

# JEFFERSON FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

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## Community Profile (2011 -2012 School Year)

Jefferson Forest High School is one of three high schools in Bedford County, which is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Central Virginia. Bedford County encompasses an area of 754 square miles with a population of over 67,000 people. Forest is located in the northeastern part of the county adjacent to Lynchburg, Virginia.

## School Description

Jefferson Forest High School is a comprehensive, four-year, high school that offers college preparatory, general and special education as well as career technical and cooperative education courses. The Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Education has accredited Jefferson Forest High School. *Washington Post* has chosen JFHS as one of their top 1600 schools.

<b>Type of school:</b>	Public
<b>Enrollment:</b>	1333
<b>Faculty and Staff:</b>	143
<b>School Year:</b>	2 semesters, 4 marking periods – 9 weeks each.

## Grade Distribution

9 <sup>th</sup>	357 students	11 <sup>th</sup>	309 students
10 <sup>th</sup>	331 students	12 <sup>th</sup>	336 students

## The Curriculum

Jefferson Forest High School offers diplomas in accordance with the rules set by the state of Virginia.

**Advanced Studies Diploma:** Graduates of 2012, 2013 and 2014 must complete twenty-four (24) units of credit: English 4, Math 4, Science 4, History/Social Science 4, Foreign Language 3 or 2 & 2, Health/PE 2, Electives 2, Fine or Practical Arts 1. Beginning with the class of 2015, twenty-six (26) units of credit will be required: English 4, Math 4, Lab Science 4, History and Social Sciences 4, Foreign Language 3, Health/PE 2, Fine Arts or Career and Tech Ed 1, Economics and Personal Finance 1, Electives 3. Students must also earn the following number of verified units of credit: English 2; Math 2; Science 2; History & Social Science 2; and one additional of the student's own choosing. A credit is considered "verified" when the student passes both the course and the Virginia Standards of Learning End-Of-Course exam for that course.

## Other Diploma Options

(Noted on transcript as Other Board of Ed. Diploma)

**Standard Diploma:** Graduates of 2012, 2013 and 2014 must complete twenty-two (22) units of credit: English 4, Math 3, Science 3, History/Social Science 3, Health/PE 2, Fine or Practical Arts 1, Electives 6. Beginning with the class of 2015, they must complete: English 4, Math 3, Lab Science 3, History and Social Sciences 3, Health/PE 2, Foreign Language, Fine Arts or Career Tech Ed 2, Economics & Personal Finance 1, Electives 4. Students must also earn six SOL verified credits; English 2, Math 1, Lab Science 1, History and Social Science 1, Student selected 1.

**Modified Standard:** Twenty (20) units of credit: English 4, Math 3, Science 2, History/Social Science 2, Health/PE 2, Fine or Practical Arts 1, Electives 6. Students must also pass the literacy and numeracy competency assessments prescribed by the State Board of Education. Beginning with the class of 2015, there is a state requirement for the Economics/Personal Finance class.

**Special Diploma:** Shall be awarded to each disabled student who successfully completes the requirements set forth in his/her IEP (Individual Educational Program), but does not meet the requirements for a diploma set forth in the Standards of Quality and Standards of Accreditation.

## Advanced Academic Opportunities

**Advanced Placement Courses:** Jefferson Forest High School offers the following AP courses: Biology (every other year), Calculus, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French, Gov't., Music Theory, Physics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics & US History. **Dual Enrollment:** Central Virginia Community College and the Bedford County Schools provide opportunities for students to be involved in dual enrollment of courses between our high schools and Central Virginia Community College. Letter grades from college transfer courses will be converted to the mid point of the corresponding numeric range. Dual Enrollment Courses offered at JFHS: College English Composition and College Pre-Calculus I/II.

## Marking System

<b>Grading Scale:</b>	A	92.5-100
	B	84.5-92
	C	76.5-84
	D	69.5-76
	F	Below 69.5

## Marking System for A.P., Dual Enrollment Courses, And Governor's School Courses

<b>Grading Scale:</b>	A	90-100
	B	80-89
	C	70-79
	D	60-69
	F	Below 60

**GPA and Class Rank:** Grade point average and class rank are computed beginning with the ninth grade and continue through the second semester of the senior year. Some courses are weighted in computation of grade point average. Class rank is based on cumulative GPA and is computed at the end of each school year. Students with an IEP diploma and foreign exchange students are not included.

