



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.

2015-2016 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 fourth year of operation. Typically, 99% of the graduates go directly to higher education. The Class of 2015 had 100% college acceptance. Current enrollment is 542 with a senior class of 125 students.

Faculty

Serra currently has 36 full-time teaching and administrative staff members who all hold professional degrees. The entire staff includes two faculty members with a doctoral degree and seventeen with master's degrees.

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 (\$7,900 Catholic / 8,200 non-Catholic 2015-2016). 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, social studies, and foreign language; four semesters of laboratory science; two semesters of fine arts; and one semester of physical education and health. Eighty hours of community service are required over the four years.

Advanced Level Courses Available

Freshman

Biomedical Science
Honors Algebra I
Honors Biology
Honors English 9
Honors World History

Sophomore

Biomedical Science II
Honors English 10
Honors Geometry

Junior

AP English Language
AP Spanish Language
College U.S. History to 1877
College U.S History to Present
Honors Algebra II
Honors American Literature
Honors Chemistry
Honors Pre-Calculus

Senior

AP Calculus AB/BC
AP Biology
AP English Literature
AP Psychology
College Economics
College Government
College Intro. To Business
College Communications
College Personal Finance
College Public Speaking
Honors English 12

College 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.

| 2011-2016 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 2014-2015

Academy of Art University
Alabama A&M University
Alliant International University
American Musical & Dramatic Academy
Antelope Valley College
Argosy University
Arizona State University
Art Institute of California
Azusa Pacific University
Bethune-Cookman University
Biola University
California Baptist University
California Lutheran University
Cal Poly Pomona
Chaffey College
Cerritos College
Clarke University
Clark-Atlanta University
College of Southern Nevada
Concordia University
CSU, Bakersfield
CSU, Channel Islands
CSU, Dominguez Hills
CSU, East Bay
CSU, Fresno
CSU, Fullerton
CSU, Long Beach
CSU, Los Angeles
CSU, Monterey Bay
CSU, Northridge
CSU, Sacramento
CSU, San Bernardino
CSU, San Diego
CSU, San Francisco
CSU, San Jose
CSU, Sonoma
Dillard University
El Camino College
Elmira College
Emory University

Fisk University
Grand Canyon University
Hampton University
Harris-Stowe State University
Hobart & William Smith College
Hofstra University
Howard University
Indiana Tech University
Jackson State University
Kansas-Wesleyan University
Langston University
Lincoln University
Lincoln University
Long Beach City College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University, New Orleans
Marist College
Marymount California University
Michigan State University
Miles College
Mills College
Morehouse College
Mount San Antonio College
Mount St. Mary's University
Northern Arizona University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Pacific University
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Roosevelt University
Santa Clara University
Santa Monica College
Seattle University
Simpson University
Southern University/A&M College
Stony Brook University
St. John's University
Texas Southern University
Tuskegee University
UC, Berkeley

UC, Davis
UC, Irvine
UC, Los Angeles
UC, Merced
UC, Riverside
UC, Santa Barbara
UC, Santa Cruz
United State Armed Forces, Air Force
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
University of Arkansas, Pine Bluffs
University of Arizona
University of Georgia
University of Hawai'i, Hilo
University of Hawai'i, Manoa
University of Kansas
University of La Verne
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Mexico
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of the Pacific
University of Portland
University of San Francisco
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of Southern Mississippi
University of Texas, El Paso
Virginia State University
West Los Angeles College
Wheaton College
Willamette University
Whittier College
Xavier University of Louisiana