

2020-2021 LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

(Testing data from 2019-20 graduating class)

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DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL

La Jolla High School (LJHS) is a comprehensive high school for grades 9-12 located in La Jolla, a community within the city limits of San Diego. LJHS is the nucleus of the community and provides leadership for a middle school and three elementary schools. La Jolla High is one of 22 high schools in the San Diego Unified School District which is the second largest district in the state of California.

LJHS supports approximately 1,338 students with exemplary educational programs and services. The student body is comprised of both students from the local community and from the Program Involvement School Choice Program (PISC), and Gifted and Talented Education (GATE).

La Jolla High is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and has been cited as one of the top high schools in the nation (Newsweek Magazine.) La Jolla High is a California Distinguished School and is an Achievement via Individual Determination (AVID) School of Distinction. LJHS is the first public high school west of the Mississippi to have a chapter in the Cum Laude Society.

LJHS offers a rigorous, coherent, and relevant curriculum including 9 honors courses, 21 Advanced Placement courses, and several college courses taught on campus. The school provides programs to address special needs in GATE, English as a Second Language, and special education.

Each year approximately 96 percent of graduating seniors enter universities or colleges, with a significant number of students attending Ivy League schools, national and international institutions, and the University of California and California State University systems.

ENROLLMENT 2020-21: 1339

Senior Class – 335 Junior - 323
Sophomore – 311 Freshman Class – 370

FACULTY

73 certificated staff members: 66 instructors, 4 counselors, 1 librarian, 1 nurse, 3 administrators. Approximately 94% have completed the equivalent of a Masters Degree. Two teachers are National Board certified.

GRADING SYSTEM AND RANKING POLICY

In computing the grade point averages of students; a four-point scale is used. Advanced Placement, college, and honors designated courses are given an additional point for weighing the GPA. All semester grades earned after promotion from the eighth grade are counted. The graduation GPA is computed based on grades 9-12. College courses are worth two credits each semester. La Jolla High School does not rank students. In the spring of 2020, a “no grade” (N/G) was allowed for students significantly impacted by COVID.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE AND COVID INTERRUPTIONS

La Jolla High School’s year is divided into two semesters, eighteen weeks in length. Each day is divided into six 58-minute periods. Classes meet Monday through Friday. In March, 2020, due to COVID, campus was closed and the balance of the 2019-2020 school year was completed under a remote-learning model where students completed all classes on-line. For the 2020-21 school year, the grading terms were changed from two semesters to four quarters, and the students continued with remote learning. Each quarter is nine weeks in length, and there are three classes each quarter. Classes meet Monday through Friday for 74 minutes each.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

La Jolla High School offered 21 Advanced Placement courses last year and enrollment is contingent upon departmental approval. Testing is optional. In 2020, 575 students took 1217 AP exams. 73% earned scores of 3 or better.

19% earned scores of 5	21% earned scores of 2
25% earned scores of 4	6% earned scores of 1
29% earned scores of 3	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Project Lead the Way Biomedical Pathway, Edgenuity (online), Seminar Program of English and Social Science in grades 9 through 11.

COLLEGE ADMISSION

Over 95% of La Jolla High School graduates enter institutions of higher learning, (approximately 70% four-year colleges or universities; 25% two-year colleges).

GRADE POINT AVERAGE- 309 SENIORS CLASS OF 2020

3.50 – 4.0+ - 55%	2.50 – 2.99 -14%
3.00 – 3.49 - 21%	Below 2.5 – 10%

TESTING /HONORS INFORMATION

Academic Distinction – Seniors with 3.50+ GPA

Cum Laude Society – Top 20% of seniors in good standings

ACT Composite Mean – 28

❖ SAT				
Year	#Tested	Reading	Math	Writing
2019-2020	325	597	589	29
2018-2019	415	598	596	29

❖ NATIONAL MERIT	
2019 Commended	12
2018 Finalist	7
Commended	12

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2020-21

The curriculum is college preparatory, and the course of study covers four years. Students must carry six credits each semester in grades 9-11. Seniors may, with permission, have a shortened schedule. All students are required to participate in the physical education program in the ninth grade and one additional year thereafter. **44 SEMESTER CREDITS ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.** (P)=College Prep (HP)=Honors Prep

ENGLISH - 4 years:

- 1540-1C English Cluster 1, 2 (P)
- 1540-1S English 1,2 Seminar (P)
- 1570-1 English 3,4 (P)
- 1572-3 Advanced English 3,4 (P)
- 1572-3S Advanced English 3,4 Seminar (P)
- 1583-4 American Lit. 1,2(P)
- 1589-90 Honors Am Lit 1,2 (HP)
- 1641-2 English Literature (P)
- 1655-6 AP English Lang 1,2 (HP)
- 1655-6S AP English Lang Seminar 1,2 (HP)
- 1653-4 AP English Lit 1,2 (HP)
- 1641-2 English Literature 1,2 (P)
- 1698-9 Expository Reading, Writing Composition (P)
- 1707 Mesa College English 101 (HP)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE/ARTS - 2 years:

