

Graduation

May 23, 2025



SENIORS LAST DAY – MAY 8, 2025

Must be completed all coursework at 100% with a passing grade

Must have passed required credentials in Career Jumpstart Diploma Track

Must have an ACT on file to participate in Graduation Ceremony

SCHOLARSHIPS

Request a transcript from counselor

- Can be emailed or mailed to college of choice

Complete Admissions/Registration for College of choice

Retake ACT test if needed

- [ACT.org](https://www.act.org) to register

GRADUATION CORDS AND MEDALS

Graduation Cords

- Passed a CLEP test with a 50 or higher
- Passed the WorkKeys with Level 4's or higher

Graduation Medals

- ACT Composite score of 18 or higher

Cords and Medals will be distributed at Practice

GRADUATION CORDS CONTINUES

HONOR CORDS

- **ORANGE CORD**
 - 3.8 - 4.0 GPA
- **ROYAL BLUE CORD**
 - 3.5 - 3.79 GPA
- **SILVER CORD**
 - 3.0 - 3.49 GPA
- **GOLD CORD**
 - UNIVERSITY TRACK WITH A 3.5 GPA OR ABOVE
- **PURPLE CORD**
 - PASSED CLEP EXAM
- **LIGHT BLUE CORD**
 - EARNED STATEWIDE BASIC CREDENTIAL
 - PASSED A TOPS DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE
- **MULTI-COLORED CORD**
 - ADVANCE CREDENTIAL FROM CMC (CAREER MAGNET CENTER)

GRADUATION MEDALS

LARGE GOLD

- ACT SCORE OF 30 - 36

GOLD

- ACT SCORE OF 27 - 29

SILVER

- ACT SCORE OF 23 - 26

BRONZE

- ACT SCORE OF 18 - 22

GRADUATION PRACTICE

Practice Date

- May 15, 2025

Place:

- Thibodaux High Auditorium

Practice Time:

- Practice will be at 3:30pm
- **Please be on time and plan to stay for at least 1.5 hours**
- **Practice is Mandatory for all Participating in the Ceremony**

GRADUATION DRESS CODE

The graduation ceremony is a semi-formal event that requires proper dress and is a privilege for students to participate.

Students are expected to adhere to this dress code for graduation; otherwise, he/she will not participate in the graduation ceremony.

DRESS CODE CONTINUES

Students wearing pants:

- Black, navy, or khaki slacks/pants
- NO jeans, pajamas, or joggers/activewear
- White collared shirt (male/female), or a white blouse (female)

Students wearing a dress or skirt:

- Dress or skirt should be the same length or shorter than the graduation gown

Shoes:

- Black, navy, dark brown shoes or dress sneakers
- SOLID colors ONLY
- No athletic shoes, slippers, or casual footwear

GRADUATION TICKETS

Each student will receive 10 graduation tickets

Additional Tickets will be given to students that Earned

- College Credit by passing a CLEP test
 - 2 Tickets
- WorkKeys Gold (Level 5) or
 - 2 Tickets
- ACT Composite of 27 and above
 - 2 Tickets

Tickets will be given to students at graduation practice

Cap and Gown Orders

February 27, 2025 - Deadline for Ordering Cap / Gown / Tassel packages (\$43)

*Orders may be placed one of two ways:

Packages may be ordered by calling Balfour @ 504-833-7330. When calling, you must mention that the graduate is from the Virtual Academy of Lafourche, and be prepared to provide the graduate's name, height, and weight (which determines the size of the gown) and make a payment of \$43 with a credit or debit card.

Or, orders may be placed online @

<https://balfournoprogram.com/virtual-academy-of-lafourche> .

Click “Order Now” and fill in all required information. FYI—the black cap and gown in the picture is not what you are ordering; VAL’s color is light blue.

Additional charges may apply to orders placed after February 27th .

Once processed, all orders will be shipped to the Harrison Street administrative office in Thibodaux and should arrive on or around April 14th, prior to the Spring break.

Graduates will be contacted to either pick them up at this office, or at the VAL site the graduate attends.

Any questions regarding graduation may be made by calling 985-446-2877.