

Jesse Carson High School

School Profile (CEEB #340734)

Jesse Carson High School is a North Carolina public high school serving rural southeastern Rowan County and the small towns of China Grove and Faith. We are the County's art academy and have thriving band, theatre, visual arts and chorus programs. Currently we have approximately 1350 students divided into grades 9-12. The senior class numbers approximately 300. Our graduation rate for last year was 89%.

Of last year's seniors approximately 35% will attend a 4-year school, 45% will attend a community college or trade school and 6% will serve in the military. Our student body is 79% White, 5% African American, and 13% Hispanic. Approximately 40% receive free or reduced lunch but that number is under-representative of those who would be eligible.

Curriculum

Rowan-Salisbury Schools require students to complete:

4 English (English I, II, III and IV)

4 Math (Math I, II, III and a math beyond Math III based on the student's interest).

3 Science (Earth Environmental, Biology, and a Physical Science).

4 Social Studies credits (World, Civics, American History I and II or AP US history and one elective social studies).

1 Health and PE

12 Electives.

Students are required to complete a graduation project that includes up to an 8-page paper, 15 hours of community service and a presentation.

Carson offers 9 on campus Advanced Placement (AP) classes. These classes are AP Environmental Science, Biology, English IV (BRI/LT/LG/CO), English III (Language) US History, European History, Psychology, Statistics and Calculus BC. Our highest levels of second language are Spanish 4 and French 4. AP classes are not available to Freshmen. Some students also take AP classes online through North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) as well as through our local community college.

Class Rank/Grade Point Average

§ Credit is assigned on a semester basis and quality points are assigned on the same basis.

§ Quality points are assigned on the following scale:

A=4 (100-90), B=3 (89-80), C=2 (79-70), D=1 (69-60), F=0 (<60).

§ One additional quality point is assigned to all advanced, honors, and all foreign language classes after the second level. Two additional quality points are assigned to AP courses.

SAT averages (Class of 16) are 483 Reading and 489 Math for a combined score of 972. North Carolina's averages SAT scores (Class of 16) are 1010. Our average ACT score for this year's seniors is an 18.9 and all students are required to take the test their Junior year. North Carolina's Average (Class of 16) composite is 19.1.

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