



Saint Joseph Academy

TK-12th
2025-2026

High School Profile

CEEP Code: 053155

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Founded in 1995, Saint Joseph Academy (SJA) is an independent, TK-12, classical school that is faithful to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. We have 350 students, 89 of whom are in the High School. Our mission is to form vibrant young men and women who, committed to live by Catholic principles and follow the personal calling of God in each of their lives, will advance and transform human culture for the sake of the kingdom of God.

The class of 2025 graduated 30 students, and the high school student population ranges from 92-97 students with a faculty student ratio of 1:19. Students come from all over North San Diego County and beyond (some even driving more than an hour each way) to take advantage of our unique offerings. We offer generous need-based financial aid, as well as merit-based scholarships; in addition, 16% of our families utilize our tuition-assistance work-study program. Over 33% of the fulltime faculty hold advanced degrees. SJA is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) until 2028 and holds membership with the National Association of Private Catholic and Independent Schools (NAPCIS) and the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE). SJA is recognized by the Cardinal Newman Society as an Honor Roll school (2018-2026).

Curriculum

230 credits are required for graduation:

- 40 credits (4 years) **English** (*Ancient/Medieval Literature, World Literature, American Literature, British Literature*)
- 40 credits (4 years) **Mathematics** (*Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Personal Finance, Pre-Calculus, Calculus 1, Calculus II*)
- 30 credits (3 years) **Science** (*Zoology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Astronomy*)
- 40 credits (4 years) **Theology** (*Biblical Theology, Foundations of Theology, Moral Theology, Spiritual Theology*)
- 40 credits (4 years) **History** (*Ancient & Medieval History, World History, U.S. History, Civics/Economics*)
- 20 credits (2 years) **Language other than English** (*Spanish, Latin*)
- 10 credits (1 year) **Writing** (*Rhetoric/Senior Thesis*)
- 10 credits (1 year) **Visual and Performing Arts** (*Art History*)
- **Electives:** 2.5 credits/semester (*Choir, Yearbook, Drama, Dance, Campus Ministry, Robotics, Associated Student Body*)

Weighting of Grades and Ranking

Honors courses are weighted by one point. All credit classes are included in computing grade point averages. Grade point averages (GPA) are computed by semester. We do not rank.

CLT Results (120 total)

SJA Average (Entire class of 2025)	70
National Average	67

SAT Results

Subject	SJA	National
Math	565	523
ERW	615	527
Total	1180	1050

National Merit Scholars

National Merit Finalist: 1 (2016/17)
National Merit Commended Student: 5 (2017/18, 2019/20, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25)

Honors Courses

(88% of students take at least one Honors course)

Algebra I	Moral Theology
Geometry	Spiritual Theology
Algebra II	Zoology
Pre-Calculus	Biology
Calculus I & II	Chemistry
Ancient Literature	Physics
Medieval Literature	Ancient History
American Literature	World History
Modern Literature	U.S. History
Spanish I & II	World History
Foundations of Theology	Art History
	Dance

Grade Assignments	
SJA uses a 4.0 system. Letter grades are assigned as follows:	
A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	59% or below

The Cardinal Newman Society Awards:

In 2018-2023, the Cardinal Newman Society recognized Saint Joseph Academy as a Catholic Education Honor Roll School and was further elevated to the highest level as a Catholic Education Ambassador School. Schools receiving this designation are marked by the integration of Catholic identity throughout all aspects of their programs and excellence in academics. This award is granted every five years. We are the only high school in San Diego and one of only four in California to win this award.

Grade Distribution Class of 2025	
There were 30 graduates in the Class of 2025	
Weighted	Non-weighted
12 earned a 4.25+	11 earned a 3.75-4.0
7 earned a 4.0-4.24	12 earned a 3.5-3.74
8 earned a 3.5-3.99	5 earned a 3.0-3.49
3 earned a 3.0-3.49	2 earned less than 3.0
0 earned less than 3.0	

Athletics

SJA is a member of C.I.F.

- Boys 8 Man Football (CIF Division VI Runner-up 2022, 2023, CIF Division VI Championship 2024)
- Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Boys Basketball (CIF Division V Section Champions 2022)
- Girls Basketball (CIF Division III Section Champions, 2021)
- Boys Baseball (CIF Division V Runner-up 2023)
- Girls Softball (CIF Division V-AA Runner up 2024)
- Boys Soccer (CIF Division VI Runner up 2024, CIF Division V-AA Championship 2025)
- Golf
- Track and Field

Over 75% of our students participate in athletics. We are a member of the Virtue = Strength Program.

Community Service

Students record at least 30 volunteer hours of required community service per year of high school.

Post High School Academic Activities

99% of graduates go on to college

92% matriculate to 4-year universities

SJA's 2017-2025 Graduates (156 Students Total) were accepted into the following Colleges and Universities

Alaska Pacific University
 *Ave Maria University
 Azusa Pacific University
 *Baylor University
 *Belmont Abbey College
 Bellus Academy
 *Benedictine College
 *Cal Poly Pomona
 *Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
 Cal State- Fullerton
 Cal State- Long Beach
 *Cal State- San Marcos
 Carroll College
 Catholic University of America
 Chapman University
 *Christendom College
 *Franciscan University of Steubenville
 *Grand Canyon University
 Hawaii Pacific University
 *Hillsdale College
 Hollins University
 International Theological Institute (Austria)
 *John Paul the Great Catholic University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Montana State University Honors College
 Mount St. Mary's University
 *Mira Costa College
 *Northern Arizona University
 Oregon State University
 Pepperdine University
 *Purdue University
 Saint Louis University
 Saint Mary's College
 San Diego State University
 *Thomas Aquinas College (CA & New England)
 *UC Berkeley
 *UC Davis,
 *UC Irvine, *UC Riverside
 *UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz
 University of Colorado
 *University of Dallas
 *University of Mary
 *University of Notre Dame
 University of the Pacific
 *University of San Diego
 University of Tampa
 University of Texas, Austin
 University of Tulsa
 University of Wisconsin (Madison)
 *indicates more than one acceptance