FAQ GUIDE

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James Madison High School
Education On Your Terms
Congratulations—you found us!

Students interested in online high school classes at James Madison High School are looking for **flexibility** and the option to **set their own pace**. From health concerns to priorities that involve athletics, the arts, or the need for employment, there are a variety of reasons that compel students like you to pursue a non-traditional learning environment.

One thing all JMHS students have in common though? They are **in charge of their own future**.

This guide is designed to provide the answers you seek about pursuing an online high school degree, from accreditation and cost to enrollment and what the future may hold. You may also contact our Admissions Advisors at any time with questions you may have.

Ready to learn more? Let’s get started.
IS JMHS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR ME?

Who Attends JMHS?
Anyone looking to finish high school is a candidate! Our students come to us from diverse backgrounds and at various stages of their lives.

- **Traditional Students:** We help remove the barriers you may face in your local high school. For instance...
  - No competition with other classmates
  - No social cliques or peer pressures
  - No pop quizzes (Promise!)
  - Supportive, individualized instruction from academic advisors and certified teachers
- **Adult Learners:** Adults who are returning to earn their diplomas after leaving school for personal or academic reasons.
- **Homeschoolers:** Students seeking a comprehensive, accredited high school curriculum that allows them to complete their high school diploma online, at their own pace, and on a comfortable schedule.

Are Online High Schools Legitimate?
Our [regional and national accreditation](#) attests to our legitimacy, but what this question is probably really getting at is if your degree will be recognized by future employers and colleges. It’s easy enough for us to tell you that thousands of JMHS students have been rewarded after graduation in terms of college and military acceptance, new jobs, promotions, raises, better careers, etc. But [testimonials](#) from actual JMHS graduates who’ve experienced these rewards are much more effective.
How Fast Can I Graduate?
How quickly you graduate depends on a number of factors, including how many credits you transfer in and how quickly you choose to move through the coursework. Our flexible online learning experience allows students to study anytime or anywhere and complete as little or as much work as their schedule allows.

What are JMHS Admissions Requirements?
- Students entering James Madison High School must be at least 14 years of age (there is no age cap) and show a school transcript, homeschooling portfolio, or standardized test scores indicating at or above 8th grade level performance in all subject areas.
- Those under age 18 must provide proof of promotion to the 9th grade and be enrolled by a parent or guardian.
- Students must have access to the Internet.

Does JMHS Have a Deadline for Enrollment?
No, there is no enrollment deadline. You may enroll online 24/7. Or, call 1-855-798-5017 to speak with an Admissions Advisor during business hours, or mail your enrollment form to us.
Is JMHS a Good Fit for Homeschoolers?
James Madison High School is ideal for online homeschooling. Our online homeschooling program is regionally accredited and includes engaging study materials aligned to Common Core State Standards in English and Math.

Early Graduation: Can I Transfer Previously Earned Credits to JMHS?
Absolutely! JMHS gives financial and academic credit for high school transfer credits.

- We accept full and half credits, which means you can transfer a partial year of high school.
- The maximum is 17 credits @ $50 each, for a total possible tuition savings of $850.

Flexible Convenience
Study day or night, at home, at work, or on vacation. There are no set class times and no group projects.

How Do I Transfer Credits/Switch to JMHS?
To transfer credits from another high school, send a High School Transcript Request Form to your school or board of education to ensure your official transcript is submitted in a timely manner. Your school must fax or mail the transcript to us at the following address:

James Madison High School
Attn: Transcripts
6625 The Corners Parkway, Suite 500
Norcross, GA 30092
Fax: 770-729-8578

If you are homeschooled, please submit a complete portfolio of your work and/or proper documentation. You must include the Home School Form with your portfolio. We do offer testing for students who cannot provide a homeschool portfolio. Please note that passing the test will allow you to continue your high school education at JMHS, but you will not receive credit toward your diploma for passing the test.
WILL A JMHS EDUCATION HELP ME ACHIEVE SUCCESS?

