



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) About SJB Global and St. John Bosco High School Online Classes

### **How will the Salesian mission be a part of online classes and help carry on our school's culture?**

All SJB Global teachers are trained in what it means to be a Salesian educator and also the mission of the Salesians. These lessons are also a part of Health class, a class that all SJB students take online. All Theology classes will continue to reinforce the Salesian mission, just like they do on campus. We join in supporting the mission of the school to grow the students holistically with religion, reason, and loving kindness.

### **How do online classes work in high school?**

We take the content that is taught in a regular traditional classroom and modify it to work in an online mode. The content is the same, but the method is different. There are still lectures, class discussions, readings, assignments, projects, and tests. The students have the flexibility to complete the work any time of the day, whenever it fits best into their schedule.

### **How much time should a student plan to spend on an online class each day?**

Students should plan to spend 1-2 hours a day per lesson per class. Some days it is more and some days it is less, depending on what is due. Health class will be 30-45 min per lesson.

### **Is this like remote learning with Zoom?**

No, this is different. There is not a live element where the students have to be in the classroom on zoom with the teacher every day. We use a college model. All of the class content is available to the students on Day 1. They read or watch the lessons, interact with the content through various activities, and show their mastery through projects and assessments. They interact with their classmates and teacher in a discussion forum.

### **Is there a live teacher?**

Yes, there is a real live teacher. Students can contact their teacher by email or by phone. Teachers keep an office hour for every lesson. Students can call their teacher for help with an assignment, for understanding feedback, or for tips and suggestions for improving in class.

### **Can a student receive a diploma through SJB Global, taking classes entirely or partially online?**

Yes, students can take all of the required classes online to graduate through SJB Global. Their diploma will be granted from St. John Bosco High School. 260 total credits or 26 units are required to graduate. Courses must be completed with a grade of D or higher to earn credits toward graduation.

- Theology: 4 Years | 40 Credits
- English: 4 Years | 40 Credits

- Social Studies: 3 Years | 30 Credits
- Mathematics: 3 Years | 30 Credits
- Lab Science: 3 Years | 30 Credits
- World Language: 2 Years | 20 Credits
- Visual/Performing Arts: 1 Year | 10 Credits
- P.E.: 1 Year | 10 Credits
- Health: 1 Semester | 5 Credits
- Financial Literacy I 5 Credits
- Electives: 9 Semesters | 40 Credit

**What is the minimum number of credits that a student needs to take to be considered a full-time SJB Global student?**

Students must take at least 40 credits (4 courses) per year to have St. John Bosco be their school of record and be an SJB Global diploma-seeking student. Students from other schools may take one or more single courses which will be transferable units to their school of record.

**Can fully online students play sports for St. John Bosco?**

No. Students must take a minimum of 4 courses on campus in order to participate in our CIF sports programs.

**How are tests and final exams given?**

Tests are online and are open-book and open-note. The assessments are written with this in mind. This allows students to take tests on their own, using the resources that they have had available to them for class. Finals for core classes (English, Math, Social Science, Science, World Languages) will be in-person with a proctor.

**Are online classes UC approved and NCAA approved?**

Yes, all a-g classes are UC approved and NCAA approved as online classes.

**Are online classes indicated as an online class on the transcript?**

No, they are not indicated as an online class on the transcript. Colleges will not be able to tell if a class was taken as an online or traditional class.

**Are online classes easier or harder than traditional in-person classes?**

They are not easier or harder, they are just different. The content is the same, but the mode of learning is different. Online learning is not for everyone. Online learning is harder for some people than others, but the content is not harder or easier. Every SJB student takes online Health and this helps us predict whether a student will be successful online in future classes.

**What kind of support does an online student receive?**

Online students are closely monitored by their Academic Advisor who acts as the liaison for the teacher, student, and parent. The advisor checks grades weekly and reaches out to any student who seems to be struggling. They create a support team with the student and parents to come up with a plan for succeeding online, or for making alternate plans.

## **How can we ensure students succeed in their online class?**

The best online students are self-motivated, organized, and experienced at time management. These are skills that can be learned and developed through practice. Our Health class, the introductory online class, has a unit that helps students prepare to be successful online learners. Students also need consistent access to reliable internet and a device such as a laptop, tablet, or phone. Computers are available on campus if they are not available at home. Parents who check in with their child weekly about their progress, who look for the progress report from teachers, and who discuss any issues with their child as soon as they occur will help to ensure their child's growth and success online.

## **How can a parent keep track of their child's progress?**

Parents will also be updated by email at the end of each unit (either every week or every other week depending on if the child is in an 8 week or a 16 week class). The progress report will include information about the topic of study, an overview of the previous week, and a current semester grade. Parents are also welcome to log in with their student to the classroom and review feedback from teachers.

## **How does a student handle missing a day of class due to sports, travel, or family issues?**

A student should be proactive with their teacher and communicate with them when they know in advance that they may need an extension. Communicating with the teacher helps them learn to be self-advocating, a skill they will need as adults. Online teachers are flexible with students who ask ahead. With any other issues, such as illness or family situations, students and parents should contact the teacher to inform them and then to make a plan working together with the Academic Advisor to catch back up in class in a timely manner.

## **What is the course/program fee?**

The courses cost \$525 per semester. AP classes cost \$625 per semester. There may be text, etext, subscription, or course materials fees depending on the class. There are no additional course or program fees. St. John Bosco families can also request tuition assistance for online courses.