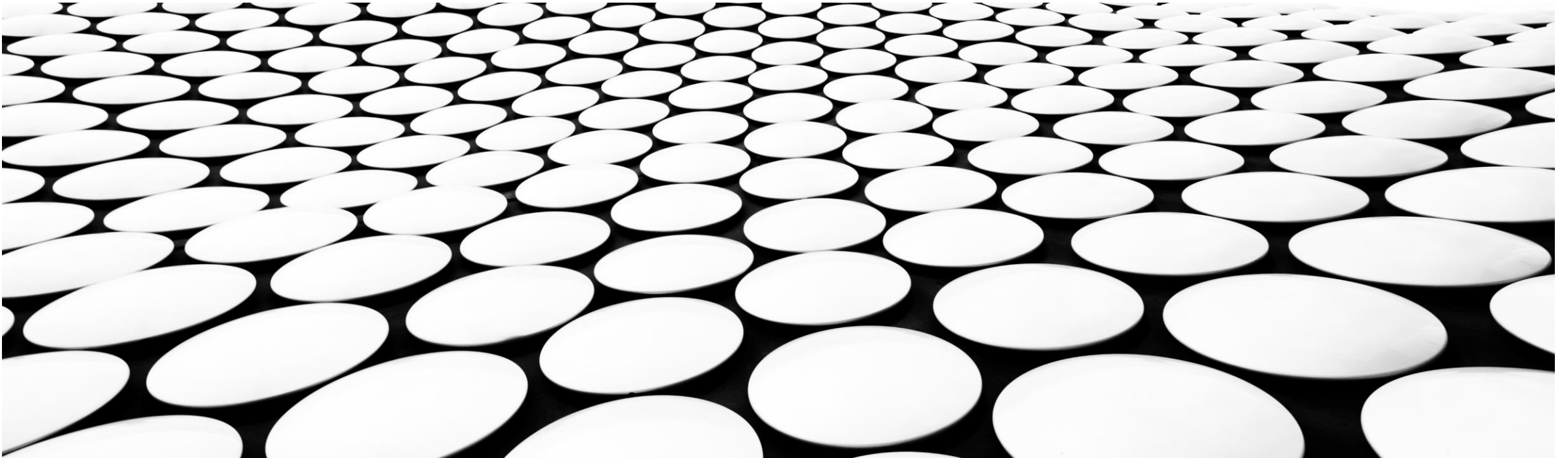

WELCOME TO JOLIET TOWNSHIP ADAPTIVE VOCATIONAL ACADEMIC CENTER PROGRAM!

A DISTRICT PROGRAM THAT SERVES ALL LIFE SKILLS STUDENTS AT JOLIET CENTRAL CAMPUS



JTHS MISSION AND DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The mission of Joliet Township High School, a historically rich, unified, and innovative learning community, is to empower every student to compete and contribute positively to our community and global society by providing a rigorous and personalized education through an academy environment.

Joliet Township High School District 204 is committed to cultivating an inclusive community that values and embraces diversity and respects the humanity of all people.

JT Special Education Programming

Central/West

General Education, FAC, Co-taught Classes, Instructional Program

Adaptive Vocational and Academic Center (AVAC)

Prepares students with developmental disabilities for a successful transition into adult life. The program focuses on community experiences, vocational preparation, independent living skills, functional academics, communication and daily living skills.

Transition Center (ages 18 to 22)

Students who have completed the district course requirements, but need intense transitional supports to develop vocational, community, and independent living skills. The program provides learning opportunities in the academic environment and in the community

