

SJN – Grade 9

Course Level Placement Guidelines

Freshmen students can expect to take the following courses:

English 1
 Algebra (or Geometry, see below)
 Theology
 Biology
 World History
 Spanish
 Health/PE

Students will be placed in College Prep level courses unless meeting the below criteria, by subject, for Honors. PSAT, preACT, or other standardized assessment data may be considered as available.

Honors English I	HSPT Verbal 80% or greater HSPT Reading 80% or greater HSPT Language 80% or greater
Honors Biology	
Honors World History	
Honors Algebra 1	HSPT Quantitative - 60% or greater HSPT Math - 60% or greater Passing score on the SJN Math Subject Test
Geometry	For students who have successfully completed high school Algebra I Passing score on the SJN Math Subject Test.
Honors Geometry	For students who have successfully completed high school Algebra I HSPT Quantitative - 80% or greater Passing score on the SJN Math Subject Test
Honors Spanish I	Passing score on SJN Spanish Subject Test
Honors Spanish II	For students who have successfully completed high school Spanish I Passing score on SJN Spanish Subject Test

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- Students should meet each listed benchmark to be considered for Honors or AP courses.
- Recommendation from a teacher/departmental committee, with consideration given to a student's work ethic and motivation, may impact placement decisions.

ENGLISH

H = Honors CP = College Prep AP = Advanced Placement N/A = Not Available

LEVEL/ COURSE	BENCHMARKS		
	<u>COLLEGE PREP</u>	<u>HONORS</u>	<u>AP</u>
English II (10)	Passing grade in English I	- 80 th percentile or higher on most recent PSAT/PreACT* - 85% average in H English I or 90% average in CP English I	N/A
English III (11)	Passing grade in English II	- 80 th percentile or higher on most recent PSAT/PreACT* - 85% average in H English II or 90% average in CP English II	N/A
Language (11)	N/A	N/A	- 85 th percentile or higher on most recent PSAT/PreACT* - 90% average in H English II
English IV (12)	Passing grade in English III	- 80 th percentile or higher on most recent PSAT/PreACT* - 85% average in H English III or 90% average in CP English III	
Literature (12)	N/A	N/A	- 85 th percentile or higher on most recent SAT/ACT* - 90% average in H English II or 90% average in AP Language

* percentile in applicable subcategories

Graduation Requirement: Passing grades in (4) years of English

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MATH

H = Honors

CP = College Prep

AP = Advanced Placement

N/A = Not Available

BENCHMARKS

<u>LEVEL/ COURSE</u>	<u>COLLEGE PREP</u>	<u>HONORS</u>	<u>AP</u>
Geometry	Passing grade in Algebra I	- 80 th percentile or higher on most recent PSAT/PreACT* - 85% average in H Algebra I or 95% average in CP Algebra I	N/A
Algebra II	Passing grade in Geometry	- 80 th percentile or higher on most recent PSAT/PreACT* - 85% average in H Geometry or 95% average in CP Geometry	N/A
Pre-Calculus	N/A	- 80 th percentile or higher on most recent PSAT/PreACT* - 85% average in H Algebra II or 95% average in CP Algebra II	- 80 th percentile or higher on most recent PSAT/PreACT* - 85% average in H Algebra II or 95% average in CP Algebra II or 85% average in H Pre-Calc
Statistics	Passing grade in Algebra II or College Algebra	- 80 th percentile or higher on most recent PSAT/PreACT* - 85% average in H Algebra II or 95% average in CP Algebra II	N/A
College Algebra	Passing grade in Algebra II	N/A	N/A
College Liberal Arts Math	Passing grades in Algebra I and Geometry	N/A	N/A
Calculus (AB)	N/A	N/A	85% average in H Pre-Calculus PSAT Math - 85% or greater
Calculus (BC)	N/A	N/A	85% average in AP Calc (AB) w/ Score of 3+ on AP exam

* percentile in applicable subcategories

Graduation Requirement:

