jewish leadership academy

SCHOOL PROFILE
2026 - 2027

The Jewish Leadership Academy is a need-blind 6-12 independent school aimed at challenging the Miami Jewish community's most academically able and ambitious students, connecting them to their heritage, and preparing them for a life of service. Admissions is limited to students who demonstrate the ability to perform at an honors level or above across all disciplines. Over the course of seven years, JLA students learn to harness their aptitudes and abilities not only for the sake of their own academic success, but for the sake of transforming the communities around them. Through mentorship from world-class faculty, project-based and inquiry-driven curricula, as well as unique travel and extra-curricular opportunities, the JLA experience unlocks each student's unique potential. Upon graduation, JLA alumni will be prepared to embrace the challenge of the country's most prestigious colleges and universities while infusing their campuses, workplaces, and homes with a unique set of values, ethics and ideals.

15	6:1	80	31%	55%
Average class size	Student to teacher ratio	Feeder schools	Acceptance rate	Matriculated students from non-Jewish schools

Educating and inspiring the Jewish leaders of tomorrow.

Graduation Requirements

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Science	3 credits
World Language (Hebrew)	2 credits
Judaic Studies	6 credits
Additional Academic Electives	6 credits
Health	.5 credits
Physical Conditioning	3 credits

Grades and Rankings

Class rank and GPA are not reported.
All classes are taught at an honors level or higher.

A	*92.51-100.00*	**B-**	*79.51-82.50*	**D+**	*66.51-69.50*
A-	*89.51-92.50*	**C+**	*76.51-79.50*	**D**	*72.51-66.50*
B+	*86.51-89.50*	**C**	*72.51-76.50*	**D-**	*59.51-62.50*
B	*82.51-86.50*	**C-**	*69.51-72.50*	**F**	*0.00-59.50*

Accreditation and Memberships

JLA is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and Cognia and maintains membership in the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC), The College Board, and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS).

Our Origins:

Launched for the 2023-2024 school year, the Jewish Leadership Academy was created to address three perceived gaps in the landscape of Jewish education in the greater Miami area:

1. Too many of the community's most academically able and ambitious students were opting out of Jewish schools beginning in 6th grade due to their belief that secular public, private, or charter schools offered a secular education that far exceeded what their children could get within the Jewish community.
2. Too many families in the the Miami Jewish community who wanted a Jewish education for their children found the cost, even with financial aid, to be beyond their reach.
3. Equipping students with the motivation and skills necessary for a life of service to others, in both Jewish and non-Jewish schools, was too often seen as peripheral to a high quality education rather than core to its mission.

Signature Programs

Service Entrepreneurship Program (SEP)

JLA's Service Entrepreneurship Program (SEP) cultivates compassionate, confident leaders who are inspired to change the world. Through a unique four-year curriculum, students dedicate two hours each Friday to real-world community service, learning from exemplary nonprofit professionals, and developing foundational skills in design thinking and nonprofit management.

1. Community Service = Students gain exposure to what others are doing to make our world a better place.
2. Design Thinking = Students are trained to identify needs that haven't yet been met and design their own solutions to meet them.
3. Nonprofit Management = Students are equipped with the skills to bring their solutions to life in a manner that is actionable, scalable and sustainable.

Hebrew Immersion

Each year, students spend the first month in Israel immersed in Judaic and Israel studies, which builds their global competence while allowing for a greater focus on the school's rigorous College Preparatory curriculum for the remainder of the year.

Morning Joe

Students participate weekly in a student-led seminar that encourages robust discussions focused on local and global news while teaching them to think critically about how information is presented in media.

Financial Aid

Our Financial Aid program endeavors to ensure that each family's tuition fees are uniquely scaled to meet their individual means. We offer a total of 7 tuition tiers in addition to the full tuition of $54,500.

	Tuition before state scholarship
• Tier F	$12,650
• Tier E	$16,300
• Tier D	$20,400
• Tier C	$26,800
• Tier B	$35,200
• Tier A	$43,500

Course Numbers

All JLA courses are college preparatory and taught at the Honors level, except Physical Conditioning.

Courses ending in "50" are High Honors courses.

Courses ending in "99" denote a specialized math program using the AoPS curriculum, which is taught at competition level. Available through Algebra II.

In lieu of AP courses, JLA offers advanced 400 level courses in all subjects and select 500 and 600 level courses in Math, Science, and Computer Science.

100s: Intro-level courses that do not require upper school prerequisite.

200s: Intro-level courses that generally require a 100-level course as a prerequisite.

300s: Electives and advanced courses that generally require a 200-level course as a prerequisite.

400s: Advanced classes with multiple prerequisites and senior-only classes that are not 500 or 600 level. Most advanced level offered in Humanities subjects.

500s: Introductory college level courses that meet or exceed the level of rigor in AP courses, and are High Honors. Available only in Math, Science, Computer Science, and Independent Projects.

600s: Advanced college level courses which generally require a 500-level course as a prerequisite and are High Honors. Available only in Math and Computer Science.

Science courses are laboratory classes.

A Day at JLA

The day begins at 7:45 am for morning prayers and alternates between a 4:10/5:00 pm dismissal Mon-Thurs.

Our students commute from 41 zip codes, from as far Boca Raton, all the way to Coral Gables.

Physical conditioning is required twice weekly (140 mins) and there are over 7 competitive athletic teams to join.

An evolving selection of over a dozen clubs meeting twice weekly.

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