

FRENCH SETTLEMENT

Incoming Juniors - Class of 2027

Incoming Seniors - Class of 2026

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CREDITS NEEDED FOR PROMOTION

Grade Level	Carnegie Units
9th	0
10th	6
11th	11
12th	17+

PATHS TO GRADUATION

TOPS University Diploma	Jump Start TOPS Tech Diploma
Prepares students for entrance into a 4-year university	Prepares students for entrance into a 2-year college, vocational program, or workforce/employment
Earn a 4-year TOPS Scholarship	Earn a TOPS Tech Award
	Students may be eligible to transfer to a 4-year college after completing 60 academic hours

DIPLOMA CURRICULA

	ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	ELECTIVES
<p>TOPS University 24 Carnegie Units</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II English III English IV 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Advanced Math 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I Chemistry 2 from Environmental Science, Biology II, Physics, A&P 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History Civics World Geography World History 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish I & II PE I & II Health Art I or equivalent 3 additional credits
<p>Jump Start TOPS Tech 23 Carnegie Units</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II Technical Writing Business English 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry Financial Literacy Tran to College Math or equivalent 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I Environment Science or equivalent 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History Civics 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE I & II Health Career Readiness 8 Pathway Credits

SHOULD I SWITCH TO JUMP START?

Recommendations

- Below 2.5 cumulative GPA ----Switch
- Failed a core class, especially math ----Switch
- Unsatisfactory or Approaching Basic LEAP scores ----Switch
- Below 20 Composite on ACT ----Switch
- Below 19 in Math or 18 in English on ACT ----Switch
- Pursuing career that does NOT require a 4-year degree? ----
Switch
- No desire to attend a 4-year university ----Switch

LEAP

End of course tests required in the following subjects accounting for 15% of the final grade:

Score Levels

- Advanced - exceeds expectation
- Mastery - meets expectation
- Basic - nearly meets expectation
- *Approaching Basic - partially meets expectation
- Unsatisfactory - does not meet expectation

*Students must score at least Approaching Basic on one test per subject pair to graduate.

Subjects

- Freshmen Year
 - English I, Algebra I
- Sophomore Year
 - English II, Geometry, Biology I
- Junior Year
 - US History

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Cumulative GPA - all high school letter grades averaged on a 4.0 scale

Weighted GPA - all grades included; AP courses on a 5.0 scale, others on a 4.0

Core GPA - only specific grades included

- **TOPS University:** 19 Core Units (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language, Art)
- **Jump Start TOPS Tech:** 21 Core Units (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, 9 Jump Start courses)

Notice: GPA in PowerSchool is not cumulative; it reflects current grades only

RANK

First in class gives the honors address at graduation

- Senior with the most quality points
- Tie breaker-ACT Composite

HONOR GRADS

Sit in the front rows at graduation

Wear a special stole over their gown

- Summa Cum Laude
 - Weighted GPA: 3.75+
- Magna Cum Laude
 - Weighted GPA: 3.5 - 3.749

GRAD CORDS

Earn cords to wear at graduation

- Advanced Certifications
 - CITF Carpentry Level 2
 - Certified Clinical Medical Assistant
 - Adobe Visual Design Specialist
 - Photoshop & InDesign or Illustrator
 - Adobe Video Design Specialist
 - Photoshop & Premiere Pro
- 3+ on any Advanced Placement Exam
- 9+ Academic Dual Enrollment Hours
- 50+ on any CLEP Exam

ACADEMIC DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)

Northshore Technical Community College (NTCC)

- Core college courses earning both high school and college credit for academic degrees
- Course offerings transferrable to Louisiana public colleges & universities
- LPPS Supplement Course Academy (SCA) funds may cover up to 6 college hours per semester for eligible junior & seniors
- Earn a cord to wear at graduation for passing 9+ college hours of academic DE
- **Basic Eligibility:**
 - 2.5 unweighted cumulative GPA required for all academic DE course offerings
 - 18 ACT English Subscore for English & Western Civilization DE
 - 19 ACT Math Subscore for Math DE