**Course Weights:** All AP and Dual Enrollment courses taken in both fall and spring semesters, and Governor's School courses are weighted on a 5 point scale. A= 5, B= 4, C= 3, D=2, and F= 0. Governor's School courses are noted with either a GS or a CVGS after the name on the transcript. All Pre-AP courses are weighted on a 4.5 point scale. A=4.5, B=3.5, C=2.5, D=1.5 and F=0. All other courses, including Advanced Studies are weighted on a 4 point scale. A= 4, B= 3, C= 2, D= 1 and F= 0 points. Students seeking a Special Diploma or a Certificate of Completion are not included in class rankings.

## Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores

### 2011 Mean SAT scores of

### JFHS College-Bound Seniors

Math	Critical Reading	Writing
526	521	505

### 2011 Mean ACT scores of College-Bound Seniors

School	State
English	23.4 22.1
Math	23.5 22.2
Reading	24.5 22.7
Science	23.0 21.8
Composite	23.8 22.3

## School Counseling Staff

Tony Francis	Principal
Elizabeth Newby	Director of Counseling
Sally Baum	Counselor
Miranda Lowry	Counselor
Meg Watson	Counselor
Kylie Gilleland	Testing Coordinator
Pat Hooper	Registrar
Nancy Belden	Secretary

## Extracurricular Programs

Jefferson Forest student athletes participate in the AA Seminole District of the Virginia High School League.

The 11 boys' sports include baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, indoor track, outdoor track, soccer, swimming, tennis, and wrestling.

The 10 girls' sports include basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, indoor track, outdoor track, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball.

The Jefferson Forest Marching Band consists of 150 students who compete in the AAAA band division and Class 5 (out of 6 classes) at United States Scholastic Band Association events. Winter Drum line and Indoor Color guard compete in Atlantic Indoor Association Class A. Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Advanced Symphonic Band (Wind Symphony), Jazz Band, AP Music Theory and Chorus are also offered to students. The Jefferson Forest Wind Symphony is recognized as among the finest high school concert bands in the nation and will perform at the Music for All National Festival in Indianapolis in March 2012.

Jefferson Forest High School offers over 30 clubs including Forensics, Key Club, SADD, Sign Language, Student Council Association, Student Government, Yearbook and many others. The National Honor Society at Jefferson Forest selects members based on the criteria of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. All students meeting the criteria and possessing a 3.35 cumulative grade point average are candidates.

## Class of 2012 College Acceptances

Allegheny College  
American University  
Appalachian State University  
Art Institute of Washington  
Auburn University  
Averett University  
Ball State University  
Bard College  
Baylor University  
Beloit College  
Bluefield College  
Bridgewater College  
Brigham Young University  
Campbell University  
Coastal Carolina  
CVCC  
Christopher Newport University  
Clemson University  
Cleveland Institute of Music  
Cleveland State University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Columbia University  
College of William and Mary  
Concord University  
Drexel  
East Carolina University  
Eastern Mennonite University  
Elmhurst College  
Elon University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emory University  
Fairmont State University  
Ferrum College  
Furman University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida Southern College  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
George Mason University  
Goucher College  
High Point University  
Hollins University  
James Madison University  
Johnson & Wales University  
King College  
Lawrence Technical University

Liberty University  
Longwood University  
Louisiana State University  
Lynchburg College  
Marshall University  
Mary Baldwin College  
Mary Washington  
Miller-Motte Technical College  
MIT  
NC State University  
Northeastern University  
Norfolk State University  
Oberlin Conservatory of Music  
Ohio State University  
Oklahoma State University  
Old Dominion University  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University  
Providence College  
Radford University  
Randolph College  
Randolph Macon College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic  
Roanoke College  
Shenandoah University  
St. Johns University  
Stanford  
Stonehill College  
Southern Union  
SUNY Binghamton  
Sweet Briar  
Trinity College  
UNC - Chapel Hill  
UNC - Charlotte  
UNC - Greensboro  
University of Alabama  
University of Arkansas  
University of Maryland  
University of Michigan  
University of Mississippi  
University of North Carolina  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Richmond  
University of Rhode Island  
University of San Diego  
University of South Carolina  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Ursinus College  
UVA College at Wise  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Tech  
Virginia Wesleyan College  
VMI  
Washington & Lee  
Washington University in St Louis  
West Virginia University  
Winthrop University

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