiology - 2000350

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: This course will enable you to feel more confident about how all the intricate functions and systems of the human body work together and connect what you learn about anatomy and physiology to what you already know about your own body. Consider this your user guide to the human body. This course will also cover the major systems of the body and explain how they work and why they don't sometimes. In addition, it will examine different diseases and disorders, recent advances in medicine, and ways to take care of your body. Lessons include real-life examples and interactive exercises, allowing you to think critically about your own experiences and make connections with the lesson

Honors Anatomy & Physiology - 2000360

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation required

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: While the content focus of this course is consistent with the Anatomy and Physiology course, students will explore these concepts in greater depth. In general, the academic pace and rigor will be greatly increased for honors level course work. Laboratory investigations that include the use of scientific inquiry, research, measurement, problem solving, laboratory apparatus and technologies, experimental procedures, and safety procedures are an integral part of this course.

CP Biology - 2000310

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Biology

Description: This course includes a historical survey of major advancements in biology as well as examination of principles of cellular organization and function. Basic botany and zoology content is covered and is supplemented with laboratory work. A general survey of the six kingdoms beginning with the simplest bacteria through the most complex animal is made.

Honors Biology - 2000320

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10

Prerequisite: Placement test or recommendation of teacher

Graduation Requirement: Biology

Description: This course includes a historical survey of major advancements in biology as well as examination of principles of cellular organization and function. Basic botany and zoology content is covered and is supplemented with laboratory work. A general survey of the six kingdoms beginning with the simplest through the most complex is made.

AP Biology - 2000340

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Biology Honors, Chemistry Honors, and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: This course presents an introductory college-level study in biology with laboratory. Content areas include molecules and cells, heredity, organisms and populations, and classifications with themes derived from evolution. The required AP exam will test students' understanding of ideas that unite these major content areas. Supplemental work is required. The Advanced Placement test in May is a requirement of the course, but does not affect the student's grade.

CP Chemistry - 2003340

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Algebra I and Biology with a grade of C or higher

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: This course introduces the student to the world of chemistry and develops the scientifically literate person who understands the methods and contributions of science to our society and to everyday living. The metric system is used consistently throughout the course to describe and make mathematical calculations. The student is taught basic measurement and measurement taking techniques, Bohr's model of the atom, the periodic table and trends, chemical bonds, formula writing, equation balancing, the gas laws, energy relationships, and study through acids, bases and salts. The laboratory and lab experiments are used to introduce, reinforce, and expand learning.

Honors Chemistry - 2003350

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Algebra I H and Biology H with a grade of B or higher

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: This course introduces the student to the world of chemistry and develops the scientifically literate person who understands the methods and contributions of science to our society and to everyday living. The metric system is used exclusively throughout the course to describe and make mathematical calculations. The student is taught basic measurement and measurement taking techniques, Bohr's model of the atom, the periodic table and trends, chemical bonds, formula writing, equation balancing, the gas laws, energy relationships, and study through acids, bases and salts. The laboratory and lab experiments are used to reinforce and expand learning.

AP Chemistry - 2003370

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Biology Honors, Chemistry Honors, and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: The AP Chemistry course is designed to be the equivalent of the general chemistry course usually taken during the first college year. Students in this course should attain a depth of understanding of fundamentals and a reasonable competence in dealing with chemical problems. The course contributes to the development of the students' abilities to think clearly and to express their ideals orally and in writing, with clarity and logic. The emphasis of this course will be chemical calculations and the mathematical formulation of principles. and laboratory work. Quantitative calculations appear in each topic, the course requires considerable time outside of the classroom, and lab experiments are various and complex. The Advanced Placement test in May is a requirement of the course, but does not affect the student's grade.

CP Earth and Space Science - 2001310

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Biology and Physical Science

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: This course includes the following concepts of Earth: topography, geography, structure, plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes, rocks and minerals, weathering, physical evolution, and climate and atmosphere. The concepts of space include the relationship of Earth and the Moon, solar system, stars, and galaxies.

Honors Ecology

Length: 1 year

Grade Level: 12th

Prerequisite: Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Teacher's Recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: Ecology is the scientific study of the relationships between living organisms and their environments. In this course, students will explore how ecosystems function, how energy flows through food webs, and how populations and communities interact and change over time. Topics include biodiversity, biomes, conservation, human impacts on the environment, and current ecological issues such as climate change and habitat loss. Through hands-on labs, field observations, and real-world case studies, students will develop critical thinking skills and a deeper understanding of the natural world and our role in protecting it. This course is ideal for students interested in environmental science, biology, or sustainability at the college level.