Is James Madison High School Accredited?

Yes, we are regionally and nationally accredited by the following bodies:

**National Accreditation**
Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC). DEAC is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a recognized accrediting agency

**Regional Accreditation**
The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI)

Why is Regional Accreditation Important?
Many colleges and universities only accept credits from regionally accredited schools. SACS CASI accredits more than 13,000 schools and school systems throughout the U.S. and abroad. The council is an accrediting division of AdvancED.

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*Source: As reported to DEAC based on 2016 survey of JMHS students and graduates.*
Why is an Online High School Diploma Better than a GED?

At JMHS we are committed to providing you with the opportunity to achieve the most impactful education that you can, which is why if you study here you will earn a high school diploma and not a GED.

GED stands for General Educational Development and it is a test that shows you have met high school level academic skills. It is NOT an online high school diploma.

The GED has surface appeal because once you pass the test, you’re done. However, compare a GED to a high school diploma and you’ll start noticing stark differences. For example, students who have earned their high school diploma make on average $1,600 more a month than their GED counterparts.*

Additionally, if you have college aspirations on average only 5 percent of GED owners earn a Bachelor’s Degree whereas 33 percent of people who earn their high school diploma go on to earn a Bachelor’s.

Do Colleges Accept Online High School Diplomas?

JMHS is regionally and nationally accredited, an important factor that colleges consider when accepting students. See a list of colleges that have accepted James Madison High School graduates. We recommend you check with the colleges of your choice to determine their acceptance criteria. Past acceptance of other students does not guarantee your acceptance to any of these schools.

Does the Military Accept JMHS Graduates?

James Madison High School is listed as a Tier 1 school. The Army, Navy, and Marines accept enlistees from Tier 1 schools. The Air Force will only accept enlistees from Tier 1 schools. Many of our graduates have gone on to start a military career.

*“High School Diplomas versus the GED” TheBestSchools.org (April 13, 2016).
Tuition:

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND JMHS?

How Much is JMHS Tuition?
Tuition costs vary by down payment and number of credits transferred in. Use our online tuition calculator to determine your approximate monthly payments. We do everything possible to make our online high school degrees accessible to everyone, including flexible down payments as low as $29 and monthly payments as low as $49, all with no finance fees.

Do You Offer Student Loans?
We do not offer student loans. Instead, to keep costs manageable and achieve affordable education for those who may not otherwise be able to afford it, we offer zero percent monthly plans and avoid having our students have to deal with hefty federal student loans.
Are There Additional Fees Outside of My Tuition?
We keep fees to a minimum, simply covering our costs to process your application and modest administrative fees. Your eBooks and study materials are included in your tuition. Printed textbooks are optional for an additional cost. That’s it. Everything else is included in your tuition.

What Is JMHS’s Cancellation Policy?
We understand that not all programs are for all people. For that reason, we offer a ‘no questions asked’ money back policy for students who cancel within the first 5 days of enrollment. Our cancellation policy requires the parent, legal guardian or adult student enrolled with JMHS to initiate the cancellation procedure. If your enrollment is cancelled after the first 5 days, we look at the number of lessons completed and the tuition paid to determine if you’re entitled to a refund or if you may owe additional tuition.
What Programs Are Offered by JMHS?
JMHS offers three diploma programs and individual courses.

**General High School Diploma Program Curriculum.**
The JMHS [General High School Diploma](#) track is a fundamentally yet academically challenging high school education. All courses in this regionally accredited online high school curriculum are self-paced.

**ENROLL IN OUR GENERAL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TRACK IF YOU...**
- Desire a high school diploma to fulfill a personal goal.
- Need to fulfill requirements for job advancement or a career training program.
- May want to apply to a community, junior, technical college or [Ashworth College](#).
Programs Offered CONTINUED

College Prep High School Diploma Curriculum
The JMHS College Prep Diploma track offers an academically rigorous high school education. All courses in this challenging, regionally accredited college prep high school curriculum are self-paced and online.

