

LOUISIANA EXTENSION ACADEMIES

Enabling Legislation

Under the authority of R.S. §17:151.1 the Board of Regents and Department of Education seek to approve a Northwest Louisiana and Southwest Louisiana Extension Academy program via a 5th year (Grade 13) high school exceptional experience beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. Extension Academy programs are designed to support students who are on track to graduate but not on track to participate in a low-cost postsecondary college or training program due to being ineligible for TOPS or TOPS Tech and not having an industry credential of value. The lack of these funding sources and credentials significantly increases their cost of attendance and workforce readiness immediately following graduation.

2020-2021, Extension Academy core principles include:

- Providing a debt free, accelerated, dual enrollment college experience via a 5th year high school experience (Grade 13) that is aligned to Louisiana's top-rated 4 and 5 star jobs
- Preparing students for work, through employer driven work-based learning experiences, internships, or pre-apprenticeship/apprenticeships
- Ensuring the attainment of registered pre-apprenticeship/apprenticeship, an advanced Industry Based Credential (IBC), or credits towards a Regents-recognized associate degree
- Facilitating student success after graduation through post-secondary transitional coaching

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Southwest Consortium – Calcasieu Parish area

- **Higher Education Partners** – SOWELA Community College, McNeese State University
- **Industry/Economic Partners** – ABC Pelican, Turner Industries, Performance Contractors, Bolton Ford, All Star GMC, Image 360, Southwest Louisiana Economic Alliance
- **Culminating Experiences** – Advanced IBC Welding, Pipefitting, Automotive, Electrical, Associate's Degree Culinary Arts, Nurse Assistant, Criminal Justice, Business Administration, Drafting, Process Technology, Pre-Apprenticeships with industry aligned partners
- **Transitional Support Partners** – Career Exploration Centers at SOWELA and McNeese
- **Maximum Enrollment – Year 1:** 25 students **Year 2:** TBD **Year 3:** TBD
- **Participating Schools** – 010003 Barbe, 010004 Bell City, 010014 DeQuincy, 010026 Iowa, 010033 LaGrange, 010025 Sam Houston, 010051 Starks, 010052 Sulphur, 010056 Vinton, 010058 Washington Marion, 010064 Westlake

Northwest Consortium – Caddo Parish area

- **Higher Education Partners** – Ayers Career College, Bossier Parish Community College
- **Industry/Economic Partners** – General Dynamics Information Technology, Storer Services, Holmes Honda, North Louisiana Economic Partnership
- **Culminating Experiences** – Advanced IBC Medical Assistant, Cyber Programs, HVAC, Automotive, Technical Diploma HVAC, Pharmacy Tech
- **Transitional Support Partners** – Ayers Career Services support including career planning, job search services, employee interviews, and job placement. Support from the Career Exploration Center at BPCC
- **Maximum Enrollment – Year 1:** 25 students **Year 2:** TBD **Year 3:** TBD
- **Participating Schools** – 009008 C.E. Byrd, 009012 Caddo Magnet, 009013 Captain Shreve, 009025 Green Oaks Performing Arts, 009031 Huntington, 009042 North Caddo, 009045 Northwood, 009104 Ombudsman, 009108 Pathways in Education, 009059 Southwood, 009069 Booker T. Washington, 009073 Woodlawn