



# 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.*

## 2023-2024 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 eighth year of operation. Typically, 99% of the graduates go directly to higher education. The Class of 2023 had 100% college acceptance—89.6% to four-year and 10.3% to two-year. Current enrollment is 374 with a senior class of 82 students.

## Faculty

Serra currently has 31 full-time teaching and administrative staff members who all hold professional degrees. The entire staff includes 13 with master's degrees and 3 with doctoral degree.

## 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 (\$10125 Catholic / \$10500 non-Catholics 2023-2024). 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 and social studies, four semesters each of laboratory science and foreign language; two semesters each of visual performing arts, physical education with health and college-preparatory elective. Eighty hours of community service are required over the four years.

## Advanced Level Courses Available

### Freshman

Biomedical Science I  
Honors Algebra I  
Honors English 9

### Sophomore

Biomedical Science II  
Honors Biology  
Honors Geometry  
Honors World History  
Honors World Literature

### Junior

AP English Lang./Comp.  
Biomedical Science II  
Honors Biomedical Science III  
College U.S History to 1877  
College US History to Present  
Honors Algebra II  
Honors American Literature  
Honors Chemistry  
Honors Spanish II

### Senior

AP Calculus AB  
AP Pre-Calculus  
College Ethnic Studies  
College Economics  
College Political Science  
College Psychology  
College Public Speaking  
College Sociology  
Honors English 12  
Honors Pre-Calculus  
Honors English 12  
Honors Spanish III

**College-level 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.

2023 - 2024 Academic Year					
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 2022-2023 School Year

- Alabama A&M University
- Alabama State University
- Arizona State University
- Azusa Pacific University
- Benedict College
- Bethune-Cookman University
- Biola University
- Bradley University
- California Baptist University
- California Lutheran University
- California Polytechnic, Humboldt
- California Polytechnic, Pomona
- Chapman University
- Charles Drew University
- Claflin University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Clemson University
- Concordia University, Irvine
- CSU, Bakersfield
- CSU, Channel Islands
- CSU, Chico
- CSU, Dominguez Hills
- CSU, Fresno
- CSU, Fullerton
- CSU, Long Beach
- CSU, Los Angeles
- CSU, Monterey Bay
- CSU, Northridge
- CSU, Sacramento
- CSU, San Francisco
- CSU, San Diego
- CSU, San Jose
- CSU, San Marcos
- CSU, Sonoma
- Daemen University
- Davenport University
- Dean College
- Dillard University
- Edward Waters University
- El Camino College
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fisk University
- Florida A&M University
- Florida Memorial University
- Georgia State University
- Grambling State University
- Grand Canyon University
- Greensboro College
- Hampton University
- Hawai'i Pacific University
- Howard University
- Indiana State University
- Jackson State University
- Jacksonville University
- Kansas State University
- Lees-McRae College
- Lincoln University, Missouri
- Livingstone College
- Long Beach City College
- Long Island University
- Los Angeles Trade Technical College
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Luther College
- Michigan State University
- Midland University
- Morehouse College
- Morgan State University
- Mount Saint Mary's University
- New York University
- Norfolk State University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- North Carolina Central University
- Northern Arizona University
- Northern Kentucky University
- Ohio University
- Oregon State University
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Paine College
- Pepperdine University

- Prairie View A&M University
- Quinnipiac University
- Regis University
- Rio Hondo College
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Saint Xavier University
- Santa Monica College
- South Carolina State University
- Southern University/A&M College
- Spelman College
- St. Edward's University
- Talladega College
- Tennessee State University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Southern University
- Texas Tech University
- The Los Angeles Film School
- Tougaloo College
- Tuskegee University
- UC, Berkeley
- UC, Davis
- UC, Irvine
- UC, Los Angeles
- UC, Merced
- UC, Riverside
- UC, San Diego
- UC, Santa Barbara
- UC, Santa Cruz
- University of Alabama
- University of Arizona
- University of Arkansas
- University of Denver
- University of Hawai'i
- University of Hawai'i, Manoa
- University of Houston
- University of Illinois, Chicago
- University of Kansas
- University of Kentucky
- University of La Verne
- University of Michigan
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of North Dakota
- University of Oregon
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Redlands
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of Wyoming
- University of the District of Columbia
- Utah Tech University
- Vanguard University
- Virginia State University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington State University
- West Los Angeles College
- Xavier University of Louisiana
- Xavier University, Ohio