

School Profile

The Jones-Gordon School
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Highlights

- Strengths-based, student-centered
- Small class sizes
- Rigorous and authentic college preparatory curriculum
- Experienced, supportive, and collaborative faculty
- Knowledgeable, proactive college and career counseling
- Integration of emotional intelligence & executive function skill-building into the general curriculum
- Optional one-on-one daily FLEX hour supporting students with learning differences
- A positive “culture of kindness”



About the School & Community

A **small, college-preparatory, independent private school**, The Jones-Gordon School (JGS) fosters the holistic growth of diverse learners in grades 1–12. JGS opened in fall 2010 and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 2014 with three graduates.

The progressive high school program is designed—from start to finish—to meet the individual needs of each of JGS’s students.

Students benefit from being a part of a small, family-like school community; work exclusively in small groups and classes taught by highly-qualified, experienced, and caring certified teachers; have the ability to work at levels appropriate for their individual capabilities and goals; and are guided through the high school-to-college process through an ongoing advisory program.

The Jones-Gordon School is accredited by **Cognia** (formerly known as AdvancED). In addition, JGS is an approved private day school through the Arizona Department of Education, registered with the **National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)**, and holds membership with the **College Board**.

Affiliations with national organizations include the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), The Dyslexia Foundation, Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG), Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA).

Located in Paradise Valley, Arizona, JGS enrolls students from across the **Phoenix metro area**.

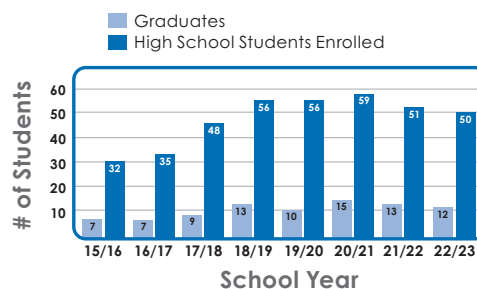
The Jones-Gordon School cultivates the strengths of **high potential, motivated students**—students who have **dyslexia and related learning differences** such as **ADHD or executive dysfunction**—through **targeted** educational programming.

Admissions & Enrollment

JGS has a rolling admissions policy. A total of **55** high school students enrolled in the 2023-24 school year. *Per the Town of Paradise Valley, JGS high school (JGHS) enrollment is capped at 60 students.*

Current enrollment by grade (as of fall semester 2023):

9th = 16 students
10th = 20 students
11th = 6 students
12th = 13 students



Average attrition rate = **6.67%**

Academics & Curriculum

The Jones-Gordon School operates on a traditional schedule, with **seven fifty-minute classes daily** and a **ten-month** school year. Students earn 0.5 credits per semester-long class. College-preparatory coursework is delivered through differentiated instruction and experiential curriculum.

Graduation Requirements: 22 credits
(5-6 credits/year minimum)

Subject Area	Credits Required
English	4
Math	4
Lab Science	3
Social Studies*	3
CTE** or Fine Art	1
Electives	7

*Must include American History and Government
**Career & Technical Education
Course catalog lists classes that meet each requirement.

Advanced Placement® Courses

JGS piloted AP® programming in the 2018-19 school year with **AP English Language**. Ten students participated (the max. per our classroom ratio policy). This accounted for approximately **18%** of all high school students. Seven students took the AP exam (70%). Of those, **71%** scored a 3 or higher (with 5 being the highest possible score).



JGS is honored to be one of approximately 1,800 schools worldwide selected to implement the **AP Capstone™ Diploma program**—an innovative program that allows students to develop the skills that matter most for college success, such as research, collaboration, and communication. The program consists of two year-long courses taken in sequence: AP Seminar and AP Research. In 2021-22, 15 students (**30%** of the high school student body) participated in **AP Capstone** with an **83%** pass rate.

Dual Enrollment Courses

Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, JGS partnered with Rio Salado College to offer dual enrollment courses in English, Mathematics, and History.



2022-23 dual enrollment stats:

- 4** courses offered
- 40+** course enrollments
- 100+** college credits earned

Historic dual enrollment participation: **4 students (7%)** in 2019-20; **18 students (35%)** in 2020-21; **14 students (27%)** in 2021-22; **15 students (30%)** in 2022-23.

Grading & Ranking

Grading is done on a standard scale (shown right). As a small private school, JGS does not rank its students.

Grade	Percent	QUALITY POINTS		
		Regular	Honors	AP/Dual Enrollment
A	90-100	4.0	4.5	5
B	80-89	3.0	3.5	4
C	70-79	2.0	2.5	3
D	60-69	1.0	1.5	2
F	59 or below	0	0	0

Community Service

Stewards of our culture of kindness, JGHS students lead the JGS Student Government (StuGo), participate in team-building and educational field trips and travel opportunities, mentor younger students, and work together on community service projects. Student are required to complete a **per-semester minimum of ten service hours**.

Athletics

JGS is part of the **Canyon Athletic Association**. Nearly **75%** of high school students participated in JV and Varsity sports (Swim, Flag Football, Basketball, Track & Field) in the 2022-23 school year.



JGHS Graduate Snapshot

Post-secondary Placement

	2020	2021	2022	2023
4-year University:	33%	53%	62%	82%
2-year College:	57%	27%	15%	18%
CTE/Workforce/Apprenticeship:	10%	20%	23%	—
In-state college/university:	90%	75%	80%	99%
Out-of-state college/university:	10%	25%	20%	1%



Historic College Acceptance List

In-State Institutions

Arizona State University
 Barrett Honors College, ASU
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
 Grand Canyon University
 Northern Arizona University
 Honors College—NAU
 University of Arizona
 Franke School of Honors, UA
 Universal Technical Institute
 Maricopa Community Colleges

Indiana University
 Landmark College
 New Mexico Technical Institute
 Pepperdine University
 Stanford University
 St. Mary's College of California
 Texas A&M University
 Universal Technical Institute
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Irvine
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of Denver
 University of New Mexico
 University of Oregon
 University of South Florida
 Washington University

Out-of-State Institutions

Beacon College
 Boise State University
 Cornell College
 Florida Technical Institute

