



Forest View High School Junior Certificate of Learning - (JCL)

All students in Year 9 and Year 10 will strive to earn credits towards their Junior Certificate of Learning in 2026

Our rationale for the Junior Certificate of Learning is to:

- Encourage students to pursue academic success in the junior school
- Have a junior school (Year 9 and 10 students) programme in line with the senior (Year 11, 12 and 13) NCEA programme expectations.
- Allow parents and students to become familiar with the language and work expectations around NCEA in the senior school.
- Teach junior students to track their academic progress as seniors do.
- Encourage junior students to develop good habits and to take responsibility for their own learning.

Gaining Credits

All core curriculum subjects will offer students a total of 12 credits per year. These credits will be divided into 4 assessments worth 3 credits each. All Option subjects will offer 1 assessment worth 3 credits each term.

Assessments will happen once a term, students will be given plenty of notice of how each assessment will work as each one may take a different form e.g. Test, project, poster, etc

Merit and Excellence Endorsements

Year 9

Year 9 students are able to achieve their Junior Certificate of Learning by completing assessments at their level as per marking schedules. We always encourage students to reach for the highest level possible!

Year 9 students can achieve Merit or Excellence endorsements.

- To achieve a Year 9 Junior Certificate of Learning endorsed with Merit, a student must earn a minimum of 50 credits at merit or excellence as per the criteria in the marking schedules.
- To achieve a Year 9 Junior Certificate of Learning endorsed with Excellence, a student must earn a minimum of 50 credits at excellence as per the criteria in the marking schedules.

Year 10

Year 10 students are able to achieve Junior Certificate of Learning by completing assessments at their level as per marking schedules.

Year 10 students can achieve Merit or Excellence endorsements.

- To achieve a Year 10 Junior Certificate of Learning endorsed with Merit, a student must earn a minimum of 50 credits at merit or excellence as per the criteria in the marking schedules.
- To achieve a Year 10 Junior Certificate of Learning endorsed with Excellence, a student must earn a minimum of 50 credits at excellence as per the criteria in the marking schedules.

Marking Schedules

All students will be provided with an outline for each assessment which will explain what will be assessed, together with a marking schedule which will clearly state the criteria for students to earn Achieved, Merit or Excellence grades taking into account the Curriculum levels.

All marking schedules will be available electronically and in each google classroom.

Assessment Timeline

Assessments will happen generally in week 9 of Terms 1, 2 and 3 with the exception of Term 4 when these will take place in week 6/7.

Assessments will be marked and moderated (peer reviewed) with results entered on Kamar (our Student Management System - accessible by students and parents) by the end of each Term.

Junior Certificate of Learning awards will be presented at both end of year assemblies and Junior prizegiving depending on the level of achievement.

Who will help students understand this process and keep track of their achievement during the year?

- Tracking JCL and assessments will be a key focus for our Arataki teachers.
- All subject teachers will also ensure students know how to check their progress in each individual subject.

What we offer in Year 9 and 10 in 2026:

Year 9

In Year 9, all students will take 4 hours per week of CORE subjects. These 5 subjects are:

Mathematics

English

Social Studies

Science

Physical Education and Health

In Year 9, all students will select FOUR option rotations, which they take for ONE term each. Students must select:

ONE language rotation (Te Reo Māori or Cook Island Māori)

ONE Arts or Business Rotation (Art, Music, Business Studies, Dance/Drama)

ONE Technology Rotation (Food Technology, Digital Technology, Hard Materials Technology)

ONE other subject from any area

Year 10

In Year 10, all students will take 4 hours per week of CORE subjects. These 5 subjects are:

Mathematics

English

Social Studies

Science

Physical Education and Health

In Year 10, all students will select TWO option rotations, which they take for TWO TERMS each, four hours per week. There are no compulsory subjects, and students can select TWO options from the following:

Te Reo Māori, Cook Island Māori, Art, Music, Business Studies, Dance/Drama, Food Technology, Digital Technology, Hard Materials Technology