

Scappoose High School is pleased to offer J Term once again. Since many students have not had the opportunity to experience J Term, we have put together some frequently asked questions regarding J Term.

**Q: What is J Term**

**A:** J Term (January Term) is an opportunity for all students to take additional enriching electives while also offering students a chance for meaningful recovery and intervention.

**Q: When will J Term take place?**

**A:** J Term will run January 3-27.

**Q: How many classes will my student take in each J Term?**

**A:** Students will be scheduled into 3 J Term courses. Each course will be awarded .25 credit.

**Q: What type of classes will be offered in J Term?**

**A:**

- Unique courses: a mix of core and elective classes that will emphasize projects and real world experience and learning.
- Continuing Classes: Some classes from the regular 15 week semester will continue into J Term (AP: required, Chamber Choir, Jazz Choir/Band, Leadership).
- Remediation: We will also be offering classes that will immediately remediate any students who have failed courses in the 15 week Semester, as well as chances to recover credits from previous years.

**Q: How will classes in J Term be different than classes in the 15 week semester?**

**A:** Students will have an opportunity to learn about a subject area in great depth. Project based learning and the completion of a high quality product will be emphasized over standard testing (unless students are recovering credits from a 15 week course). Courses in J Term will be high interest courses that are supported by high academic expectations.

**Q: Is J Term optional?**

**A:** No! Students are expected to be enrolled in school for 36 weeks; J Term is no exception. Students will take courses in both the 15 week semester and the 3 week J Term. J Term is not a time to take vacation or miss school.

**Q: When will students choose J Term classes?**

**A:** Students will receive J Term forecasting instruction in Period 2 on Monday, November 29. Forecasting will take place in Language Arts classes on Wednesday, December 1.

**Q: Are some classes required to be taken in J Term?**

**A:** Because the AP test is taken in May, we require students that are scheduled in an AP course (AP Physics, AP US History, AP Statistics), to continue those courses in J Term

**Q: Can my student request Work Experience or an AM or PM Release?**

**A:** Only students that are scheduled in Work Experience in the current term, may request to continue on to J Term Work Experience. Only seniors who are in good academic standing can request to have a PM Release (must be cleared by counselor). Due to late start during J Term we will not be offering AM Release.

**Q: How is J Term used to help students recover credit?**

**A:** Students can recover credits in the following ways:

1. J Term gives opportunities for students that are failing a current semester course to immediately recover that credit (teacher recommendation).
2. Students that have failures from a prior year may be placed in a credit recovery class. (counselor, and administration recommendation)

**Q: I didn't forecast for a class. Why did it end up on my schedule?**

**A:** After forecasting, the counseling staff, along with administration and teachers have work to schedule students in credit recovery classes if needed. Students either have a prior failure to recover or have been recommended to continue on in a J Term credit recovery class by their current teacher.

**Q: Why did the title to a course I chose change?**

**A:** The courses for forecasting are put out with a "marketing title". Course titles are then changed for transcribing purposes.