

Forest View High School



Junior Certificate
JCEA
of
Education Achievement

The central illustration shows a girl in a pink dress standing on a yellow step ladder, reaching up towards several yellow stars against a light blue background. The text is arranged in a circular pattern around the girl and stars.



Year 9



WHAT IS THE JUNIOR CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT?

The Year 9 Forest View High School Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement will be awarded to students at Year 9 who have accumulated at least 80 credits. Eight of these credits must be in Numeracy (Mathematics) and a further eight credits must be in Literacy (English). Most students will be achieving at curriculum level 4. **At secondary school, students at Year 9 are usually working at about levels 3 and 4 while students at Year 10 are usually working at about levels 4 and 5. NCEA Level 1 (Year 11) is aimed at curriculum level 6.**

WHY INTRODUCE THIS CERTIFICATE?

- The Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement will provide a framework to further develop an “Achievement Culture” at Forest View High School and reinforce the school’s RAP values
- The Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement is an incentive for Forest View High School junior students to achieve to the best of their ability in their academic studies
- The Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement is awarded in a similar way to the NCEA qualification – students are therefore being well prepared in Years 9 and 10 for their NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 studies
- The Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement will provide the opportunity for junior students to monitor their progress towards meeting their credit targets in individual subjects throughout the year

WHAT GRADES ARE STUDENTS AWARDED?

We have used the same standards based assessment that is used in the NCEA; that is credits will be awarded as ‘Achieved’ (A), ‘Achieved with Merit’ (M), ‘Achieved with Excellence’ (E) and ‘Not Achieved’ (N)

WHEN IS THE CERTIFICATE AWARDED?

Students who have gained 80 or more credits at the required curriculum level will receive their **JCEA** at the end of their year of study (December in any year). This will accompany the school end of year report.

ARE THERE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF CERTIFICATES?

Yes. As in NCEA students who gain 50 or more of their credits at ‘Excellence’ level will receive their **JCEA with Excellence**. **The JCEA with Merit** will be awarded to students who have achieved at least 50 credits at the Merit level or above (*students must have their excellence or merit credits at curriculum level 4 or above to qualify for the Year 9 JCEA with Excellence or the Year 9 JCEA with Merit*).

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT MY SON/DAUGHTER HAS ACHIEVED EACH YEAR?

Accompanying your son’s/daughter’s final school report will be a Forest View High School Record of Achievement that records student’s achievement in each component of their core and option subjects.

HOW MANY CREDITS ARE THERE IN DIFFERENT SUBJECTS?

The five core subjects, English, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies and Physical Education/Health will each have between 16 and twenty credits per year. (about 5 credits per term). Option subjects will also have credits attached to them (2 credits for 5 week options, 3 credits for 10 week options, and 5 credits for the language option (20 weeks).

Total Possible Credits

Five core subjects through the year	80 - 100 credits possible
Option subjects	27 credits possible

ARE THE CREDITS IN THIS CERTIFICATE THE SAME AS NCEA CREDITS?

No. The credits towards the JCEA are school based credits and are not transferable to the National Qualifications Framework.



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