ACADEMIC DE COURSE OFFERINGS

- English IV DE Yearlong
 - 3 college hours of English Composition I
 - 18 ACT English Subscore
 - Prerequisite: Eng III or Eng III AP
- Western Civilization DE Semester 1
 - 3 college hours of West Civ to 1500
 - Prerequisite: US History
- Western Civilization DE Semester 2
 - 3 college hours of West Civ since 1500
 - Prerequisite: West Civ DE S1
- Algebra III DE Semester 1
 - 3 college hours of College Algebra
 - 19 ACT Math Subscore
 - Prerequisite: Algebra II &/or Advanced Math Pre-Calculus
- Probability & Stats DE Semester 2
 - 3 college hours of Introductory Statistics
 - 19 ACT Math Subscore
 - Prerequisite: College Algebra

Grade will appear on high school transcript & permanent college transcript & will affect GPA in high school & college

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)

NORTHSHORE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE (NTCC)

- Workforce-focused courses (e.g., welding, healthcare, IT) earning high school & technical college credit for certifications or technical diplomas
- Course offerings transferrable to other Louisiana Community & Technical College System (LCTCS) schools
- TOPS Tech Early Start (TTES) covers the cost of up to 6 college hours per semester for eligible juniors & seniors
- **Eligibility Requirements:**
 - 2.0 GPA on 4.0 Scale
 - 15 PreACT or ACT Math Subscore, **AND**
 - 15 PreACT or ACT English Subscore, **OR**
 - Silver on WorkKeys

NTCC CTE DE COURSE OFFERINGS

- AC/Refrigeration DE
 - 12 college hours
- Carpentry I DE
 - 8 college hours
- Carpentry II DE
 - 9 college hours
 - Prerequisite: Carpentry I DE
- First Responder DE
 - 2 college hours
- Medical Assistant DE
 - 1 college hour
- Patient Care Tech DE
 - 2 college hours
- ProStart I DE
 - 5 college hours
- Welding I DE
 - 7 college hours

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

- College-level courses with an AP exam for potential college credit

Quality Points

AP Courses

A=5

B=4

C=3

D=2

F=0

Quality Points

Regular, Honors & DE Courses

A=4

B=3

C=2

D=1

F=0

- English III AP
 - AP Computer Science Principles
 - Studio Art 2-D Design AP
 - AP Environmental Science (Freshmen)
 - AP Human Geography (Sophomores)
- Grades, test scores, recommendations, attendance, and discipline affect enrollment eligibility
 - Earn a cord to wear at graduation for scoring 3+ on any one AP Exam
 - Take all AP courses for the best chance of earning first-in-class ranking & give the honors address at graduation

BASIC INDUSTRY BASED CREDENTIALS

Courses with Embedded Certifications

- **Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications Pathway**
 - Introduction to Business Computer Applications
 - Adobe InDesign
 - Digital Media I
 - Adobe Photoshop
 - Adobe Illustrator
 - Digital Media II
 - Adobe Premiere Pro
- **Health Sciences Pathway**
 - **First Responder**
 - Emergency Medical Responder (CPR, BLS)
 - Patient Care Technician
 - Certified Clinical Patient Care Technician
- **Architecture & Constructions Pathway**
 - AC/Refrigeration
 - Section 608
 - Union Carpentry I
 - Career Connections Level 1 in Carpentry
 - Union Welding I
 - Career Connections Level 1 in Welding

ADVANCED INDUSTRY BASED CREDENTIALS

- **Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications Pathway**

- Adobe Visual Design Specialist
 - Adobe Photoshop + InDesign or Illustrator
- Adobe Video Design Specialist
 - Adobe Photoshop + Premiere Pro

- **Health Sciences Pathway**

- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant

- **Architecture & Construction Pathway**

- Union Carpentry II
 - Career Connections Level 2 in Carpentry

Students earn a cord to wear at graduation for each advanced certification earned

ACT

Measures college readiness in English, Math, Reading & Science.
No age or grade level requirements; no waiting period to retake

FSHS Administrations

- October - 10th, 11th & 12th graders may pay to take
- March - 10th & 12th graders may pay to take
 - 11th graders required to take; no charge

National Administrations (Saturdays)

- Sign up online (myact.org)
- Offered on a Saturday in February, April, June, July, September, October, and December
- Fee waivers are available to juniors & seniors who demonstrate financial need

MINIMUM COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

College Type	Core GPA	AND / OR	ACT Comp	AND / OR	College Math & English Placement Requirement
Flagship	3.0	OR	25	AND	College Math <u>AND</u> English Placement Eligible
Statewide	2.5	OR	23	AND	College Math <u>AND</u> English Placement Eligible
Regional	2.0	OR	20	AND	College Math <u>OR</u> English Placement eligible
HBCU	2.0	OR	20		N/A

