

# 2019-2020 LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

## (Testing data from 2018-19 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.

LJHS supports approximately 1,342 students with exemplary educational programs and services. The student body comprised both students from the local community and from the Program Involvement School Choice Program (PISC), and Gifted and Talented Education (GATE).

LJHS has a positive, well-ordered climate conducive to teaching and learning. La Jolla High has been awarded a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation and has been cited as one of the top high schools in the nation (Newsweek Magazine), 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 2018-19: 1342

Senior Class - 309 Junior - 359  
Sophomore - 353 Freshman Class - 321

### 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.

### SCHOOL SCHEDULE

La Jolla High School's school year is divided into two semesters, approximately eighteen weeks in length. Each day is divided into, six 58-minute periods. Classes meet every day of the week, Monday through Friday.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

La Jolla High School offered 20 Advanced Placement courses last year and enrollment is contingent upon departmental approval. Testing is optional. In 2019, 630 students took 1368 AP exams. 72% earned scores of 3 or better.

20% earned scores of 5	22% earned scores of 2
25% earned scores of 4	6% earned scores of 1
27% 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- 390 SENIORS

3.50 - 4.0+ - 55%	2.50 - 2.99 - 12%
3.00 - 3.49 - 21%	Below 2.5 - 12%

### TESTING /HONORS INFORMATION

**Academic Distinction** - Seniors with 3.50+ GPA

**Cum Laude Society** - Top 20% of seniors in good standings

**ACT Composite Mean** - 27.2

❖ SAT				
Year	#Tested	Reading	Math	Writing
2018-2019	415	598	596	NA
2017-2018	221	582	574	29
2016-2017	205	580	570	29

❖ 2018-19 NATIONAL MERIT	
Finalists	7
Commended	12

❖ 2017-18 NATIONAL MERIT	
Finalists	12
Commended	21

# CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Class of 2018-19

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:

2013-4	AP French Lang 1,2 (HP) (2013-17)
2033-4	Honors French 7-8 (HP) (2013-16)
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)
2347-8	Spanish for Sp. Spkrs 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)
2384-5	*Amer.Sign Language 1,2 (P)
2386-7	*Amer.Sign Language 3,4 (P)
2382-3	*Amer.Sign Language 5,6 (P)
	*Until 2017-18

### 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)
0491-2	3-D Design 1,2 (P) (until 2017)
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)
6153-4	Hnrs Physiology (HP) (until 2016-17)
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 (P)
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)
4411-14	Computer Science 1-4 (P) (2013-17)
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
3671-4	Transportation Tech 1-4 (until 2017)
8304-5	Auto Tech 1,2 (until 2017)