

**JEFFERSON FOREST HIGH SCHOOL**

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**Profile (2017-2018 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. The *Newsweek* has placed JFHS in the top 1000 High Schools in the Nation.

<b>Type of school:</b>	Public
<b>Enrollment:</b>	1387
<b>Faculty and Staff:</b>	145
<b>School Year:</b>	2 semesters, 4 marking periods –9 weeks each.

**Grade Distribution**

<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	378 students	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	350 students
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	327 students	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	332 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 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 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. Students must pass 1 CTE Credential Test. **Modified Standard:** For students entering before 9<sup>th</sup> grade 2012-13; 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. **Applied Studies 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, Calculus, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French, Gov't., Music Theory, Physics 1, Physics II, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, US History, Computer Science, and Computer Science Principles. **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. Early College Bedford and Forest Campus offers students opportunities to complete an Associates Degree in a two year program.

**Current Marking System for all classes  
as of July 2013**

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

**Marking System up through the Class of 2013**

<b>Grading Scale:</b>	A	92.5-100
	B	84.5-92
	C	76.5-84
	D	69.5-76
	F	Below 69

**Marking System for A.P. Dual Enrollment  
Courses and Governor's School Courses  
up through the Class of 2013**

<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 core 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 Dual Enrollment Electives are weighted on a 4.5 scale. 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**

#### **2017 Mean SAT scores of JFHS College-Bound Seniors**

Math	EBRW
578 – JFHS	598 - JFHS
541 – State	560 – State
533 – Nat'l	538 – Nat'l

#### **2017 Mean ACT scores of College-Bound Seniors**

	School	State	Nat'l
English	26.1	23.5	20.3
Math	24.6	23.3	20.7
Reading	27.2	23.5	21.4
Science	26.0	23.1	21.0
Composite	26.1	23.8	21.0

### **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, lacrosse and wrestling.

The 10 girls' sports include basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, indoor track, outdoor track, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, lacrosse 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 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 3.50 cumulative grade point average are candidates.

### **Class of 2017 College Acceptances**

Arizona State  
 Belmont University  
 Brigham Young University  
 Christopher Newport  
 Coastal Carolina  
 CVCC  
 Elon University  
 Ferrum College  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Florida Southern College  
 George Mason University  
 Hampden-Sydney College  
 Hampton University  
 J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College  
 James Madison University  
 Kent State University  
 Liberty University  
 Longwood University  
 Lynchburg College  
 Marine Corps  
 Meredith College  
 NC State  
 Old Dominion University  
 Radford University  
 Randolph-Macon  
 Randolph College  
 Roanoke College  
 Shenandoah University  
 Temple University  
 Texas State University  
 Tufts University  
 United States Naval Academy  
 University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa  
 University of Mary Washington  
 University of South Carolina  
 University of Virginia  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Virginia Tech  
 Virginia Wesleyan University  
 West Virginia University  
 Wingate University  
 Winthrop

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