*College Math Placement Requirement
3.0 Unweighted Cumulative GPA, or
19 ACT Math Subscore

*College English Placement Requirement
3.0 Unweighted Cumulative GPA, or
18 ACT English Subscore

Flagship - LSU

Statewide - LA Tech, ULL, UNO

Regional - LSU-A, LSU-S, McNeese, Nicholls, Northwestern, Southeastern, ULM

Historically Black Colleges & Universities - Grambling, Southern BR, Southern NO

TOPS ELIGIBILITY

Citizenship & Residency

- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Live in LA for 2+ years before high school graduation
- Graduate from a BESE approved Louisiana public high school
- Parent/guardian must file LA state taxes for 2+ years before graduation

Curriculum and Testing

- Complete 19 core TOPS University units for TOPS OPH & Tech or 21 core Jump Start TOPS Tech units for TOPS Tech Award
- Meet GPA and ACT score requirements (next slide)

Apply Senior Year

- Complete FAFSA beginning October 1, or
- Complete TOPS online application
- Renew yearly

TOPS OPH

TOPS OPH can be used for:

- Bachelor's and associate degrees at public LA colleges & universities
 - TOPS **O**ppportunity: 2.5 Core GPA / 20 ACT
 - covers a set amount of tuition for 4 years (8 semesters)
 - TOPS **P**erformance: 3.25 Core GPA / 23 ACT
 - Opportunity plus extra \$400 stipend/year
 - TOPS **H**onors: 3.5 Core GPA / 27 ACT
 - Opportunity plus extra \$800 stipend/year

TOPS OPH cannot be used for:

- housing, books, fees, meal plans
- summer sessions; with some acceptations

Scan QR Code for
current year TOPS
Award Amounts



TOPS Tech

TOPS Tech Eligibility

- **2.5 Core GPA / 17 ACT or Silver WorkKeys**

TOPS Tech can be used for:

- Associate degrees in technical/occupational fields
- Certain academic associate degrees at select LA universities
- Certificate and diploma programs at eligible technical and community colleges, proprietary schools, and cosmetology schools

TOPS Tech does NOT cover:

- Bachelor's degrees
- Non-approved academic programs

Scan QR code for list of approved schools & programs



TOPS RENEWAL

Earn 24 hours per academic year

- Academic year - beginning of fall semester/quarter to beginning of following fall semester/quarter, includes summer hours earned (does NOT include high school AP & DE hours)

Enroll full-time continuously

- 12 or more hours for semester schools (fall & spring)
- 8 or more hours for quarter school (fall, winter, spring) -- Louisiana Tech

Maintain Steady Academic Progress at the end of any semester or quarter

- SAP defined as 2.00 minimum TOPS cumulative GPA

Maintain Continuation GPA per academic year

- Opportunity Award - 2.30 with 24-47 hours; 2.50 with 48+ hours
- Performance & Honors Award - 3.00 with 24+ hours
 - failure to maintain results in award converting to Opportunity (will NOT convert back)
- Tech Award - 2.5 with 24+ hours

**High school DE grades are included in the calculation of all college and TOPS GPA's.

Scan QR Code for LOSFA's
All Things TOPS Guide



LOSFA STUDENT HUB

The LOSFA Student Hub is an online portal for Louisiana students to track and manage TOPS Scholarships & other Louisiana-based grants & scholarships

Students will need a Louisiana Secure ID (LASECID) to create the account. Contact the office to get this 10-digit number

Scan the QR code to access a cheat sheet
to create a Student Hub Account



FINANCIAL AID

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to determine eligibility for federal grants, work-study, & loans & is also the application for TOPS Scholarships
- FAFSA opens October 1st yearly—apply *early* senior year for the best financial aid opportunities & renew it yearly
 - Grants: free money (Pell Grant, state grants, institutional grants)
 - Work-study: a job through the school to help cover expenses
 - Loans: borrowed money that must be repaid
 - Direct Subsidized Loan - government pays interest while borrower is in college
 - Direct Unsubsidized Loan - borrower pays interest for the life of the loan
 - Direct Plus Loan (Parent Plus Loan) - loan is taken out by parent for student
 - Private Loan - nonfederal loan provided by a lender such as a bank or credit union; interest is higher than federal direct loans & the rate is variable
- Scholarships: based on merit or need; can be from schools or private sources; do not have to be paid back
 - Local organizations (businesses, churches, community foundations)
 - National databases (Fastweb, Going Merry, etc)
 - College-specific scholarships (offered by the college's financial aid office)