- 2203-4 Latin 3,4 (P)
- 2205-6 Latin 5,6 (P)
- 2209-10 AP Latin Vergil 1,2 (HP)
- 2321-2 Spanish 1,2 (P)
- 2323-4 Spanish 3,4 (P)
- 2325-6 Spanish 5,6 (P)
- 2307-8 Honors Spanish 7,8 (HP)
- 2333-4 AP Spanish Language 1,2 (HP)
- 2339-40 AP Spanish Literature 1,2 (HP)
- 4807 Mesa College AMSL 115 (HP)
- 4808 Mesa College AMSL 115L (HP)
- 4809 Mesa College AMSL 116 (HP)
- 4810 Mesa College AMSL 116L (HP)

FINE ARTS - 1 year:

- 0191-2 Art 1,2
- 0231-4 Ceramics 1-4
- 0271-2 Drawing & Painting 1,2 (P)
- 0367-8 AP Art 2-D Design 1,2 (HP)
- 0381-2 AP Art History 1,2 (HP)
- 1413-4 Tech Theatre 1,2 (P)
- 1462-3 Tech Theatre 3, 4 (P)
- 1423-6 Theatre 1-4 (P)
- 1427-8 Theatre 5,6 (P)
- 1429-30 Theatre 7,8 (P)
- 5020-1 Band 1-2 (P)
- 5320-6 Band 3-8 (P)
- 5330-4 Jazz Ensemble 1-6 (P)
- 5373-4 AP Music Theory (P)
- 3691-4 Photography 1-4 (P)
- 8373-6 Video Production 1-4 (P)
- 8511-12 Comp. Graphic Design 1,2 (P)

MATHEMATICS - 3 years:

- 4157-8 Integrated Math 1 (P)
- 4159-60 Integrated Math 2 (P)
- 4163-64 Integrated Math 3 (P)
- 4165-66 Adv. Integrated Math 1 (P)
- 4167-8 Adv. Integrated Math 2 (P)
- 4169-70 Adv. Integrated Math 3 (P)
- 4161-2 Precalculus 1,2 (P)
- 4181-2 Honors Precalculus 1,2 (HP)
- 4046-7 Statistics/Data Analysis 1-2 (P)
- 4055-6 AP Statistics 1,2 (HP)
- 4189-90 AP Calculus AB 1,2 (HP)
- 4191-2 Mesa College Math 150,151 (HP)
- 4396-97 Mesa College Math 254,245 (HP)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - 2 years:

- 5503-4 Physical Education (9)
- 5701-6 Physical Education (10-12)
- 5712 Physical Education Athletics (9-12)
- 5843 PE Marching Band (9-12)

SCIENCE - 3 years:

- 6111-2 Biology 1,2 (P)
- 6121-2 Adv Biology 1,2 (P)
- 6191-2 AP Biology 1,2 (HP)
- 6211-2 Chemistry 1,2 (P)
- 6221-2 Honors Chemistry 1,2 (HP)
- 6291-2 AP Chem 1,2 (HP) *(not offered 2016-17)*
- 6311-2 Physics 1,2 (P)
- 6321-2 Advanced Physics 1,2 (P)
- 6393-4 AP Physics C 1,2 (HP)
- 6431-2 Science Research Technique 1,2 (P)
- 6441-2 Marine Science 1, 2 (P)
- 6455-6 AP Environmental Science 1,2 (HP)
- 3301-2 Hnrs Principles of Biomed Sci (HP)
- 3303-4 Hnrs Human Body Systems (HP)
- 8339-40 Hnrs Medical Interventions (HP)
- 8365-6 Hnrs Biomed Innovations Blk (HP)
- 6409 UCSD Human Nutrition (HP)

SOCIAL STUDIES - 3 years:

- 6605-6 World History 1,2 (P)
- 6645-6 Adv World History 1,2 (P)
- 6645-6S Adv World History Sem 1,2 (HP)
- 6701-2 US History 1,2 (P)
- 6711-2 Honors US History 1,2 (HP)
- 6721-2 AP US History 1,2 (HP)
- 6721-2S AP US History Sem 1,2 (HP)
- 6757-8 Government 1/Economics 1 (P)
- 6759-60 AP European History 1,2 (HP)
- 6759-60S AP European History Sem 1,2 (HP)
- 6825-6 Mesa College Poli Sci 101-102 (HP)
- 6842 AP Macroeconomics 1 (HP)
- 6839 AP US Gov't and Politics 1 (HP)

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- 3705-6 Foundations in IT (P)
- 4461-2 AP Computer Sci A 1,2 (HP)
- 4463-64 AP Comp. Sci. Principles (HP)

OTHER ELECTIVES

- 8421-2 Yearbook
- 8431-2 ASB (Student Government)
- 8060-2 Senior High AVID
- 1154-5 Human Psych/Sociology (P)
- 6834-5 AP Psychology 1,2 (HP)
- 6584 UCSD Sociology (HP)
- 0595 Mesa College Business 100 (HP)
- 0596 Mesa College Marketing 100 (HP)

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS ELECTIVE:

- 1960-1 Journalism 1-2 (P)
- 1962-6 Journalism 3-6

PRACTICAL ARTS:

- 3651-4 Construction Tech 1-4
- 8827-28 Fine Woodworking (P)
- 8884-5 General Construction 1,2
- 0685-6 Theatre Mgmt/Design 1, 2