AP Environmental Science - 2001380

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Biology Honors, Chemistry Honors, and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: This course provides students with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the interrelationships of the natural world, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and human-made, to evaluate the relative tasks associated with these problems, and to examine alternative solutions for resolving and/or preventing them. Supplemental work may be required over the summer. The Advanced Placement test in May is a requirement of the course, but does not affect the student's grade.

CP Marine Biology - 2002500

Length: 1 year - *offered on alternate years*

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Biology

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: This course involves the study of the living organisms that inhabit the seas and their interactions with their environment. The study of oceanography will be incorporated into the

course as a means of understanding the oceans and their phenomena. Taxonomic categories (schemes of classification) will be introduced to demonstrate the complex evolutionary relationships among marine organisms. Laboratories will be used as a means of reinforcing and expanding the learning experience.

Honors Marine Biology - 2002510

Length: 1 year-offered on alternate years

Grade level: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Biology H, recommendation of Biology teacher, and a track record of honor courses

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: This course involves the study of the living organisms that inhabit the seas and their interactions with their environment. The study of oceanography will be incorporated into the course as a means of understanding the oceans and their phenomena. Taxonomic categories (schemes of classification) will be introduced to demonstrate the complex evolutionary relationships among marine organisms. Laboratories will be used as a means of reinforcing and expanding the learning experience. During the second marking period, each student will make a twenty minute formal presentation pertaining to the oceans and marine organisms.

Physical Science - 2003310

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Science

Description: Laboratory investigations that include the use of scientific inquiry, research, measurement, problem solving, laboratory apparatus and technologies, experimental procedures, and safety procedures to understand the physical world.

SOCIAL STUDIES

CP Economics - 2102310

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Economics

Description: This course studies the concepts and processes of the national and international economic systems. Contents include currency, banking, and monetary policy, the fundamental concepts relevant to the major economic systems, the global market and economy, major economic theories and economists, the role and influence of the government and fiscal policies, economic measurements, tools, and methodology, financial and investment markets, and the business cycle.

Honors Economics - 2102320

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Economics

Description: This honors level course studies the same concepts and processes as the CP course. However, Advanced courses require a greater demand on students through increased academic rigor. Academic rigor is obtained through the application, analysis, evaluation, and creation of complex ideas that are often abstract and multi-faceted. Students are challenged to think and collaborate critically on the content they are learning. Honors level rigor will be achieved by increasing text complexity through text selection, focus on high-level qualitative measures, and complexity of task. Instruction will be structured to give students a deeper understanding of conceptual themes and organization within and across disciplines. Academic rigor is more than simply assigning to students a greater quantity of work.

AP Human Geography - 2103400

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10, 11 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Social Studies Elective

AP Human Geography is a college-level introductory course that explores the spatial aspects of human societies and their interactions with the environment. It's a social science course that examines how humans understand, use, and alter the Earth's surface, focusing on patterns, processes, and spatial organization. The course is organized around key themes like population, culture, politics, agriculture, and urbanization.

CP Psychology - 2107300

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Social Studies Elective

Description - Through the study of psychology, students acquire an understanding of and an appreciation for human behavior, behavior interaction and the progressive development of individuals. The content examined in this first introductory course includes major theories and orientations of psychology, psychological methodology, memory and cognition, human growth and development, personality, abnormal behavior, psychological therapies, stress/coping strategies, and mental health.

Honors Psychology - JC2107310

Students will use a variety of sources, including an online textbook and case studies, to gain a rich understanding of biological, cognitive, developmental, abnormal, and social psychology. Students will apply their growing knowledge and interpretation of psychology through weekly engagement in discussions as well as written responses demonstrating their synthesis of multiple perspectives.

Students will have regular opportunities to apply psychology and psychological principles to their lives and the world around them.

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Social Studies Elective

AP Psychology - 2107350

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 11, 12

Prerequisite: A or B in Introduction to High School English and World Literature and teacher recommendation.