Passing grades in (4) years of Math
Algebra I and Geometry, required

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SCIENCE

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BENCHMARKS

LEVEL/ COURSE	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS	AP
Biology			90% average in prior Honors Science PSAT >80% aggregate score and no individual sub score < 77%
Chemistry	Passing grade in Biology	85% average in H Biology or 90% average in CP Biology B+ in CP Math	90% average in prior Honors Science PSAT > 80% aggregate score and no individual sub score < 77%
Physics	Passing grade in Chemistry	85% average in H Chemistry or 90% average in CP Chemistry B average in H Geometry or B+ in CP Geometry	90% average in prior Honors Science PSAT >80% aggregate score and no individual sub score < 77%
Marine	Passing grade in Biology	N/A	N/A
Forensics	Passing grade in previous Science	N/A	N/A
Anatomy & Physiology	Passing grade in Biology	85% average in H Biology or 90% average in CP Biology	N/A
Environment	N/A	N/A	90% average in prior Honors Science PSAT >80% aggregate score and no individual sub score < 77%
Bioscience	N/A	85% average in H Biology or 90% average in CP Biology	N/A

Graduation Requirement:

Passing grades in these (3) Science courses: Biology, Chemistry & Physics
Additional credits of Science recommended for college entrance

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SOCIAL STUDIES

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CP = College Prep

AP = Advanced Placement

N/A = Not Available

BENCHMARKS

<u>LEVEL/ COURSE</u>	<u>COLLEGE PREP</u>	<u>HONORS</u>	<u>AP</u>
World History (10, AP: 10, 11, 12)		HSPT Verbal - 80% or greater HSPT Reading - 80% or greater HSPT Language - 80% or greater	PSAT Reading - 85% or greater 92% average in prior H English or 95% in CP English 92% average in H World History or 95% average in CP World History 85% average AP Human Geography
U.S. History (11)		PSAT > 80% aggregate score 85% average in H World History 90% in CP World History	PSAT Reading - 85% or greater 92% average in prior H English or H World History 85% average in prior AP English or AP History
Psychology	N/A	90% average in prior English or History	PSAT Reading - 85% or greater 92% average in prior H English or H History 85% average in prior AP English or AP History
Human Geography	Passing grade in prior History course	N/A	HSPT Verbal - 80% or greater HSPT Reading - 80% or greater HSPT Language - 80% or greater 92% average in prior H English or H History 85% average in prior AP English or AP History
Humanities	Passing grade in prior History course	N/A	N/A
Economics/ Government (12)		PSAT Reading - 80% or greater 85% average in H US History or 90% in CP US History	PSAT Reading - 85% or greater 92% average in prior H English or H US History 85% average in prior AP English or AP History

Graduation Requirement:

Passing grades in these (3) History courses: World History, US History, and Economics/Government

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SPANISH

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BENCHMARKS

<u>LEVEL/ COURSE</u>	<u>COLLEGE PREP</u>	<u>HONORS</u>	<u>AP</u>
Spanish I	Based on English placement	Based on English placement SJN Spanish Subject Test > 72%	N/A
Spanish II	Passing Grade in Spanish I	93% average in H Spanish I or 95% average in CP Spanish I SJN Spanish Subject Test > 87% Spanish Teacher Recommendation	N/A
Spanish III	85% average in Spanish II Passing Grade in H Spanish II Spanish Teacher Recommendation	93% average in H Spanish II or 95% average in CP Spanish II Spanish Teacher Recommendation	N/A
Spanish IV	N/A	93% average in H Spanish III or 95% average in CP Spanish III Spanish Teacher Recommendation	N/A
Spanish (11, 12)	N/A	N/A	90% - 95% average H Spanish III and H Span IV Spanish Teacher Recommendation

SJN Spanish Subject Test is recommended for new transfer students to determine proficiency level.

Graduation Requirement:

(2) consecutive years of a Foreign Language

Additional Language credits recommended for college entrance

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