ENROLL IN OUR COLLEGE PREP DIPLOMA TRACK IF YOU...
- Are ready to handle in-depth study at an advanced level.
- Seek a challenging, rigorous high school education.
- Intend to apply to college.

Career Pathways Program Curriculum
Career Pathways is a General High School Diploma track that includes specialized career training without requiring additional credit hours. All courses in this regionally accredited online high school curriculum are self-paced. When you graduate, you'll also receive a Career Pathways Certificate in your area of study.

ENROLL IN OUR CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM IF YOU...
- Wish to gain valuable job skills while you earn your General High School Diploma.
- Need to fulfill requirements for job advancement or a career training program.
- Want to tailor your studies to Carpentry, Child Care, Electrical, Event Planning, Medical Billing & Coding, Medical Office Assisting, Pharmacy Assisting, Plumbing, Sterile Processing, or Veterinary Assisting.

Open electives are available in all or our diploma programs so you can customize your studies to your individual needs.
Individual Online High School Courses
We give you the option of taking individual online high school courses rather than enrolling in one of our high school diploma programs.

JMHS INDIVIDUAL HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE ONLINE, SELF-PACED, AND ARE IDEAL FOR...

- Making up credit for courses that you missed, failed or did not complete.
- Taking a class or two to catch up with your graduating class.
- Getting a summer school education.
- Supplementing a homeschool curriculum.

What Kind of Computer or Software Is Required for Online Courses?
All you need is a computer (desktop, laptop, tablet, or notebook) with Microsoft Office or similar software and a browser to access the Internet. Once you enroll, you will receive access to your personalized Student Portal to immediately begin your first lesson or course. All assignments and examinations must be submitted as a .doc or .docx document.

How Are Courses and Assignments Delivered?
All courses are delivered in two parts via our student portal. Each part will have between 6-10 exams and represents a half credit.

Furthermore, each course is composed of lessons. Each lesson typically contains lecture notes, assignments, and/or multiple-choice exams. Multiple-choice exams are auto-graded immediately upon submission and students can view their grades immediately. Written assignments are graded within 7-10 calendar days from student's submission, and students can view their grades along with grader feedback and comments.
What Is the Student Portal?
You’ll use your student portal to access your online courses, submit assignments, take exams, and view your grades. Your portal is also a message center where you’ll communicate with your teachers, and communicate with JMHS about any billing, shipping, graduation, etc. questions you may have.

How Do I Get Started?
We’re ready to welcome you to the JMHS family! Complete our online enrollment application or contact an Admissions Advisor by phone at 1-855-798-5017 and provide a down payment or pay your tuition in full. Once you enroll, you’ll immediately receive access to your student portal and our exclusive online learning system to begin your first course—no waiting!
STUDENT SUCCESS STORY
How a JMHS Diploma Led to Delicious Results

As a young single mom, Tamara Esquivel-Hernandez aspired to a successful career. But having dropped out of high school to have a baby at an early age didn’t leave her with many options for pursuing her education.

Still, the desire to complete her high school degree never left her, so she enrolled in the general diploma program at James Madison High School. The program allowed Tamara to study at her own pace and integrate high school into her schedule.

Part of her drive to earn a diploma stemmed from her desire to show her daughter that it was possible to get an education and have a career—no matter what obstacles needed to be overcome.

While working toward earning her diploma from JMHS, Tamara launched Dulce Blessings, a home-based, from-scratch bakery featuring made-to-order sweets with only the freshest ingredients. Tamara’s company, which serves Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, prides itself on earning repeat business by always putting the customers’ needs first.

Graduating from JMHS has made a big difference for Tamara and her family. She and her husband run Dulce Blessings, and together they are raising their daughter. Tamara plans to attend Ashworth College to study event planning, working toward pursuing a bachelor’s degree and expanding her party planning business.

Enroll Now
Tamara is just one of many success stories at JMHS. Call us at 1-855-798-5017 to take the first step toward achieving your dreams.
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