**FSHS
Website
Counselor
Pages
Resources**

Classroom > 12th Grade (24-25)

- Home
- Calendar
- Teaching
- To review
- 7th Grade (24-25)
- 9th Grade (24-25)
- 8th Grade (24-25)
- 10th Grade (24-25)
- 11th Grade (24-25)
- 12th Grade (24-25)**
- Enrolled
- To-do
- FS Staff
- Archived classes
- Settings

Stream **Classwork** People Grades

**GRADE-LEVEL SPECIFIC
GOOGLE CLASSROOM
RESOURCES**

FAFSA

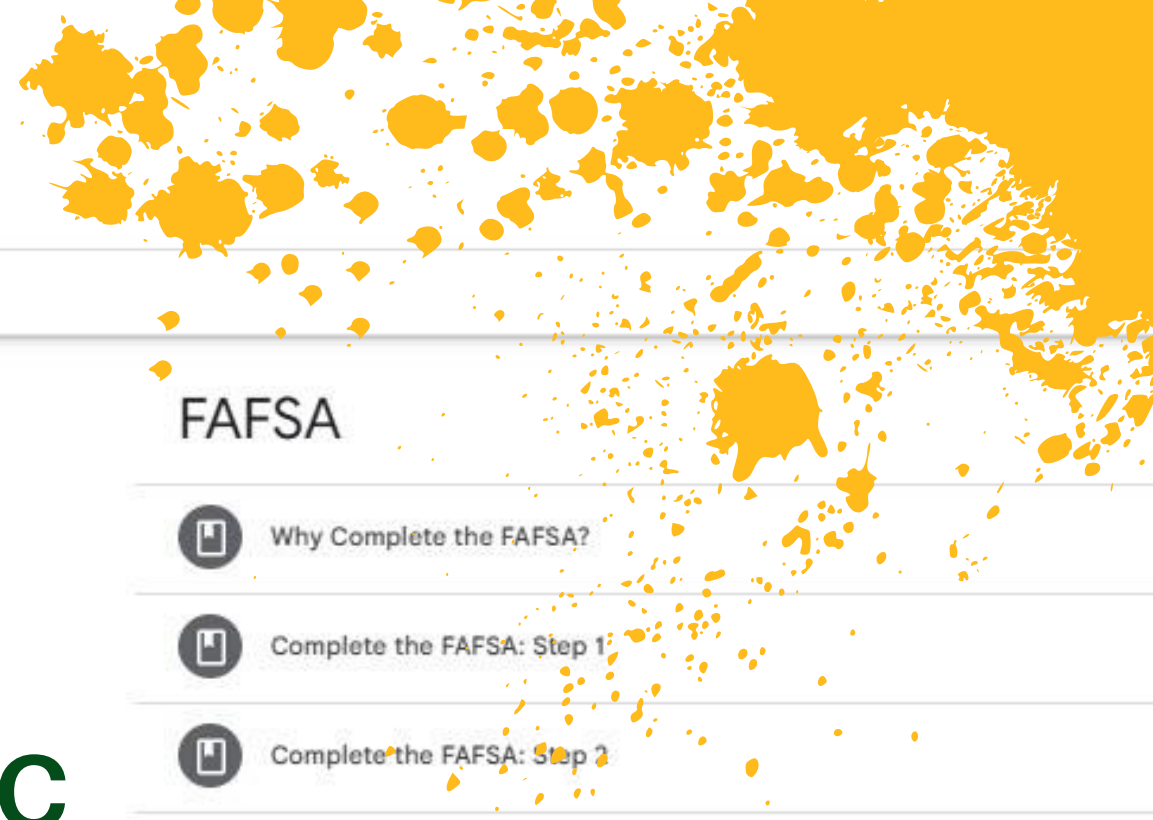
- Why Complete the FAFSA?
- Complete the FAFSA: Step 1
- Complete the FAFSA: Step 2
- Federal Student Aid Information Center (...)
- FAFSA Help Flyer by Lela
- FAFSA Completion Guide by Lela

TOPS Scholarships/TOPS Tech Award

- TOPS Tracker (LOSFA Student Hub)
- TOPS Opportunity, Performance, & Hono...
- TOPS Tech Award

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Baton Rouge Boat Club
- WD-40 / NAPA / TechForce Foundation
- Scholarship List



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