

# TOPS UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA



(CREDENTIALS AVAILABLE WITH INCLUSION OF JUMPSTART PATHWAY OF AGRICULTURE TECH,  
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND PATIENT CARE & MANAGEMENT)



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## HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

### REQUIRED CORE COURSES

#### ENGLISH = 4 UNITS

1	English I
1	English II
1	English III
1	English IV

#### MATH = 4 UNITS

1	Algebra I
1	Geometry
1	Algebra II
1	Advanced Math

#### SCIENCE = 4 UNITS

1	Biology I
1	Physical Science
1	Chemistry
1 of the following:	Biology II, Environmental Science, Earth Science, Physics

#### SOCIAL STUDIES = 4 UNITS

1	Civics
1	U.S. History
1	World Geography
1 of the following:	World History, Western Civilization

### REQUIRED PE & HEALTH COURSES

#### PE & HEALTH = 2 UNITS

1 ½	PE I, PE II
½	Health *(CPR/First Aid/AED)

### 3 RECOMMENDED TOPS Electives COURSES

No Course already counting towards credit (above) can be used to meet elective credit.

2 Foreign Language of the same language

1 Fine Arts

#### Required Units and Credentials

**16 Core + 2 PE & H + 3 TOPS Electives + at least 3 Pathway Electives  
+ EOC Requirements= Diploma**

Available: ACT testing, WorkKeys testing with Career Ready 101 practice,  
CLEP testing, and JUMPSTART Credentials

# eCAAPS

eCAAPS (Early College Admission for Avoyelles Parish Students) is a dual enrollment program with Louisiana State University at Alexandria for eligible juniors and seniors of the Avoyelles Parish Schools.

## Fees

1. The APSB will pay total tuition cost per student per semester depending on .
2. The APSB will pay any associated course fees, such as textbooks.

## Academic Requirements

1. Must be classified as high school junior or senior with a minimum of 14 Carnegie units.
2. Must have successfully completed and passed the EOC exam in Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, English II and English III prior to enrolling in a Dual Enrollment related core subject course at LSUA.
3. Must meet the ACT/PLAN requirements set by LSUA.
4. All college courses taken will articulate to a high school course in accordance with the articulation agreement with LSUA.

## Enrollment Requirements

1. A student may enroll in up to five college course per semester.
2. A student must enroll in a minimum of two college courses per semester.
3. DE juniors must return to their high schools and complete the entire day. They will not be eligible for early release. DE seniors will be eligible for early release according to board policy on early release of seniors.

## Transportation

1. Transportation will be provided to and from respective high schools at no cost to ECAAPS students.
2. Students will be allowed to provide their own transportation according to established board policy.

## Food Services

1. Breakfast and lunch will be offered to each ECAAPS.



# TOPS Scholarship

## WHAT IS TOPS?

Louisiana's Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) is a comprehensive program of state scholarships and one of the most innovative progressive student assistance programs in the nation.

## TOPS REQUIREMENTS

<b>STANDARD ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>OPPORTUNITY AWARD</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE AWARD</b>	<b>HONORS AWARD</b>
<b>High School GPA</b>	2.50 (GPA computed on core coursed only)	3.00 (GPA computed on core coursed only)	3.00 (GPA computed on core coursed only)
<b>ACT Composite Score</b>	20	23	27
<b>Maximum Award at Public Schools</b>	Approximate tuition & certain fees	Approximate tuition & certain fees	Approximate tuition & certain fees

\*UPDATES AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.OSFA.STATE.LA.US](http://www.osfa.state.la.us)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When does a student need to choose a diploma pathway?

A: Students must decide before or during the Spring of his/her 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Q: Could a student change from University Diploma to the a Jump Start Diploma or vice versa after spring of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade year:

A: Yes, but in order to a student to earn the remaining credits and/or credentials, the student may need a 5<sup>th</sup> year of high school.

Q: Could a University Diploma student take a Jump Start class?

A: Yes. The Jump Start class would count as an elective.

Q: Do students need to pass End-Of-Course tests to graduate:

A: Yes, End of Course testing is required for all pathways.

***FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL***