

JUANITA FLEX ACADEMY OVERVIEW



Juanita Flex Academy is a non-traditional learning program located at Juanita High School and created for students whose needs are not being met in our comprehensive high school. We offer flexible scheduling, increased opportunities to build community, greater access to resources and support, and accelerated credit to reach graduation goals. Each student will have a mentor teacher and create a learning plan that fits the students' needs and support them throughout their Flex Academy journey.

Mission: Juanita Flex Academy offers a non-traditional learning pathway designed to empower students with flexible scheduling, personalized support, and opportunities for credit recovery or accelerated progress toward graduation.

Vision: We strive to empower students to take ownership of their education in a supportive environment that fosters growth and connection.

Criteria for Student Enrollment Consideration:

- Students who are credit deficient due to previous lack of success or transfer issues.
- Students who have struggled to engage with consistent attendance and/or academics at JHS.

Overview

Juanita Flex Academy uses Graduation Alliance as the online provider of courses and credit. This provider was selected from an approved list provided by OSPI's Alternative Learning Department Online Learning Division (formerly known as the Digital Learning Department). All providers have signed a contract for their services to the district, which is renewed annually. The curriculum and course requirements are consistent with basic education goals and high school graduation requirements. Curricula, course content, instructional materials, learning activities, and other learning resources used in Juanita Flex Academy are consistent in quality with those available to the district's overall student population. Instructional materials have been approved pursuant to school board policies. All courses are available for credit on a JHS transcript.

Enrollment and Engagement

Students will be selected annually based on attendance and other academic data. Students will be notified, interviewed, and qualified for entry into Flex. Ideally students would begin their enrollment in Juanita Flex Academy after completing the quarter they are currently enrolled; however enrollment may take place on an ongoing basis throughout the year as student needs arise. Students wishing to return to full-time enrollment at JHS should do so at the beginning of semester. Students struggling to make adequate progress on their learning plan or are not finding success in Flex will be given a list of alternate programs to consider to find success.

Our Process

1. *Student Selection:* The Juanita Flex Team utilizes data on attendance, academics, behavior, and demonstrated need to compile list of potential students for program. Other staff, such as counselors, can recommend students for Flex Academy. Additionally, any student who is interested may request a meeting with a member of the Juanita Flex Team to discuss if the program is the right fit for their student's need.

2. *Intake Meeting:* Students selected will meet with a member of the Juanita Flex Team to better understand the program expectations, commitments, and to review the student's transcript and potential schedule. Students who meet the critical criteria and receive guardian approval will be enrolled after the intake meeting.
3. *Graduation Plan:* Once approved, the student and guardian will work with their Flex Mentor Teacher to develop an individual graduation plan. This will include the Flex and JHS schedule, courses to be taken through Graduation Alliance, registration for any JHS classes, review the requirements and expectations for progress and attendance, and other resources for support.
4. *Begin Program:* The student will then be enrolled in their first course through Graduation Alliance and begin working on their graduation plan.

The expectation is that the students will attend Flex Academy classes and JHS classes at their scheduled times.

Possible Schedules:

Morning Block	Afternoon Block	Full Time
Periods 1-3 Flex Academy	Periods 1-3 Juanita Classes	Periods 1-6 Flex Academy Lunch (student choice)
Lunch	Lunch	
Periods 4-6 Juanita Classes	Periods 4-6 Flex Academy	
*Exceptions to scheduling can be made on a student-by-student basis		

Program Expectations

The student should do their best to attend all assigned times at the building but must make weekly two-way contact with their Juanita Flex Teacher Mentor if issues should arise around attendance. If adequate progress, as determined by the Teacher Mentor, is not being met, additional in-person meetings will be required and could result in additional interventions. These could include additional Teacher Mentor contact by phone or email; regular in-person meetings; or more scheduled on-campus work time. All coursework must be completed within the course start and end dates determined at the time of registration.

Flex classes cannot be used for grade replacements. Students cannot be concurrently enrolled in JHS and Graduation Alliance classes.

Acceptable Progress

Regular login and acceptable weekly progress toward course completion is required. Students are expected to complete 15 assignments per week, courses are set to a 6 week timeline. If acceptable progress is not met, Washington state law mandates that the Mentor Teacher add further interventions and requirements, which could include scheduled work time, reduction or increase of Flex time, parent meetings, or additional weekly check-ins.

Earning Credit

Grading is the responsibility of the online teacher for the course from Graduation Alliance. All grades and credit for completed courses will be recorded on the JHS transcript. Withdrawing from a course within 10 school days of initial login will result in no record on the transcript. Withdrawing later than 10 school days after initial login and prior to the last 10 days of the course will result in a "W" on the transcript. Not completing the course will result in an "N" on the transcript. If the online provider has different rules regarding grade posting, those rules will take precedence.

WIAA and NCAA Eligibility

Graduation Alliance courses are designed to meet NCAA eligibility. If you need to verify that a course is NCAA certified, please let your counselor or teacher mentor know at the time of course request.