



JUNIPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL

Junipero Serra High School believes that students of all faiths and backgrounds deserve an academically challenging, spiritually enriching Catholic college preparatory education that forms them to become generous, responsible citizens and leaders.

2019-2020 School Profile

Junipero Serra High School of Gardena, founded in 1950 by James Francis Cardinal McIntyre and the Marianist Order, is a coeducational, four-year, Catholic college preparatory school in the Los Angeles Catholic Archdiocese that is enjoying its sixty seventh year of operation. Typically, 99% of the graduates go directly to higher education. The Class of 2019 had 100% college acceptance—90% to four-year and 10% to two-year. Current enrollment is 353 with a senior class of 72 students.

Faculty

Serra currently has 28 full-time teaching and administrative staff members who all hold professional degrees. The entire staff includes 18 with master's degrees and one with doctoral degree.

Accreditation and Memberships:

Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Western Catholic Educational Association, the College Board, California Scholarship Federation, National Catholic Educational Association.

School Community

Junipero Serra is located in Gardena, California. Admission is by placement examination, evaluation, and elementary school grades. Each year approximately 30 elementary and middle schools, public and private, are represented in the applicant pool.

Serra's tuition is competitive with most Catholic and private high schools in Los Angeles (\$8,375 Catholic / \$8,750 non-Catholic 2019-2020). Considerable foundation support toward financial assistance enables Serra to educate students who might otherwise not be able to experience Catholic education because of their family's economic and social backgrounds. Serra represents the diversity that is evident in its surrounding community.

Curriculum

The basic program required for all students includes eight semesters each of English and religion; six semesters each of mathematics and social studies, four semesters each of laboratory science and foreign language; two semesters each of visual performing arts, physical education with health and college-preparatory elective. Eighty hours of community service are required over the four years.

Advanced Level Courses Available

Freshman

Biomedical Science
Honors English 9

Sophomore

Biomedical Science II
Honors Algebra I
Honors Biology
Honors Spanish I
Honors World History
Honors World Literature

Junior

Biomedical Science III
College U.S History to 1877
College US History to Present
Honors Algebra II
Honors American Literature
Honors Chemistry
Honors Spanish II
Honors Pre-Calculus

Senior

AP Calculus AB
College Ethnic Studies
College Economics
College English (Intro to Fiction)
College English (Ethnic Groups)
College Government
College Intro to Business
College Personal Finance
College Psychology
College Public Speaking
College Sociology
Honors English 12
Honors Spanish III

College-level courses are taught on campus through a partnership with El Camino College and are UC/CSU transferable.

Grades: All teachers compute assignments, tests and report cards use the following scale.

2011-2018 Academic Years					
Grade Scale		Unweighted GPA		Weighted GPA	
Mark	Percentage	Mark	Points	Mark	Points
A	90-100	A	4.0	A	5.0
B	89-80	B	3.0	B	4.0
C	79-70	C	2.0	C	3.0
F	69-0	F	0	F	0

Grade Point Averages

Our graduates have multiple GPA's. Our Total G.P.A reflects a composite of all courses taken in the high school; the Cal Grant GPA is utilized for CAL GRANTS federal & state financial aid eligibility; the Academic G.P.A. reflects the courses that meet the UC/CSU A-G requirements. Private universities each view the Total G.P.A. and accept courses based on the individual university's requirements.

All honors, advanced placement and El Camino College courses are weighted so that they are given a higher credit than the regular or non-honors course. The weighted G.P.A. is used to determine class ranking and the honor roll only. The incentive for choosing the more challenging course of studies is thus rewarded. The weighted grade is posted on the transcript as colleges accept both the unweighted or weighted G.P.A. Some colleges do weight particular subjects and will calculate their own G.P.A. for that student. The school code is **051025**

College Acceptances for 2018-2019 School Year

Agape English Language Institute	George Fox University	Tuskegee University
Alabama State University	Georgia State University	UC, Berkeley
Arizona Christian University	Grambling State University	UC, Davis
Arizona State University	Grand Canyon University	UC, Irvine
Arkansas Baptist College	Hampton University	UC, Los Angeles
Azusa Pacific University	Hawai'i Pacific University	UC, Merced
Benedict College	Howard University	UC, Riverside
Benedictine University, Mesa	Jackson State University	UC, San Diego
Bennett College	Johnson C. Smith College	UC, Santa Barbara
Bethune-Cookman University	Kwantlen Polytechnic University,	UC, Santa Cruz
Boise State University	Canada	University of Alabama
Boston Architectural College	Langston University	University of Arizona
California Baptist University	Lincoln University	University of Arkansas, Pine
California Polytechnic, Pomona	Los Angeles Harbor College	Bluffs
Central State University	Louisiana State University	University of Denver
Cerritos College	Loyola Marymount University	University of Hawai'i, Manoa
Charles Drew University	Marymount California University	University of Kansas
City University of New York	Michigan State University	University of Kentucky
Claflin University	Miles College	University of La Verne
Clark Atlanta University	Mississippi Valley State	University of Nebraska
Colorado State University	University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Columbia College	Morehouse College	University of Nevada, Reno
Concordia University, CA	Mount Saint Mary's University	University of New Orleans
Coppin State University	New Mexico Highlands	University of New Mexico
CSU, Bakersfield	University	University of Northern Colorado
CSU, Channel Islands	Norfolk State University	University of Oklahoma
CSU, Chico	Northern Arizona University	University of Oregon
CSU, Dominguez Hills	North Carolina A&T State	University of the Pacific
CSU, East Bay	University	University of Puget Sound
CSU, Fresno	Notre Dame de Namur University	University of Redlands
CSU, Fullerton	Ohio State University	University of San Diego
CSU, Humboldt	Philander Smith College	University of San Francisco
CSU, Long Beach	Prairie View A&M University	University of Southern California
CSU, Los Angeles	Richmond American International	University of Texas, El Paso
CSU, Maritime	University, London	University of Wisconsin, Madison
CSU, Northridge	Rutgers University	Vanguard University
CSU, Sacramento	Santa Monica College	Virginia State University
CSU, San Bernardino	Southern University/A&M	Washington State University
CSU, San Diego	College	Weber State University
CSU, San Francisco	Spelman College	West Virginia State University
CSU, San Jose	St. John's University	Western Washington University
CSU, Stanislaus	Talladega College	Whittier College
Delaware State University	Texas Christian University	Wiley College
Dillard University	Texas Southern University	Willamette College
Edward Waters College	Texas Tech University	Xavier University of Louisiana
El Camino College	The American University, Paris	
Fisk University	Tiffin University	