

[Bulletin 741, Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators: §2317](#). High Schools, outlines the diploma endorsements Louisiana high school students may earn upon graduation.

Seals

What diploma endorsements can be earned by high-school students in Louisiana?

School systems may allow students to earn a Community Service Diploma Endorsement, State Seal of Biliteracy, and/or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Diploma Endorsement.

Community Service

What is the Community Service Diploma Endorsement?

School systems may award a Community Service Endorsement to students completing a minimum of 80 hours of service anytime between ninth and twelfth grade. Students may earn service hours identified in the [Community Service Diploma Endorsement Categories](#).

What are the requirements for earning a Community Service Endorsement?

To earn the Community Service Endorsement, the student must earn a minimum of 80 community service hours by graduation. The school system will use the [Community Service Diploma Endorsement Tracking Form](#) to summarize the student efforts recorded on the [Community Service Diploma Endorsement Student Documentation Form](#). Documentation is housed at the local level.

Biliteracy

What is the State Seal of Biliteracy?

Since the approval of RS [17:273.4](#) in 2014, Louisiana students may earn the State Seal of Biliteracy by proving literacy in English and another language.

What are the requirements for earning the State Seal of Biliteracy?

To earn the Seal of Biliteracy, the student must demonstrate mastery of English by meeting the English graduation requirements and by earning a composite score of 19 on the English and Reading components of the ACT test. The student must also demonstrate proficiency at the Intermediate-High level in a second language using one of the pathways outlined in the [Seals of Biliteracy Request](#). English Language Learners are eligible to receive the Seal of Biliteracy provided they meet the above criteria and score proficient on the English Proficiency Assessment.

STEM

What is the STEM Diploma Endorsement?

The gold and silver STEM Diploma Endorsements recognize students who have completed one of Louisiana's eight STEM Pathways.

What are the requirements for earning the STEM Diploma Endorsement?

The requirements for each endorsement vary from one STEM Pathway to another. The requirements for each can be found on the [pathway briefs](#).

Ordering

How do I order diploma endorsements?

Diploma endorsements are ordered yearly, using the electronic Diploma and Seal Order Form, made available by the Louisiana State Department of Education. Excess seals should be ordered yearly to cover additional needs. However, if additional seals are needed, please email jumpstart@la.gov.

Retired Seals

What is the Academic Achievement Endorsement?

Students graduating in 2011-2012 through 2016-2017 received the endorsement for completing the curriculum requirements or the TOPS core curriculum.

What is the Career/Technical Endorsement?

Students graduating prior to 2011-2012 received the endorsement for completing course requirements for the TOPS Opportunity Award or the TOPS Tech Award. Students graduating in 2011-2012 through 2016-2017 received the endorsement for completing requirements for the Louisiana Core 4 Curriculum.