Pathways Campus

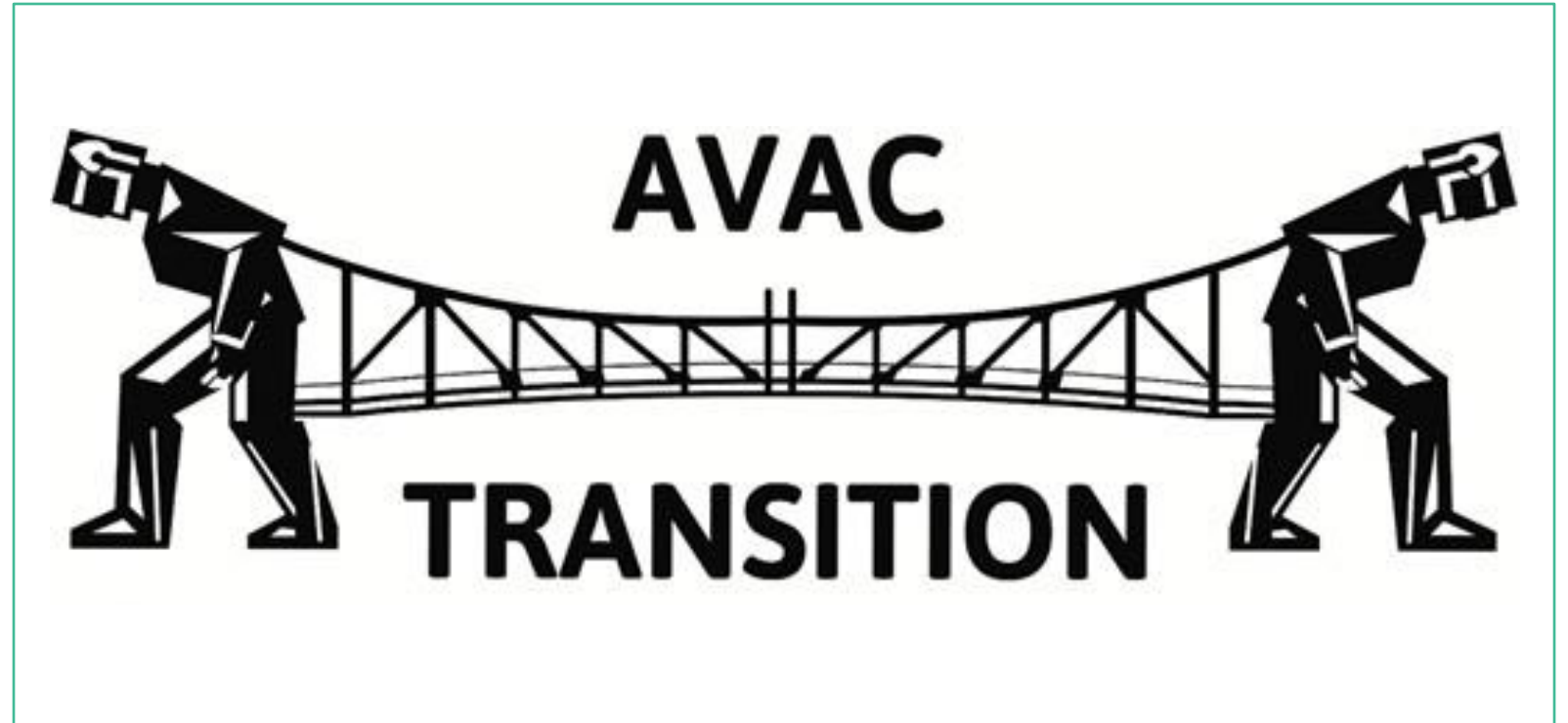
Provides structured and focused intensive services in the areas of social emotional, behavioral and vocational. Student's emotional needs are addressed along with their academic instruction. Services are provided to support the student to access the main campus upon recommendation from staff.

Out Placement Facilities

Programs and services for students that require intensive services that can not be provided within the district. Per IDEA, services must be recommended by the IEP team.

THE AVAC PROGRAM

- The district program is housed at the Central Campus.
- Our focus is on academics, social skills, and building skills to enhance their experiences not only in their school environment, but in the Joliet Community. This important programming begins to shape and prepare them for future independence in the home, community, post-secondary college, training center, and on the job.



AVAC PROGRAM STAFF

- AVAC Program Coordinator – Lynda Shanks
- Special Education Teachers
 - Classroom teachers
 - Vision Itinerant
 - Hearing Itinerant
 - Physical Impairment Resource
- Paraprofessionals
 - Classroom
 - One on one
- Related Services (per IEP recommendations)
 - Speech and Language
 - Social Work
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Nursing
 - Orientation and Mobility
 - Hearing, Vision, Audiology

AVAC FRESHMAN CLASS SCHEDULE

- AVAC students follow the established JTHS Graduation Requirements. Community service opportunities are built into the school day program students, but outside community service is encouraged when appropriate.
- In the traditional in-person setting ALL AVAC freshman start their day period 2 (8:00 am) and end period 8 (3:00 pm). All students have scheduled classes period 2-8, which includes an Advisory/Lunch period.
- AVAC freshman have similar schedules to all incoming freshman which will include, English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Science, PE/ROTC/APE, Self-Improvement and program electives, based on availability of classes for the year.
- ALL AVAC Freshman students have Physical Education. Based on the student needs they have either Adaptive PE, PE 1, or ROTC 1.

JTHS AVAC PROGRAM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

■ ENGLISH

- 4 Credits
- Practical or Life Skills Language Arts, Functional or Transitional Language Arts, English IN 1, 2, 3, 4

■ MATH

- 3 Credits (We recommend a 4th year of math!)
- Practical or Life Skills Math, Functional or Transitional Math, Algebra IN, Geometry IN, Applied Math

■ SCIENCE

- 2 Credits
- One credit MUST be Biology
- AVAC Biology 1, AVAC Biology 2, Biology IN, Physical Science IN, Self & Home Maintenance

■ SOCIAL SCIENCE

- 2.5 Credits
- AVAC World Affairs, Contemporary Social & World Issues, World Affairs IN, US History IN, American Government IN, Pre-Vocational

