



Profile (2023 - 2024 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 and the 5th largest county by size in Virginia. Bedford County encompasses an area of 754 square miles with a population of over 79,000 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. Jefferson Forest High School was named as a Blue Star School for financial literacy, won the VHSL 4A Wells Fargo Academic Cup and was chosen by *Washington Post* as one of the top 1600 schools.

Type of school: Public
Enrollment: 1320
Faculty and Staff: 145
School Year: 2 semesters, 4 marking periods—9 weeks each, 7 period school day
Grade Distribution: 9th- 315 10th- 353 11th-297 12th- 355

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

Advanced Studies Diploma: 26 units of credit: 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. Student must pass 1 CTE Credential Test.

Standard Diploma: 22 units of credit: 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 pass 1 CTE Credential Test.

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 Placement (AP) Courses: Jefferson Forest High School offers the following AP courses: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, Government, Music Theory, Physics 1, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Research, Seminar, US History, Computer Science, and Computer Science Principles.

Dual Enrollment (DE): Central Virginia Community College and the Bedford County Schools provide opportunities for students to be involved in dual enrollment 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, College Pre-Calculus I/II, College Literature, College Accounting, Medical Terminology and Early College Bedford Campus offers students opportunities to complete an Associates Degree in a 2 year program.

2012-2013 and before

Grading Scale: A.P., D.E. & Governor's School Grading Scale:

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| A | 92.5-100 | A | 90-100 |
| B | 84.5-92 | B | 80-89 |
| C | 76.5-84 | C | 70-79 |
| D | 69.5-76 | D | 60-69 |
| F | Below 69 | F | Below 60 |

2014 to present

Grading Scale All Classes:

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| 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 Honors 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.

Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores

2021/2022 Mean SAT scores of JFHS College-Bound Seniors

| Math | ERW |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 558 - JFHS (2022) | 579 - JFHS (2022) |
| 567 - State (2021) | 584 - State (2021) |
| 538 - Nat'l (2021) | 541 - Nat'l (2021) |

2019 Average ACT scores of College-Bound Seniors

| | Eng | Math | Reading | Science | Composite |
|-------|------|------|---------|---------|-----------|
| JFHS | 23.5 | 22.7 | 23.0 | 23.5 | 23.3 |
| State | 23.8 | 23.3 | 24.8 | 23.6 | 24.0 |
| Nat'l | 20.1 | 20.4 | 21.2 | 20.6 | 20.7 |

Extracurricular Programs: Jefferson Forest student athletes participate in the AA Seminole District of the Virginia High School League. The 12 boys' sports include baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, indoor track, outdoor track, soccer, swimming, tennis, lacrosse and wrestling. The 11 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 Group 4 division in the Virginia Marching Band Cooperative competition circuit and VA Band & Orchestra Directors Association Marching Assessment. Winter Marching Percussion Ensemble and Indoor Color Guard (also extracurricular) compete in Atlantic Indoor Association Class A.

Our Cavalier Theatre program consists of well over 200 students and produces 3 full-scale main stage productions, a cabaret, an original film festival, and a one-act competition play per year.

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.

The Bedford County School Board endorses the principle of equal educational and employment opportunities for all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, or age, and directs the Superintendent of Schools to develop systematic programs in operation and the initiation, through affirmative action plans, of new programs or procedures where appropriate to ensure equality for all employees and students in the school district. Inquiries regarding this policy may be directed to the Bedford County School Board at (540) 586-1045.