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# VAL PARENT MEETING

Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors – November 7, 2024



## MEET THE COUNSELORS

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## PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

- Promotion to 10th Grade – Five credits on transcript. One credit must be EITHER English I/Technical Writing 9 OR Algebra I/Math Essentials.
- Promotion to 11th Grade – Eleven credits on transcript. Four of which must be core subjects including BOTH Algebra I AND English I.
- Promotion to 12th Grade – Eighteen credits on transcript. Four of which must be core subjects including BOTH Algebra I AND English I.

## ATTENDANCE

- Please refer to VAL's attendance policy in the Student Handbook (found on the VAL website).

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CREDITS

- Upon entering high school, a majority of our students have earned a high school credit(s) in middle school. Some examples are as follows:
  - Quest for Success
  - Art

## IGP (INDIVIDUAL GRADUATION PLAN)

- An IGP is an outline of students' courses from the 8th grade through the 12th grade.
- Students will meet with their counselors to plan for future courses needed to meet their graduation requirements.
- IGPs are sent home for parent signatures and should be returned to their counselors.
- Louisiana Workforce Commission. High demand/high wage jobs.
  - [laworks.net](http://laworks.net)

## LEAP 2025

■ The LEAP 2025 exam is given at the end of particular courses as part of the course and graduation requirements. Students must pass one of the two exams in each set as part of their graduation requirements. These test grades are also figured into the students' final grade for that course.

## LEAP 2025 Requirements by Grade Level

- Current 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students:
  - English I or English II
  - Algebra I or Geometry
  - Biology I or US History
  
- Current 9<sup>th</sup> grade students:
  - English I or English II
  - Algebra I or Geometry
  - Biology I or Civics



# GEOMETRY

- Beginning with the freshman class of 2023-2024 and any student classified as T9 (transitional 9th grader) in 2022-2023, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is requiring ALL students to take geometry regardless of their chosen diploma track.

## 2 TYPES OF HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

- TOPS University
  - Prepares students to immediately enroll in a 4-year college/university (i.e. Nicholls, Southeastern, LSU, Grambling, ULL)
- The following slide is an overview of the courses required for the TOPS University diploma track.

## TOPS University

4	English – <b>English I, English II</b> , English III, English IV
4	Math – <b>Algebra I, Geometry</b> , Algebra II, Advanced Math
4	Science – <b>Biology I</b> , Chemistry I, 2 additional sciences
4	Social Studies – World Geography, <b>US History, Civics</b> , World History
1 ½	Physical Education or JROTC I
½	Health Education or JROTC II
2	Foreign Languages – 2 of the same
1	Art
3	Electives (Beginning with current 9 <sup>th</sup> graders, Financial Literacy is an elective REQUIREMENT)
24	<b>TOTAL</b>

### Testing Requirements

1. LEAP2025 – Students must pass with at least an *Approaching Basic*.
  - English I or English II
  - Algebra I or Geometry
  - Biology or US History (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Biology or Civics (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
2. All students MUST have an ACT score on file to be eligible to walk across the stage for graduation.

**\*\*Eligible for a four year college immediately upon graduating high school\*\***

## 2 TYPES OF HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

- Jump Start Career
  - Prepares students to immediately start at a 2-year college or technical school (i.e. Fletcher, Delgado, Baton Rouge Community College, Young Memorial)
- The following slide is an overview of the courses required for the Jump Start diploma track.

## Jump Start

Units	Subject
4	English – <b>English I, English II</b> , Technical Writing (9 or 11), Business English (English III or English IV)
4	Math (11 <sup>th</sup> Graders) – <b>Algebra I</b> , Math Essentials/Intensive Algebra, Financial Literacy, Business Math
	Math (9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Graders) – Algebra I, Geometry, Financial Literacy, Intensive Algebra/Business Math
2	Science – <b>Biology I</b> and 1 additional science
2	Social Studies – <b>US History and Civics</b>
1½	Physical Education or JROTC I
½	Health Education or JROTC II
9	Jump Start electives related to a specific pathway. ( <b>Students must also obtain an approved statewide or regional credential in order to graduate</b> ).
23	<b>TOTAL</b>

### Testing Requirements

1. LEAP2025 – Students must pass with at least an *Approaching Basic*.

English I or English II

Algebra I or Geometry

Biology or US History (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade)

Biology or Civics (9<sup>th</sup> grade)

2. ACT

3. Work Keys

**\*\*Eligible for a junior college, technical school, military, or workforce immediately upon graduating high school. An opportunity to attend a four year college is available after completing a two-year program at a junior college.\*\***

# JUMP START PATHWAYS

## VAL

- Business Management
- Architecture and Construction

## CMC

- Cosmetology
- Nursing Asst.
- Emergency Medical Tech (EMT)
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Welding, Carpentry, Electricity, Auto Tech

## TAYLOR OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS (TOPS)

- TOPS and TOPS Tech qualifications are based on:
  - Courses
  - Grades
  - ACT Score
  
- All students are scheduled in courses that will allow them to qualify for TOPS or TOPS Tech.

<https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/scholarships-grants/tops/>

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Please email counselors with any questions or concerns.

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