

# St. Joseph High School

March 4, 2020

Dear St. Joseph Family:

The St. Joseph High School course selection process for the 2020-2021 school year will begin during the week of March 9th, 2019. During Religion classes, I will instruct all students on how to navigate the course selection process. Each student will receive their unofficial transcript, a course worksheet, and instructions. **Your student will be instructed to take all documents home for you to review together. Note that the course worksheet requires your signature. If your signature is not received, your student's course selection may be delayed.**

It is very important to discuss your student's course selections and complete the worksheet together. College planning and admission are often dependent on selection of appropriate courses. The 2020-2021 Academic Course Book which includes graduation requirements and course descriptions will be available on the school website. Keep in mind that elective courses fill up quickly. Prepare to have two alternatives (in some cases, six).

As your student considers courses for next year, it is important to keep the following in mind:

- Required/recommended Pre-College course work (on opposite page)
- NCAA Eligibility Requirements (visit [www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future](http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future))
- Maintaining a healthy balance between school and personal interests/commitments

During the week of March 16th, I will meet with all students during their English classes to complete course selection. Freshman students will complete course selection during their Digital Citizenship classes. All other students will complete course selection on their devices during class. In the event that your student does not submit their completed worksheet, appropriate courses will be selected for them based on teacher recommendations and graduation requirements. If you would like to meet prior to this process, please schedule an appointment with your student's counselor to address any additional questions or concerns. Please expect a letter from our Business Office regarding general registration procedures.

Our team truly looks forward to helping your student plan their courses and prepare for college entrance. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Every student is responsible for fulfilling the minimum requirements for graduation required from St. Joseph High School. All students must pass the United States Constitution Test as required by state law. There is a service requirement for graduation. It is recommended that students perform 10 hours per year.

Courses	Credits	
RELIGION	4.00	<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION</b>
ENGLISH	4.00	
MATHEMATICS	3.00/ 4.00	25 Credits for Honors
SCIENCE	3.00 4.00	23.5 Credits for College Prep A
SOCIAL STUDIES	3.00	23.5 Credits for College Prep B
FOREIGN LANGUAGE/ FINE ARTS (For the Honors program students are required to complete 3 credits of foreign language and 0.5 credits of Fine Arts/Fine Arts App.)	2.00 3.50H	
ECONOMICS (one semester)	0.50	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (two semesters)	1.00	
HEALTH (one semester)	0.50	
DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP (beginning with the class of 2022)	1.0	
ELECTIVES	H 1.5	
	CPA 1.5	
	CPB 1.5	

### Required/Recommended Precollege Coursework

The Illinois Board of Higher Education establishes statewide minimum admission standards for public colleges and universities in Illinois. The following high school subjects are required of students entering many universities. Please note that these requirements are in line with St. Joseph High School graduation requirements.

Subject Area	Amount of Study	Types of Classes
<b>English</b>	4 years	English I – English IV
<b>Science</b>	3-4 years	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science
<b>Mathematics</b>	3-4 years	Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, and/or Calculus
<b>Social Studies</b>	3-4 years	U.S. History Gov., World History/Geography, and Economics
<b>Foreign Language</b>	2-4years	Of same language
<b>Fine Arts</b>	1-3 years	Art, Dance, Drama, Music, Performing Art