Graduation Requirement: Social Studies Elective

Description: This course will explore the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields of psychology. This course adheres to the curriculum and standards set forth by the College Board in order to prepare students for the AP Psychology exam. Areas of study include: the history of psychology; the biology of behavior; sensation and perception; states of consciousness; learning, memory, cognition (thinking, intelligence, and language); development across the lifespan; motivation and emotion; stress and health, social psychology; theories of personality, psychological disorders as well as psychological therapies. Students enrolled in this course are required to complete a summer assignment. The Advanced Placement test in May is a requirement of the course, but does not affect the student's grade.

CP U.S. Government - 2106310

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: U.S. Government

Description: This course is designed to help students understand the organization and functions of our American democratic system. The federal government as well as state and local governments are explored and studied. The Constitution and its importance today as well as in early America will be looked at.

Honors U.S. Government - 2106320

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 12

Prerequisite: AP US History II or US History II Honors and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: U.S. Government

Description: This course allows the student to become a more knowledgeable participant in our federal system of government. All levels of our democratic system will be studied and explored, and students will be expected to show understanding of our government at work.

AP U.S. Government and Politics - 2106420

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 12

Prerequisite: AP US History II or US History II Honors and teacher recommendation

Graduation Requirement: U.S. Government

Description: AP U.S. Government and Politics is an introductory college-level course in U.S. government and politics. Students cultivate their understanding of U.S. government and politics through analysis of data and text-based sources as they explore topics like constitutionalism, liberty and order, civic participation in a representative democracy, competing policy-making interests, and methods of political analysis.

CP United States History - 2100310

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10th

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: United States History

Description: The grade 9-12 United States History course consists of the following content area strands: United States History, Geography, and Humanities. The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the study of United States history from Reconstruction to the present day. Students will be exposed to the historical, geographic, political, economic and sociological events which influenced the development of the United States and the resulting impact on world history. So that students can clearly see the relationship between cause and effect in historical events, students should have the opportunity to review those fundamental ideas and events which occurred before the end of Reconstruction.

Honors United States History - 2100320

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10th

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: United States History

Description: This honors level course studies the same concepts and processes as the CP course. However, Advanced courses require a greater demand on students through increased academic rigor. Academic rigor is obtained through the application, analysis, evaluation, and creation of complex ideas that are often abstract and multi-faceted. Students are challenged to think and collaborate critically on the content they are learning. Honors level rigor will be achieved by increasing text complexity through text selection, focus on high-level qualitative measures, and complexity of task. Instruction will be structured to give students a deeper understanding of conceptual themes and organization within and across disciplines. Academic rigor is more than simply assigning to students a greater quantity of work.

Advanced Placement United States History - 2100330

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 10th

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: United States History

Description: AP U.S. History is an introductory college-level U.S. history course. Students cultivate their understanding of U.S. history from c. 1491 CE to the present through analyzing historical sources and learning to make connections and craft historical arguments as they explore concepts like American and national identity; work, exchange, and technology; geography and the environment; migration and settlement; politics and power; America in the world; American and regional culture; and social structures.

CP World History - 2109310

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9th

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: World History

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Honors World History - 2109320

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9th

Prerequisite: Scores on HSPT or MAP test

Graduation Requirement: World History

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AP World History: Modern - 2109420

Length: 1 year

Grade level: 9th

Prerequisite: Scores on HSPT or MAP test

Graduation Requirement: World History

Description: In AP World History: Modern, students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes from 1200 to the present. Students develop and use the same skills, practices, and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and

secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical connections; and utilizing reasoning about comparison, causation, and continuity and change over time. The course provides six themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: humans and the environment, cultural developments and interactions, governance, economic systems, social interactions and organization, and technology and innovation. The Advanced Placement test in May is a requirement of the course, but does not affect the student's grade.

THEOLOGY

The outreach program of John Carroll Catholic High School is a Christian service program which is a required part of the Religion Department curriculum for all students. In conjunction with their religion classes, a minimum of 100 community service hours is required to earn a John Carroll High School Diploma. Of the 100 hours of community service, 50 hours must be outreach hours. This requirement also meets the 100 hours of service that Bright Futures scholarships require. Please refer to our Campus Ministry tab on the JCHS website to learn more.

Note: The codes listed are diocesan codes (DC)

Old Testament - DC2109390

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 9

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Religious Studies

Description: This course examines the traditions, history, and religion of the early Hebrew people as presented in the Hebrew Scriptures. It stresses the need for contextual interpretation to provide a fuller understanding of the words and symbols used in ancient times.

