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Fall 2020 *Virtual* Counselor Institutes
Part Three

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Community Service Diploma Endorsement

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Entering freshmen in 2013-2014 and beyond may earn the community service diploma endorsement by completing a minimum of 80 hours of documented community service prior to graduation. School systems shall collect documentation of community service hours on forms provided on the LDOE website.

The [Student Documentation Form](#) and the [Community Service Diploma Endorsement Tracking Form](#) are located on the [Diploma Endorsements web page](#) and in the [Counselor Support Library](#).

Credit Recovery

Updated Credit Recovery Policy

BESE recently updated the credit recovery policy in Bulletin 741.

- Credit recovery program and policy included in local Pupil Progression Plan
- Maximum of 7 credit recovery units with no more than 2 annually and must report rationale to LDOE if additional credits are earned
- All attempts are an academic records and must be documented on the official transcript
- Credit recovery courses identified and labeled on official transcript
- Must have aligned pretest to identify unfinished learning and posttest to identify proficiency in content identified as not proficient
- Online credit recovery courses must have an assigned Louisiana certified teacher of record or certified teacher of record recognized through state reciprocity facilitating instruction

Reporting Credit Recovery Overages

If students go over the two units per year or seven units via credit recovery in the high school career, as newly outlined in policy, those overages must be reported to the Louisiana Department of Education with a rationale for the overages. This applies to all students currently enrolled in any grade during the 2020-2021 school year.

The [form](#) to report these overages either at the end of the fall or spring semesters is posted on the Louisiana Department of Education's website on the [Graduation Requirements](#) page.



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Dual Enrollment Emergency Admissions Policy 2020-2021:

- 2.5 GPA
- Subject specific minimum scores on any assessment listed in Academic Affairs Policy 2.2

OR

- Counselor recommendation based on overall student performance and grade trends in subject.
- Applicable to Spring 2021 courses
- Post-secondary partner institute may set requirements above the minimum standards set by Board of Regents

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Advanced Placement Updates

- [AP Exams](#) will be administered **May 3-7** and **May 10-14**.
- If students register for AP Exams this fall, AP will waive the \$40 cancellation or unused exam fee so all students can register with confidence.
- Upcoming Deadlines
 - AP Exam final ordering deadline is **November 13**.
 - [AP Toolkit](#): The department has released a series of Toolkits for Advanced Placement. These toolkits include [general information](#) on the AP program and specific information for [administrators and AP Coordinators](#), [educators](#) and [parents](#). They include information on deadlines and College Board processes and procedures related to Advanced Placement.
- For TOPS purposes AP Psychology shall be graded on a 5.0 scale in calculating a student's high school GPA. This rule is retroactive to 2018 graduates.

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International Baccalaureate

The IB has created a [COVID 19 Resource page](#) for schools to reference regarding updates to IB due to the COVID pandemic. This page also includes a [FAQ document](#) for school systems to reference.

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CLEP

- Test takers whose registration tickets expired on or after March 1 due to the impact of COVID-19 are eligible to receive a CLEP exam voucher that would allow them to take an exam any time between now and June 30th, 2021.
- If you purchased a registration ticket that has expired, please contact CLEP Services by emailing clep@info.collegeboard.org with "Exam Voucher – Coronavirus" in the subject line or by calling 800-257-9558. When contacting CLEP, please include your name, address, telephone number, and CLEP exam subject. Please note that these vouchers are for students who purchased their registration tickets. If you registered for your CLEP exam using a voucher code from your school or another entity, please contact the person who provided the original voucher.

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