

San Joaquin High School

Freshman Class of 2029



Freshman Presentation Packet

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[IVA Counseling Website - Freshman Page](#)

HS Diploma vs. A-G Requirements

[IUSD High School Diploma Requirements](#): Graduation will be authorized by the Board of Education and a diploma will be granted to all students who have earned a minimum of 215 semester units of credit during grades 9-12 and meet Irvine Unified School District diploma requirements.

[A-G Requirements](#): To be eligible to apply to a four-year college or university, you'll have to meet your high school graduation requirements and a-g requirements.

<i>CONTENT AREA</i>	<u>HS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS</u>	<u>a-g REQUIREMENTS</u>
Grade Requirement	D- or higher	C- or higher
English	4 years	4 years
Mathematics	3 years Must include Math 2	3 years required, (4 years recommended) Requires successful completion of Math 3
Science	3 years	2 years required, 3 recommended 1 year physical and 1 year biological science
Social Science World History US History Economics Political Science	3 years (1 year) (1 year) (1 semester) (1 semester)	2 years (1 year) (1 year)
World Language/Fine Arts/CTE	1 year	2 years World Language (3 years recommended) <u>AND</u> 1 year Visual/Performing Arts
Physical Education	2 years	
Health	1 semester	
Electives	60 additional credits = 225 credits total	1 year from approved a-g course list

NINE REASONS

TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AFFORDABILITY



Students who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree can significantly lower the cost of earning the degree by taking the first two years of a university program at a community college. Community college students are eligible for financial aid.

PERSONALIZED ATTENTION



Community colleges offer a student-centered approach with smaller class sizes and more one-on-one time with instructors.

CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL



PATH EXPLORATION

Explore potential career paths before you commit to a four-year university.

School-Life Balance

and the ability to work while attending school



Classes are offered in the evenings, on weekends, and online.

Professional Certificates



Community Colleges provide professional and short-term certificates in many fields, including information technology and electronics. Students can be job-ready within two years or less.

Transfer Agreements



with select UC, CSU, and private colleges for qualified students.

A Second Chance at your First Choice Four-Year University

Students who were not accepted into their first-choice school after high school can apply to transfer after having completed the necessary coursework at a community college.

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A Variety of Programs Offered to Suit Varying Needs

Programs include two-year Associate's degrees, certificate programs in a variety of career interests, and transfer programs to four-year colleges.

Rigorous Honors Programs

All California community colleges offer honors programs with additional benefits including priority registration and priority admission consideration at certain four-year colleges. Check out the school's website for more information.



[Fillable Grad Check](#): Feel free to use this form to complete a grad check for yourself. Your counselor will also complete a grad check for you in 10th grade.

Requirements for high school graduation – min. 225 credits + completion of all subject requirements

English (40 credits)

English: ____ ____ English: ____ ____ English: ____ ____ English: ____ ____

Math (30 credits, including completion of Math II or equivalent)

Math I: ____ ____ Math II: ____ ____ Additional Math: ____ ____

Science (30 credits)

Science 1: ____ ____ Science 2: ____ ____ Science 3: ____ ____

History and Social Science (30 credits)

World History: ____ ____ U.S. History: ____ ____ Economics: ____ Government: ____

World Language/Fine Arts/Career Technical Education (CTE) (10 credits)

World Language: ____ ____ or Fine Arts: ____ ____ or CTE: ____ ____

PE (20 credits): ____ ____ ____ **Health (5 credits):** ____

Electives (60 credits)*: ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

Minimum requirements to apply to CSU or UC – all courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better

English (40 credits)

CP English: ____ ____ CP English: ____ ____ CP English: ____ ____ CP English: ____ ____

Math (30 credits required, including completion of Math III; 40 credits recommended)

Math I: ____ ____ Math II: ____ ____ Math III: ____ ____

Additional Math: ____ ____ ____

Laboratory Science (20 credits required; 30 credits recommended)

IS 1: ____ ____ IS 2: ____ ____ *Additional Science:* ____ ____ ____

History and Social Science (20 credits)

World History: ____ ____ U.S. History: ____ ____

World Language (20 credits of the same language required; 30 credits recommended)

World Language 1: ____ ____ World Language 2: ____ ____ *World Language 3:* ____ ____

Visual/Performing Arts (10 credits)

CP Visual/Performing Art: ____ ____ ____

Approved Elective (10 credits)

CP Approved Elective: ____ ____ ____

What is a Program of Studies?

A Program of Studies/Course of Study is a document specific to a school site that details all the classes offered at that school. You will see which courses you can take for your grade level and the prerequisites for each course. The below link will take you to the Program of Studies. This will be helpful for when you are ready to choose classes for 10th grade.

[IVA Program of Studies](#)

[College and Career Website](#): The College and Career Website provides students with resources and the contact information of our College and Career Coordinator. Have questions? Set up an appointment with your College and Career Coordinator: Kimberly Negron at kimberlynegron@iusd.org.

[IUSD CTE Pathways](#): Career Technical Education (CTE) provides students with an academic foundation, technical skills, and hands-on experience. Each home site offers different pathways to CTE, some courses have intro classes to help set you on a specific pathway. Now is the best time to learn about the pathways at your homesite because you can eventually blend your CTE back into your homesite.

[ROP](#): Coastline Regional Occupational Program (ROP) provides technical job training for high school juniors, and seniors. Classes give students hands-on job training and certifications. Several classes are offered every semester. Want more information? Contact our ROP Specialist: Aaron Ruiz at Aaronruiz@iusd.org

[Career Link](#): Career Link is a program aimed to support students with IEPs to successfully transition from high school to college or a career. Interested in learning more or want to see if you qualify? Contact your counselor.

Additional Resources

Mental Health Specialist: Mr. Young

For information about resources, visit our [website](#). If you would like more information on mental health resources on campus and in the community, please reach out to your school counselor.

[Digital/printable Planners](#): Planners can help you organize your daily and weekly tasks. Take a look at the digital resource above to help manage your time and schedule.