New Testament - DC2109400

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 9

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Religious Studies

Description: This course presents Jesus as portrayed in the Gospels and allows students to grow in their awareness of Him much as the disciples did. Thus it is based on a Christology "from below," utilizing contemporary theology. It includes an in-depth reading and study of one Gospel.

Church History - DC135

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 10

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Religious Studies

Description: This course aims to review and integrate Catholic morality, doctrine, and teachings of the Church through a review of the history of the Church from apostolic time to the present day.

Christian Morality - DC123

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 11

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Religious Studies

Description: This course gives students an introduction to basic principles in Catholic moral theology. It proceeds to treat moral development in a psychological perspective. The question of evil, human life issues, such as euthanasia, capital punishment, abortion, suicide, human sexuality, genetic research, and other topics proposed by students and teachers are considered.

Sacraments of the Church - DC104

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 10

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Religious Studies

Description: This course is designed to give students a sense of Christian identity by examining the Sacraments, rites, rituals, practices, and traditions of the Catholic Church. Students will explore the efficacious nature of the Sacraments and discover how these effects can truly transform lives. Students will look at the many practical and relevant ways in which the grace received through the Sacraments can move them to action every day.

Social Justice - DC5134

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 11

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Religious Studies

Description: This course critically examines society based on values from the Scriptures and on the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Topics such as abortion, capital punishment, racism, poverty, the environment, peace, and an in-depth examination of the Holocaust are explored.

Sociology - 2108300 with integration of diocesan standards

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Religious Studies

Description: This course provides an examination of the Christian vision of love, centering on Jesus as the model. It is designed to help students explore the nature and characteristics of love within various lifestyles or vocations. Students have opportunities to develop a better

understanding of themselves and their compatibility with others. Course content focuses on marriage as a lasting covenant of faithful love and unique challenges of responsible parenting. Students also complete detailed budget analyses in preparation for their entry into adulthood.

World Religions - 2105310 with integration of diocesan standards

Length: 1 semester

Grade level: 12

Prerequisite: None

Graduation Requirement: Religious Studies

Description: This course is devoted to developing an understanding of the world's great religions from the perspective of recognizing the brotherhood of man and commonality of values. Students will also explore prejudicial beliefs and actions that promote intolerance and discrimination in the world.

Course Levels Grid

Grades	English		
9th	CP English I	Honors English I	
10th	CP English II	Honors English II	
11th	CP English III	Honors English III	AP Language & Comp.
12th	CP English IV	Honors English IV	AP English Literature & Comp.

Switching levels requires certain grades, test scores, and teacher recommendations.

Grades	Math		
9th	CP Algebra I	Honors Algebra I Honors Geometry Honors Algebra II	
10th	CP Geometry	Honors Geometry Honors Algebra II Honors Pre Calculus	AP Pre-Calculus
11th / 12th	CP Algebra II CP Math for College Alg. CP Math for Data & Financial Literacy	Honors Algebra II Honors Pre-Calculus Honors Prob & Stats	AP Statistics AP Pre-Calculus AP Calc. AB AP Calc BC

Switching levels requires certain grades, test scores, and teacher recommendations.

Grades	Science*		
9th	CP Physical Science	CP Biology	Honors Biology
10th	CP Biology	CP Chemistry	Honors Chemistry
11th/12th	CP Chemistry CP Anatomy & Physiology CP Marine Biology CP Earth & Space Science	Honors Ecology Honors Physics Honors Anatomy & Physiology Honors Marine Biology	AP Chemistry AP Environmental AP Biology

Switching levels requires certain grades, test scores, and teacher recommendations.

** Some courses are only offered every other year.*

Grades	Social Studies		
9th	CP World History	Honors World History	AP World History
10th	CP US History	Honors US History	AP US History
11th	CP Psychology	Honors Psychology	AP Psychology
12th	S1 - CP American Gov. S2 - CP Economics	S1 - Honors American. Gov. S2 - Honors Economics	S1 - Honors Economics S2 - AP American Gov.

Switching levels requires certain grades, test scores, and teacher recommendations.

Grades	Foreign Language		
9th	CP Spanish I		
10th	CP Spanish II	Honors Spanish II Honors Spanish III	
11th/12th		Honors Spanish III	AP Spanish Language & Comp.