■ CONSUMER EDUCATION

- .5 Credits
- Adult Living, Consumer Economics IN

■ HEALTH

- .5 Credits
- AVAC Health, Health IN

■ PE/ROTC

- 3.5 Credits
- Adaptive PE, PE1, PE 2, PE 3-4 Track options, ROTC 1, ROTC 2-4

■ ART/CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION/ WORLD LANGUAGE/MUSIC

- 1.0 Credits
- Ove, IRO, Artistic Discovery, Mixed Chorus, Into to Tech IN, Concert Band

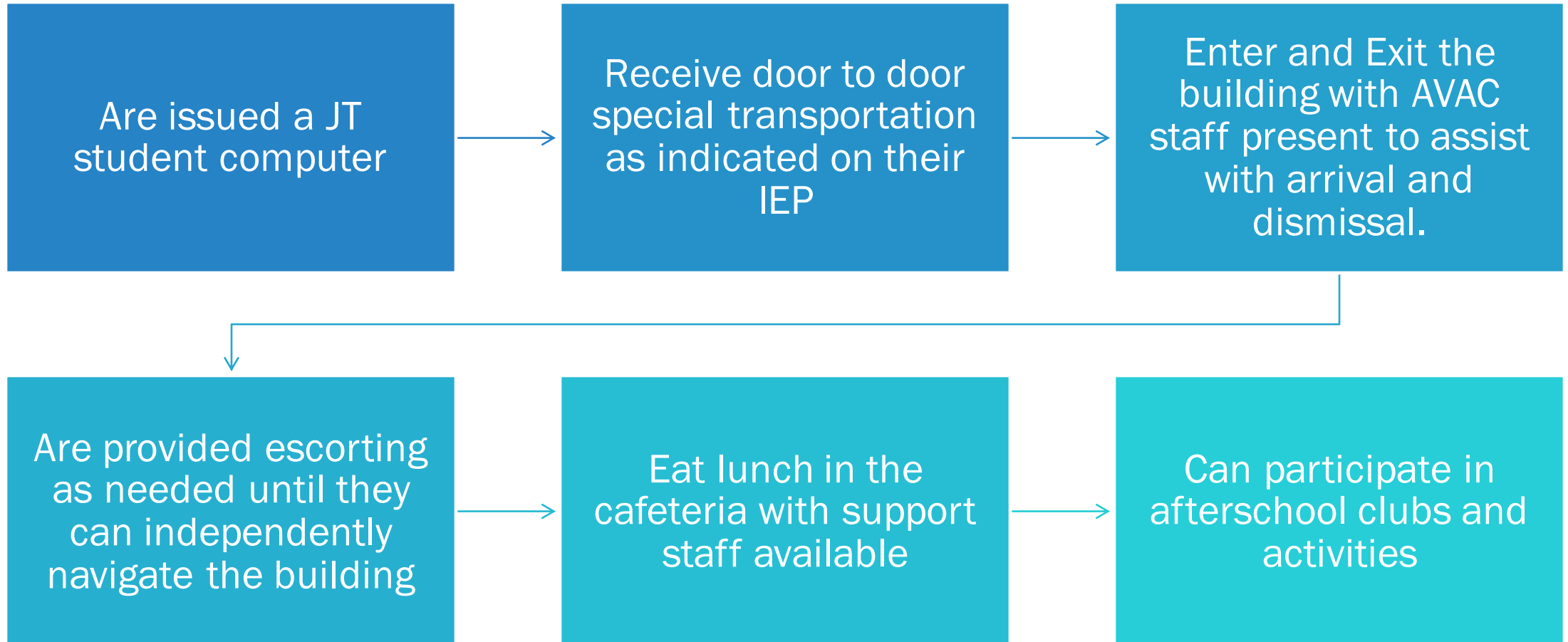
TOTAL = 22 Credits to graduate

*Must pass the US Constitution Test

■ COMMUNITY SERVICE

- All JTHS students MUST complete 40 hours of community service. Community service hours can be met during school hours in the AVAC program, but we highly encourage students and families to participate in other community service opportunities.

AVAC STUDENTS – QUICK FACTS



WHAT IS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF THE AVAC PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS?

Electives

- AVAC students have and are currently participating in many JT Central Electives
 - Intro to Technology
 - Self Improvement
 - Intro to Art
 - Mixed Chorus
 - Ensemble
 - Concert Band
 - And more...

Afterschool Sports, activities and clubs

- AVAC students have and are currently participating in JT Central sports, activities, and clubs
 - JTHS Special Olympics
 - JTHS Golf team
 - JT Central Bowling team
 - JT Central Baseball
 - Art Club,
 - Anime club
 - JT Central Musical
 - And more...

JTHS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

- The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.
- *JTSO currently offers SO sports opportunities in the following sports (as allowed based on current pandemic status):*
 - Fall - Bowling (not officially Special Olympics sanctioned)
 - Winter - Basketball (Blue team won the SO State Championship Gold in 2018 and 2019)
 - Spring - Track and Field