



JUAN DIEGO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR, FRESHMAN QUALIFYING EXAMS
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
February 12, 13 and 14, 2019
Two sessions each day at 3:15pm & 4:15pm

Mathematics, Science and World Languages

In addition to taking the Educational Assessment Exams, incoming freshman students who are interested in enrolling in honors-level courses in mathematics, science, and world languages (Spanish and French) must participate in qualifying exams. Based on the results of the Educational Assessment exams and the Freshman Qualifying Exams, students will be recommended for their 9th grade courses.

Students do not need to sign-up in advance for these tests. Students should meet in JDCHS Room F113 at 3:15pm, and/or 4:15pm and will be directed to the exam rooms. All subject tests will be available each day. Exams will be given in two (2) sessions, from 3:30 – 4:30pm and from 4:30 – 5:30pm. Students may take a maximum of ****two (2) exams per day**.

Qualifying exams will be offered for the following subjects:

Mathematics: Please note mathematic exams are not timed; students may complete at their own pace. Math exams may take longer to than one hour to complete, therefore it may take two (2) sessions to complete the math qualifying exams.

ENRICHED ALGEBRA I (Honors) and GEOMETRY (Honors): Students must demonstrate mastery of the *Qualifying Arithmetic* exam, and must complete the *Qualifying Elementary Algebra* exam. Based on successful results from both the *Qualifying Arithmetic and the Qualifying Elementary Algebra* exams, as well as the Educational Assessment Exams, students may qualify to enroll in either **ENRICHED ALGEBRA I (Honors)** or **GEOMETRY (Honors)**.

ALGEBRA II (Honors): Students must demonstrate mastery of both the *Qualifying Arithmetic* and the *Qualifying Elementary Algebra* exams. In addition, students must complete a written Geometry test. Based on successful results on all tests, students may qualify to enroll in **ALGEBRA II (Honors)**.

Science: Students interested in enrolling in **HONORS SCIENCE** may qualify by demonstrating a qualifying score on the science section of the **ACT ASPIRE** exam taken during middle school, OR by earning a qualifying score on an hour-long Science department qualifying exam. Both tests focus on science skills such as the scientific method, graphing, and data analysis. Earth Science is a required freshman class. Incoming freshmen who would like to place in **sophomore HONORS BIOLOGY must have completed a JDCHS approved Earth Science course prior to enrollment AND must be enrolled in Honors Geometry or higher math.**

World Languages: The qualifying exams for **SPANISH II** and **FRENCH II HONORS** will be the final exam for Spanish I or French I. Students who successfully complete these exams will qualify for the second year language course. **Students who begin their language career in the second year course must still complete two consecutive years of the same language in grades 9-12 in order to meet graduation requirements.**

Spanish for Native Speakers: Students who are interested in enrolling in Spanish, whose first language spoken in the home is Spanish, will need to take the Spanish qualifying exam. This is to ensure these students are not placed in a beginning level Spanish course. If these students are interested in taking French, the Spanish qualifying exam is not necessary.

English & Social Studies: There will be no Freshman Qualifying Exams for English and Social Studies. Students will qualify to enroll in **ADVANCED ENGLISH HONORS, GEOGRAPHY/ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS HONORS** and **AP ART HISTORY** based on their Educational Assessment Exam results.

If you have any questions, please contact Kirsten Jansen, Recruitment Counselor, at kirstenjansen@jdchs.org or 801-984-7661.