

Jackson Center High School

Classes & Credit Flexibility

To complete requirements for graduation and receive a diploma, students at Jackson Center High School may choose from among the following:

1. Successful completion of regular, traditional classes (including JVS);
2. Successful completion of educational options such as dual enrollment courses, postsecondary enrollment options courses, online courses (such as VHS), etc.;
3. Demonstration of mastery for JCHS core credit classes using end of course tests/exams or standardized tests such as ACT, SAT, etc., and/or demonstration of mastery for elective courses by completing research papers and/or projects, lab activities (must be a part of a lab-based course), independent study, completing a portfolio, etc.; and/or
4. Creation and successful completion of new courses incorporating the appropriate Ohio Academic Content Standards and using such methods as mentorship, internship, service learning, educational travel, independent study, completing a portfolio, etc.

The guidelines and procedures for 3 and 4 above are listed below:

1. Students will have to apply and submit a proposal for each course to the high school principal or guidance counselor by May 1, 2011 or Dec. 1, 2011. Each proposal must include: (1) description of the method which will be utilized for credit flexibility; (2) identification of the learning outcomes for the proposed method [#4 must include reference to Ohio Academic Content Standards]; and (3) description of the methods which will demonstrate mastery of the material to be covered. The proposal should include signatures from the student and a parent/guardian.
2. Proposals which are submitted will be reviewed by a committee which may include the principal, guidance counselor, and teachers of specific subject areas. The committee will determine if proposals are approved or rejected. For any proposal which is rejected, students will be given information why it was rejected. Students may make changes and resubmit a revised proposal for further review by the committee.
3. Students will earn grades (may be determined by the committee) for any approved courses. The final grade will be calculated into students' accumulative grade point averages and appear on students' transcripts. Approved courses must follow scheduling and graduation requirements, and meet extracurricular eligibility requirements.
4. The demonstration of mastery or testing out grade must be equivalent to an "A" as determined by the JCHS policy or the ACT/SAT benchmark. If mastery is not met then the student must take the course.
5. Students with approved credit flexibility courses are still required to attend Jackson Center High School full time, unless release time is a part of the approved proposal.
6. Any and all costs which are a part of any approved course must be paid in full by the student.