Welcome! We are glad you are considering Futures School, an alternative high school housed within Juanita High School and designed for students who need to catch up on lost credit. We offer small class sizes, dedicated teachers, a hands-on learning environment, and a chance to earn accelerated credit. We look for students who are curious, active learners determined to make the most of their opportunities. Stated simply, to be successful, students must be prepared to be productive and show respect to others at all times. Students who feel either of these are beyond them may wish to explore other options.

Courses and Credits:
- The school year is organized into six sessions of six weeks each (as opposed to the standard 2 semesters of 20 weeks each).
- Futures school follows the summer school model, allowing for 0.25 credits for each class per session (1.5 credits per class per school year).

Some Specific Rules:
- Being more than 5 minutes late to class is will result in an absence.
- Students will lose credit on their 4th absence of the session in any class.
- Students may appeal loss of credit due to absence, but may not appeal unexcused absences.
- Students not passing a class (due to academic achievement or absences) may be removed from the class and given a reduced class schedule.*
- Students not passing one-half or more of their Futures classes (due to academic achievement or absences) may be removed from Futures School.*
- Students who receive three discipline referrals or who have been removed from more than half of their Futures School classes will be removed from the Futures School program.*
- WE HAVE A ZERO TOLERANCE DRUG POLICY. Students will be asked to address their concerns, and will be removed from the program if they do not.*
- Futures School students must live up to all other expectations and guidelines of Juanita High School.

For New Students:
All new students are on a four-week probationary period. At the end of this probation, your Futures School teachers will report to Lynn on your progress and participation. If a teacher reports that you are disengaged, unmotivated, or a discipline concern, you will be removed from that class. If over half do so, you will be removed from the program. Note that this is a SUBJECTIVE decision on the part of the teacher, and has nothing to do with academic standing.

For Parents:
- Your student needs the following to be successful: a notebook, pens / pencils, a reading book for school, and a dictionary and calculator at home. A USB drive is recommended.
- The student is responsible for actively engaging in class and completing all assignments in a timely manner. We are here to support your students, but the responsibility for success is theirs.

*It is very difficult to enroll students in classes mid-way through the semester. If a student is removed from a class or the program, there is no guarantee that they will be able to get classes at their home school. We will do our best to
facilitate the transition, but students must keep this in mind, as they may end up further behind in credits than they were before joining Futures if they are unable to get a full course load.

**Futures School @ Juanita High School**

**Application Process**

Applications for admission to Futures School @ Juanita High School are reviewed by the team that will be responsible for providing the education opportunity for your son or daughter. The information will be used to develop a plan that we think will provide an opportunity for success for you. The following steps are required before an application will be considered.

- Attendance history from current school (or last attended)
- Discipline history from current school (or last attended)
- Copy of Transcript
- EOC & HSPE scores
- Copy of immunization
- Copy of IEP/504 (if applicable)
- LWSD Secondary Student Registration Form (blue)
- Futures School Registration Form
- Writing Sample
- A letter of recommendation from a current or past academic teacher stating your academic achievement and classroom management.
- If you are attending another school district, you will need a signed Non-Resident Variance from.

The Futures School team will review your application packet and make a decision at the next staff meeting following receipt of the packet. You will be contacted and advised of our decision. At that time you will be given a start date and you will need to withdraw from the school you are attending. **It is important that you continue attending school while you await our decision.**

If you have questions or concerns please call:
Lynn Lawrence (425) 936-1635 or email llawrence@lwsd.org
Sechin Tower (425) 936-1613 or email mtower@lwsd.org
Futures School Intake Information

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Futures School Admittance Personal Statement

Write a letter explaining how you came to need Futures School.

Tell us about your personal background, why you are behind in credits, and what you will do to make school work for you this time around. Be sure to indicate your former school name and how you did at that school.

This letter should be typed or neatly printed on a separate page.

Use blue or black ink. It should be 1 to 2 pages.

Begin your letter as follows:

Dear Mr. Tower,

What you should know about me is…
Futures School Prospect

Student:
School last attended:

Assessment from home school principal:

Assessment from home school counselor:

____________________________
Futures School administration sign off

Other info:
Fill this out if you attend Juanita High School

Futures School Prospect

Student:

Assessment from Teacher:

______________________________

Futures School administration sign off

Other info:
Please Print
Student Name____________________________________________________________
Address_________________________________________________________________
Parent Name_____________________________________________________________
Mailing Address______________________________________________________________________
Second Mailing Address___________________________________________________________
Phone, Home______________________________Parents other____________________
Email address______________________________________________________________
(Please use this as the primary means to notify me of issues of importance) YES/NO

Emergency Contact: These are the only people who may authorize my son/daughter to leave campus early, other than myself.

Name____________________________________Phone__________________________
Name____________________________________Phone__________________________
Parents Signature___________________________Date___________________________

Have you ever attended a Lake Washington School District School? _________________
Last school attended____________________ Year___________________________
Grade last attended________________________

Please circle all that apply:

Gender:
Female   Male

Referred by:
Administrator  Counselor  Teacher  Courts  Self  BECCA  Parents

District Designations
Special Education IEP  504
The following is important information for you.

In general, all Futures School students are expected to adhere to the guidelines and policies/procedures as listed in the Juanita High School student handbook.

Of particular interest to Futures School students are the policies concerning

- **Off campus permission**: Application is made through Mrs. Heier and permits are granted for those students who have no serious discipline or attendance concerns and are passing all classes. No off campus permits are issued during the first 30 days.

