

High School Senior FAQ Survey

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1. What if I don't have grades for my last semester in high school? What will you use to determine admission?

Jefferson College allows for enrollment and placement based on 7th semester high school transcript and GPA. A student must provide a final high school transcript to enroll in subsequent semesters or to receive financial aid/A+ scholarship.

2. If my school is closed and I can't get my transcript, can I still be admitted and attend in the fall?

High school students can self-disclose high school completion allowing enrollment in the first semester. A student would need to complete his or her admissions file by sending his or her final high school transcript prior to subsequent enrollment. However, a student must provide a final A+ high school transcript prior to receiving A+ funds, including for the first semester. In addition, the U.S. Department of Education periodically selects a student's FAFSA for proof of high school completion. Course placement would be based on test scores or 7th semester GPA if we have an unofficial high school transcript on file already, or placement test scores.

3. If I don't have a high school class rank, will this affect my scholarships or admission?

Jefferson College does not utilize course rank for admissions and stopped using high school class rank for awarding scholarships in 2017, as many districts were no longer ranking students. Jefferson College's academic achievement scholarships are awarded using a combined ranking of high school grade point average and composite ACT score within the College's high school senior scholarship applicant pool.

4. I can't take the ACT/SAT. How will that affect my college admission and scholarships/financial aid?

Admission to Jefferson College does not require ACT/SAT scores. ACT/SAT scores are one means of course placement; however, Jefferson College utilizes multiple/alternate measures for course placement. For students unable to take the ACT prior to high school graduation, numerous

scholarships pertaining to grade point average, financial need, and program of study exist. In addition, for those unable to take the ACT, on a case-by-case basis, Jefferson College's Scholarship Review Committee will consider the student's other scholarship application materials, including extenuating circumstances and an explanation and recommendation from the student's high school counselor.

5. My GPA went down for my last semester. Will this affect my scholarships or admission?

High school GPA does not affect general admission to Jefferson College; however, it may affect course placement. Alternative placement tests may be utilized for course placement instead. For those whose grade point average is affected, on a case-by-case basis, Jefferson College's Scholarship Review Committee will consider the student's other scholarship application materials, including an explanation of the student's extenuating circumstances and a recommendation from the student's high school counselor. In addition, with regards to the A+ Scholarship, the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development provided flexibility to high schools certifying A+ eligibility for 2020 high school seniors. At Jefferson College, the A+ Scholarship covers tuition, technology fees, and activity fees. Other scholarship assistance obtained by the student may then be used for books, supplies, and course specific lab fees.

6. Is there still a requirement for freshmen to live on campus or will I need to make other arrangements?

Jefferson College does not require freshmen to live on campus.

7. I don't like or do well in online courses. Can I take in-person courses in the fall? If courses are moved online, how will technical courses be offered?

As of 04/02/2020, fall 2020 classes will be scheduled as usual which include face-to-face, hybrid, and online courses depending on the specific course. The majority of courses are offered face-to-face. However, this is subject to change given the current global pandemic.

8. Will there be any changes to the requirements to receive transfer credit for AP or CLEP exams?

Jefferson College does not foresee changes to the acceptance of AP or CLEP credit as of 04/02/2020.

9. My last semester high school dual credit courses were online. Will they still count for college credit?

Yes. Jefferson College will continue to honor dual credit coursework completed in the spring 2020 semester. All participating high schools in Jefferson County have moved their dual credit coursework to online and are completing the courses using the updated delivery mode.

10. I was in college prep (AP, dual credit, or honors courses) my senior year before they were moved online, and we didn't have in-person instruction. I'm not sure I am ready for college-level work now. What are my options, or what services will be available to help me?

Co-requisite support courses for English Composition and Math are an option even if students do not place into them. Jefferson College has a strong Academic Success Center to provide support and tutoring. Our faculty are also a great resource outside of class to help with questions students may have about course content.

11. Will there be opportunities to take summer bridge courses/orientation in person?

Jefferson College offers an optional summer boot camp for improving Reading and Math skills, as well as increasing course placement test scores. We also offer Student Orientation Sessions and a First Year Experience course to help all incoming freshmen be prepared to take college classes.

12. Does your institution provide opportunities for early admission, or flexibility with receiving final high school grades and transcripts for admissions?

Jefferson College has always worked with high school counselors to identify "early-out" high school graduates. In addition, Jefferson College offers the option for "provisional" admission which allows a student to enroll in one semester prior to meeting all of the admissions requirements. Students with a provisional admission status are not eligible for financial aid. A "provisional" student must complete admissions requirements and submit documentation to be admitted as a "regular" student and continue enrolling in subsequent semesters.

13. How is virtual/online high school education viewed in the admissions and financial aid processes? Is it considered equal to in-person instruction?

Jefferson College will treat virtual/online education the same as face-to-face coursework from high schools that are accredited by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. However, many Jefferson College scholarships are restricted to in-district students who graduated from a Jefferson County high school.

14. Will there be any changes to financial aid packages for the fall?

Jefferson College's Office of Student Financial Services will continue to award federal, state, and institutional financial aid as always, but anticipates new funds to be made available to those with

a qualifying emergency and additional support to be provided to students and parents with special circumstances like loss of employment.

15. If you have a webpage dedicated to answering these questions, please provide a link.

For more information regarding Jefferson College's admissions policies and procedures, please visit www.jeffco.edu/admissions. For more information regarding financial aid, including A+ and scholarships, please visit www.jeffco.edu/future-students/financial-aid.