

Franklin Parish High School Curriculum Guide

Louisiana High School Graduation Requirements

24 Carnegie Units required for the *TOPS University Pathway*

23 Carnegie Units required for the *TOPS TECH Jumpstart Career Pathway*

Students must also meet the Louisiana State Assessment Program (**LEAP 2025**) requirements. *EACH test will count as a comprehensive final exam counting up to 15% of their overall class score.* Students must pass English 1 or 2 **AND** Algebra 1 or Geometry **AND** Biology or American History (*Civics for incoming 24/25 9th grade class*)

All students must take the **ACT test**. Students on the TOPS TECH pathway must take the **ACT WorkKeys** test in addition to the ACT.

TOPS TECH Jumpstart students must earn **industry based credentials**.

English - 4 units

TOPS University - English I, II, III, IV

TOPS TECH Jumpstart - English I, II, Technical Writing, Business English

Mathematics - 4 units

TOPS University - Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2, PreCalculus, Algebra III, Advanced Math

TOPS TECH Jumpstart - Math Essentials, Algebra 1, Geometry, Financial Literacy, (*can substitute Algebra II, Advanced Math, PreCalculus*)

Science - 4 units for TOPS University or 2 units for TOPS TECH Jumpstart

TOPS University - Biology, Chemistry and 2 units from the following: Physical Science, Anatomy and Physiology, Environmental Science, Agriscience II

TOPS 2 Jumpstart - Biology I, one unit from either Physical Science or Environmental Science

Social Studies - 4 units for TOPS University or 2 units for TOPS TECH Jumpstart

TOPS University - Civics, US History, World Geography, World History

TOPS 2 Jumpstart - Civics, US History

Financial Literacy (required for all incoming 9th grade 24/25),

Health Education - ½ unit

Physical Education - 1 ½ units

Art-

TOPS University - 1 unit required from either Art, Talented Art, Band, Fine Arts Survey

TOPS TECH Jumpstart - No art required

Foreign Language-

TOPS University - 2 units of the same foreign language i.e Spanish I, Spanish II

TOPS TECH Jumpstart - No foreign language required

Electives - 2 units for TOPS University or 9 required units for TOPS TECH Jumpstart

TOPS University - ACT Prep, Quest for Success (see comprehensive list of courses offered)

TOPS TECH Jumpstart - Students must earn 9 Jumpstart Elective Carnegie Units AND earn industry based credentials to earn a diploma

Promotion/Classification:

0-5 Carnegie Units earned classifies a student as a 9th grade Freshman

6-11 Carnegie Units earned classifies a student as a 10th grade Sophomore

12-17 Carnegie Units earned classifies a student as an 11th grade Junior

Senior classification is only earned if the student has 8 or fewer remaining Carnegie units left on their diploma pathway requirements. Graduating seniors must have passed their required LEAP tests, earned industry based credentials (Tops Tech Pathway), and earned the required Carnegie units set by the Department of Education.

Total Units to graduate-

TOPS University - 24 of the specified units

Tops TECH Jumpstart - 23 units specific to the course pathway (examples: health sciences, business, agriculture, architecture, hospitality/tourism)

****Students/Guardians MUST complete and sign the TOPS TECH Jumpstart Pathway form with the counselor in order to switch to the TOPS Tech Jumpstart Pathway. These students must earn industry based credentials to receive a diploma as well as earn the required pathway specific Carnegie Units. Students must also meet the Louisiana State Assessment Program (LEAP 2025) assessment requirements.*

TOPS TECH Jumpstart Pathway required credentials:

Pathway

Architecture / Construction

Business Management

Hospitality/Tourism

Agriculture

Health Sciences

Industry Based Credential

Carpenter International Training Fund

National Retail Foundation Business Retail

NRF-Business Retail

Ducks Unlimited Ecology Conservation

Emergency Medical Responder **OR**

Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)

What is the TOPS Award? What is the FAFSA?

Louisiana's Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) is a student financial assistance scholarship program. The TOPS University pathway student must meet the TOPS University diploma pathway Carnegie unit requirements, earn a 2.5 cumulative CORE grade point average, and a single test administration earning a 20 composite score on the ACT. TOPS will NOT superscore the average of all test administrations. The TOPS TECH Jumpstart Pathway ACT single test administration requirement is a 17.

Eligibility requirements are subject to change at any time per the state. The Louisiana Office for Financial Assistance (LOSFA) phone number is <https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/scholarships-grants/>

Phone Number: 1-800-259-5626

To apply for all TOPS awards the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed by the graduating senior AND their legal custodian. More information regarding the FAFSA can be found at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> or by contacting the Office of Student Financial Assistance at (800) 433-3243

Elective Course Options:

Introduction to Business Computers Applications
Entrepreneurship
Cyber Society
Quest for Success
Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) I, II, III, IV
Carpentry
Electrician
First Responder
Child Development
Family Consumer Science I, II
Multimedia
Law Studies
Library Assistant
Art I, II
Band I,II,III,IV
Clinical Care Medical Assistant
Athletic PE (Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Cheer, Dance, Soccer)

Business Computers Applications
Business of Retail
Speech
Virtual Workplace Experience
Agriscience I,II
Welding
Medical Terminology
Medical Assistant
Nutrition / Advanced Nutrition
Pre Educator
Yearbook
Office Assistant
Technology Assistant
Talented Art, Music, Theater
Fine Arts Survey
WorkKeys