- **Smoking**: Smoking and/or use or possession of tobacco or tobacco related products (such as lighters) is expressly forbidden on campus, at school-sponsored events, and within a 1,000 foot radius of campus.

- **Drugs/Alcohol**: Drug/alcohol use (being under the influence, in possession, or in possession of paraphernalia) on campus and/or at school-sponsored events is expressly forbidden and will result in expulsion from Futures School. Students who have a drug/alcohol habit are encouraged to seek assistance from a drug/alcohol rehabilitation agency as well as from the school’s substance abuse counselor.

- In addition, students who glorify the use of drugs/alcohol in their conversations, wear drug/alcohol related clothing or jewelry, or decorate their belongings with such symbols, are also in violation of school policy and will be sanctioned accordingly.

- **Gang-related clothing, language or paraphernalia**: Students who wear gang-related clothing, who flash signs, or who otherwise identify themselves as members of a gang will be subject to school discipline. Students are advised that both JHS and Futures School staff follow police guidelines in identifying a “gang” to be any group of three or more individuals who engage in illegal or illicit activities.

- **Parking**: You must have a valid parking permit, issued by the JHS bookkeeper, to park on campus. You will be cited for failure to display a proper permit. Subsequent violations may result in your car being towed.

- **Attendance**: It is your responsibility to attend regularly, to arrive in class on time and to stay for the duration of the period. Poor attendance is frequently the single most significant factor in school failure.
**Contract for Success**  
**For and by the Students of Futures School**

To support student success, *Futures staff and students* will treat themselves and each other with dignity and respect.

*Futures staff* will help students set and achieve goals and to move past previous limitations. They will also provide assistance for class and homework and make time for each student. *Expectations and standards will be high for all students.*

In order to be successful, *the student* must remember the following…

- “Slacking” doesn’t work. You must finish work and turn it in to pass. You are also expected to participate in class discussions and activities.
- Attendance is critical. The list of students who have lost credit due to absences is a long one. Do not join them.
- Watch your tardies! Every tardy after the fourth one counts as an absence.
- THE STUDENT MUST ASK QUESTIONS IF THEY DON’T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING. This is called self-advocacy and is strongly encouraged. Please help out your confused peers as well!
- Futures School is a school within a school. This means you must follow both JHS and FS rules. It is also a “choice” school with a waiting list. You must show us you want to be here!
- Futures School teachers will have their own reasonable classroom rules and procedures, all of which you are responsible for when you are in their classroom.
- Transportation in your responsibility. Carefully consider whom you car-pool with. If they decide not to come, or their car breaks down, you still receive an absence.
- SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON OR NEAR CAMPUS ANYTIME. This may be a good time to quit.
- Futures School is not responsible for making sure students are able to enroll or get classes at their home school should they be ejected.

In order to help students reach their potential, *parents* must make sure their students make it to school on-time every day, have had a good night’s sleep, and have proper nutrition.

- *Parents* will provide school supplies and a quiet place to study at home.
- *Parents* will be involved in their student’s education, asking and helping them with homework, and contacting the teacher with concerns or questions.
- *Parents* will contact Futures School staff by telephone and/or email with questions or concerns.

I agree that the above are fair and appropriate. I understand that refusing to follow the above seriously jeopardizes the success of the program. Regular disregard of the above will result in expulsion from the current session or from the program.

_________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________
Futures Student  Parent/Guardian  Email?
Our Calendar

Futures School is an accelerated-credit program which allows successful students to generate more credit for a course than they could at their home school in the same amount of time. While most semester-long classes generate .5 credits for a passing student, Futures classes divide the semester into three six-week sessions, each generating .25 credits for a total of .75.

There is a potential downside – because of the fact that the sessions are so short, state law requires us to reduce the number of absences a student may accumulate before losing credit for the course. **Future School students will lose credit for classes using the three-session model on the fourth (4th) absence of the session.** Students may appeal the loss of credit (see below), but should understand that unexcused absences drastically reduce the likelihood of credit being reinstated.

The dates of the sessions are as follows for 2013-2014:

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**For students new and returning to Futures School . . .**

All students new to the program are considered probational. Evaluations of an individual’s commitment to success, as determined by active participation and completion of assignments, will be made every two weeks throughout the first term of residence. If the student’s performance is deemed unsatisfactory for two of those three evaluations, the student’s continuance in Futures School will be suspended.

For all students returning to the program, failure in a class for two back-to-back terms is grounds for removal from that class and corresponding reduction in schedule. Students must remain out of that class (or classes) for one semester and then may reapply for a full schedule. If students fail half or more of their Futures School classes for two terms, the student is removed for a minimum of one semester from Futures School. Students may reapply for admission. However, if a student has been withdrawn twice from the entire program, readmission will no longer be an option.

Students accruing three or more discipline referrals are suspended from the program for a minimum of one semester. As with failures, students may apply for readmission one time only.

Students who have been withdrawn from a single or multiple classes or from the program for failure to perform, for discipline reasons, or for violation of individual contracts have the right to an appeal to the principal of Futures School. Students who lose credit in one or more classes because of attendance concerns have the right to an appeal to the Attendance Review Board, and, as a second step if unsatisfied with the decision of the Board, to the principal of the program.

Any questions? Write them below and we will do our best to address them for you and your parents.