

Jesse Carson High School

School Profile

Jesse Carson High School (CEEB 340734) is a North Carolina public high school serving rural southeastern Rowan County and the small towns of China Grove and Faith. Currently we have approximately 1161 students divided into grades 9-12. The senior class numbers approximately 279. Carson graduation rate for 2022-2023 school year is 93% and the average ACT score is 17.

Of last year's seniors approximately 43% plan to attend a community college or trade school, 27% plan to attend a 4-year school, 26% plan to go to work, and 3% will serve in the military.

Our student body is 66% White, 7% African American, 21% Hispanic, 1% Asian, and 5% 2 or more Ethnicities. Historically, approximately 40% receive free or reduced lunch but is under-representative of those who would be eligible.

Curriculum

Rowan-Salisbury Schools require students to complete:

- 4 English credits (English I, II, III and IV)
- 4 Math credits (Math 1, Math 2, Math 3 and a math beyond Math 3)
- 3 Science credits (Earth Environmental, Biology, a Physical Science)
- 4 Social Studies credits (World History, American History, Civic Literacy, Economics and Personal Finance)
- 1 Health and PE
- 6 Electives

Carson currently offers 7 on campus Advanced Placement (AP) classes. These classes are AP Environmental Science, English Language, English Literature, US History, Statistics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC. Our highest levels of second language are Spanish 4. Students also take AP classes online through North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) and college classes through Rowan Cabarrus Community College (RCCC).

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). Half of an additional quality point is assigned to all advanced, honors, and all foreign language classes

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after the second level. One additional quality point is assigned to AP and college level courses.

- GPA is determined by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the total number of classes taken in grades 9–12.
- Class rank is the ranking of the Weighted GPA in numerical order and is calculated after each semester.

What We Do Well

- Theatre - Students regularly earn superior ratings at the NC International Thespian Festival. Yearly musicals regularly sell 2,000 tickets and involve approximately 10% of the student body. All shows are created by staff to be entirely run by students.
- Prom – On-campus prom transforms the Carson atrium into underwater worlds, the circus, and New York streets. With a budget that exceeds \$20,000 yearly, students serving on the prom committee create a spectacular event.
- Band – We have approximately 150 members and they perform at concerts, football games, competitions, the school-wide musical, and parades, including the Magic Kingdom at Disney World, and the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C. The band consistently receives superior ratings and has had numerous students continue to become musicians at the collegiate level.

Covid 19

Our system gave students a choice for most of the 2020/2021 school year. Students could choose face to face teaching 2 days a week and virtual the other days, or all virtual. For April and May of 2021 all 2 days a week students were combined to 4 days a week in person. Students could remain all virtual.