



Louisiana Graduation Requirements

Class of 2018 and Beyond

• **Credit --- Unit --- Carnegie Unit**

• **all three words mean the same - one complete course for the entire year – we have some $\frac{1}{2}$ credit courses, and couple 2 credit courses.**

Some Basics

Students not only have to have a set number of credits to graduate (23 or 24), but also the correct credits.

Some Basics

- **English 1 or English 2**
- **Algebra 1 or Geometry**
- **U. S. History or Biology**

LEAP 2025 – Must Pass

- **Counts 15% of Course Grade**
- **Advanced = “A”**
- **Mastery = “B”**
- **Basic = “C”**
- **Approaching Basic = “D”**
- **Unsatisfactory = “F”**

LEAP 2025 Scoring

- **FRESHMAN: 0 - 4 1/2 units**
- **SOPHOMORE: 5 - 9 1/2 units AND be a 2nd year student**
- **JUNIOR: 10 - 16 1/2 units AND be a 3rd year student**
- **SENIOR: 17 - UP units AND be a 4th year student**

Classification of Students

- **TOPS University** – TOPS core curriculum to prepare students for a four year university pathway.
- **Jump Start** – Students take coursework and receive credentials to prepare for the workforce. Also eligible for community and technical college.

Graduation Pathways

4 – English

4 – Math

4 – Sciences

4 – Social Studies

2 – Foreign Lang

1 – Art

2 – Health & PE

3 – Electives

24 Total Units

TOPS University Diploma

- **Pays Tuition for 4 years to LA Colleges**
- **Opportunity, Performance, Honors, TOPS Tech**
- **Minimum High School GPA of 2.50 (GPA computed on 19 core courses only)**
- **19.0 Core Units**
- **Minimum ACT Score of the prior year state average; Currently 20**
- **Must enroll full time as a first time freshman, by the first semester following the first anniversary of high school graduation**
- **Meet TOPS Louisiana residency requirements**

What is TOPS/Requirements

4 – English

2 – Science

2 – Health and PE

9 – Vocational/Jump Start Courses

Specific Jump Start Credentials

23 total units

4 – Math

2 – Social Studies

**Career Diploma (Jump
Start)**

- **Work Place Safety**
- **Hospitality, Tourism, Culinary, and Retail**
- **Business Management**
- **NCCER Welder or Welder's Helper**
- **NCCER Carpenter or Carpenter's Helper**
- **Commercial Driver**
- **Public service**

Jump Start Pathways

- **Name of Pathway:** Workplace Safety
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- **Core Credentials:** NCCER Core, OSHA 10, First Aid
- **Universal Courses:**
- Accounting, Business Computer Applications (BCA),
- Customer Service*, First Responder*,
- Introduction to Business Computer Applications (IBCA),
- Principles of Business,
- **Career Readiness Courses:**
- Agriscience I, Education for Careers 1&2*,
- Journey to Careers, Basic Career Readiness (SPED only)*
- **Pathway Specific Courses:**
- Agriscience 2, Agriscience 3, NCCER Core,
- NCCER Welding 1 & 2 Chemistry, Environmental Science
- NCCER Carpentry 1 & 2

Workplace Safety

- **Core Credentials:** Customer Service ServSafe Manager
- **Complementary Credentials:** two needed
- Work Keys Safe Serve First Aid Certiport – Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- **Universal Courses:**
- Accounting, Business Computer Applications (BCA),
- Customer Service, First Responder*,
- Introduction to Business Computer Applications (IBCA), Principles of Business,
- **Career Readiness Courses:**
- Agriscience I, Education for Careers 1&2*,
- Journey to Careers, Basic Career Readiness (SPED only)*
- **Pathway Specific Courses:**
- Advanced Food and Nutrition ½ Chemistry FACS 1 & 2
- Food Service 1 & 2 Food and Nutrition ½ CTE Internship 1 & 2*

Hospitality, Tourism, Culinary, and Retail

- **Core Credentials:** all three needed
- NCCER Core NCCER Welding Certain Modules Level 1 ABC-Pelican Level 1 AWS
- **Complementary Credentials:** two needed
- Basic Safety First Aid for Students Certiport – Excel, Word, PowerPoint
- **Universal Courses:**
- Accounting, Business Computer Applications (BCA), Customer Service*,
- First Responder*, Introduction to Business Computer Applications (IBCA),
- Principles of Business, Speech 1*
- **Career Readiness Courses:**
- Agriscience I, Education for Careers 1&2*, Journey to Careers,
- Basic Career Readiness (SPED only)*
- **Pathway Specific Courses:**
- Agriscience 2 & 3 Chemistry Environmental Science
- General Technology Intro to Manufacturing (C4M) NCCER Core
- NCCER Carpentry 1 & 2 NCCER Welding 1 – 4 CTE Internship 1 & 2

NCCER Welder Helper

- **Core Credentials:** Class A-D Driver's License
- **Complementary Credentials:** (two) Basic Safety First Aid for Students
- Certiport – Excel, Word, PowerPoint
- **Universal Courses:**
- Accounting, Business Computer Applications (BCA), Customer Service*,
- First Responder*, Introduction to Business Computer Applications (IBCA),
- Principles of Business, Speech 1*
- **Career Readiness Courses:**
- Agriscience I, Education for Careers 1&2*,
- Journey to Careers, Basic Career Readiness (SPED only)*
- **Pathway Specific Courses:**
- Agriscience 2 Chemistry Environmental Science
- Intro to Manufacturing (C4M)* NCCER Carpentry 1 & 2* NCCER Core*
- NCCER Welding 1 & 2* General Technology CTE Internship 1 & 2*

Commercial Driver

- 1. Identification of Students for each Program.**
- 2. Convincing Students and Parents the Student is not College Material in 10th Grade.**
- 3. Students that try TOPS university and then can't handle the courses.**
- 4. Students that move in Senior Year.**
- 5. Courses we will have to offer.**
- 6. Students completing Jump Start Credentials.**
- 7. Keeping track of Student Graduation Paths.**

Some Concerns---

**•College Bound – TOPS
University**

**•Trade Bound – Career/Jump
Start**

•Undecided – The Big Question

Who Goes Where???

- **Student Interests**
- **Grades**
- **Test Scores**
- **Unsuccessful course attempts**

How to decide?

- **Must make selection by end of 10th Grade**
- **Will look at Test scores and Grades in Spring**
- **Will visit with students in the Spring**
- **Will contact necessary parents in Spring**
- **Students will be on Pathway Fall of 11th grade Year**

Timeline

- **Most important thing for college bound students**
- **Score range 1 to 36**
- **All 11th graders take ACT**
- **19 required for dual enrollment (20 sub score for math, 19 sub score for English)**
- **Dual enrollment English next year if qualify**

ACT - Info

- **20 required for basic TOPS**
- **Scholarships - higher score more money**
 - **23 @ La Tech**
 - **24 @ UL**
 - **20 @ ULM and SAU**
- **ACT actually more important than GPA**
- **3 dates left - April (NWHS), June, July**

ACT - Info

- **WorkKeys is a career-readiness assessment measuring Applied Math, Workplace Documents, and Graphic Literacy as a way to build an understanding of how to improve skills and increase prospects for securing high-wage jobs in today's 21st century workplace.**
- **Primarily for students in grade 11 & 12 who are on track for a Jump Start Diploma**

Work Keys

25 % Test Scores - 12.5% Growth, 12.5% scores, (Adv, Mast, Basic)

25 % ACT or Work Keys - 18 or silver

25 % Graduation Rate - 4 year graduate

25 % Strength of Diploma

School Performance Score



Questions???

Your concerns
