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SCHOOL COUNSELORS



**Fall 2021
Counselor Institutes**

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TOPS University Updates

BESE approved the inclusion of African-American studies to the matrix previously approved by BESE/BOR for the purpose of eligibility requirements for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award beginning with graduates during or after the 2021-2022 school year. The inclusion of African-American studies will fulfill the [TOPS University requirement](#) of four units of social studies.

Dual Enrollment Policy Update

The Board of Regents extended the [Interim Dual Enrollment Admissions policy](#) for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years. Under the emergency policy, which was passed last year by the Board of Regents in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, students who wish to enroll in dual enrollment classes may enroll if they meet the following criteria:

- A minimum 2.5 cumulative high school GPA, as determined by the high school and subject-specific demonstration of readiness in Mathematics (for mathematics and science courses) or English (for English, foreign language, history, social science, humanities, or arts survey courses) through either: Subject-specific minimum scores on any assessment listed in [Academic Affairs Policy 2.22](#) (see table page 2) OR;
- Counselor recommendation based on overall student performance and grade trends in the subject

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Community Service Diploma Endorsement

School systems may award a Community Service Diploma Endorsement to freshmen entering high school in the 2013-2014 school year and beyond completing a total of [80 hours of community service in ninth through twelfth grade](#) providing opportunities to apply academic learning to real life events.

Students may earn service hours identified in the [Community Service Diploma Endorsement Categories](#). The [Community Service Opportunities](#) document lists ways to earn service hours while maintaining safety measures.

Grade	Community Service Hours
9	Student works towards earning service hours.
10	
11	
12	
Total	80



Logistics

Who	Action Step
Student	Completes service hours and documents efforts on the Community Service Endorsement Documentation Form .
School	Uses the Community Service Diploma Endorsement Tracking Form to summarize the student efforts. Documentation is housed at the local level.
School	Uses code "C1" in STS to document the student has met the Community Service Endorsement requirement.
School	Orders the Community Service Seals yearly using the electronic Diploma Order Form shared via the Department Newsletter. Orders should align with the number earned by students shown in STS.

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2022-2023 FAFSA Kick-Off

The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) opened on October 1. Completing the application early is imperative to ensure students get the maximum aid available to them. Schools/school systems can get live, phone or online assistance with FAFSA completion events from the Department. FAFSA completion or having a waiver on file is a requirement for graduation. Students who are not in compliance are not counted in the graduation cohort.

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College Credit Goals and Recommendations

The **Board of Regents and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education** have a joint goal that beginning with the freshman class of 2025 all Louisiana public high school graduates will complete high school with college credit (academic and/or career-technical), a postsecondary credential of value or both.

The **Dual Enrollment Task Force** recommended each high school student have the opportunity to enroll in at least four dual enrollment courses before graduation, and that the accountability system provide corresponding incentives that reflect the need for career and college readiness.

The **Louisiana Legislature** stressed through ACT 204 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session that “the availability of dual enrollment, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate courses, or any combination thereof, in core academic areas in all high schools is critical.”

Dual Diploma Attainment

Associate degree opportunities for high school students have been underutilized in Louisiana. While the number of school systems offering an associate's degree program in high school has increased, the number of students taking advantage of this opportunity remains small. Graduation cohort data from 2019 shows that only 159 out of 42,650 graduates earned both a high school diploma and an associate degree upon graduation from high school.

With the appropriate collaboration, structures, incentives and frameworks in place, we believe there is room to increase this opportunity for all Louisiana students.

Fast Forward Overview

[Fast Forward](#) is a program which will allow students to earn either a Jump Start TOPS Tech Career Diploma or a TOPS University Diploma while dually earning an associate degree or participating in a Louisiana Workforce Commission recognized [pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship](#) that either prepares graduates for career or continuing postsecondary education.

In this program, students spend the majority of grades 9 and 10 on the high school campus earning core graduation requirements. In grades 11 and 12 they spend the majority of time on the postsecondary campus or postsecondary accredited site on a high school campus dually enrolled in courses to complete graduation requirements as well as earning an associate degree or participating in a pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship opportunity.

Planning Grants

Grants funded by the Louisiana Department of Education and Board of Regents were awarded in each Regional Labor Market Area (RLMA) to kick start this initiative. Lead school systems met with other interested school systems, economic development organizations, business and industry partners and postsecondary institutions in the region to develop pathway frameworks approved by BESE in June. 39 pathways were developed in the 8 RLMAs based on future job forecasting for each region. These pathways are approved for statewide use with the approved postsecondary and apprenticeship organizations.

Approved Pathways

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3
<p>Apprenticeships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apprenticeship Nursing Jump Start Ochsner Health Apprenticeship Nursing TOPS University Ochsner Health <p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0</p> <p>Delgado Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Cloud Computing <p>Northshore Technical College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Machine Tool Technology <p>Associate - TOPS University</p> <p>Delgado Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Business Administration Applied Science Cloud Computing <p>Nunez Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Coastal Studies and GIS Technology Applied Science Process Technology Applied Science Aerospace Manufacturing 	<p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0</p> <p>Northshore Technical College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Technical Studies <p>Associate - TOPS University</p> <p>Baton Rouge Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Computing and Information Systems <p>Southeastern Louisiana University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Industrial Technology <p>Northshore Technical Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louisiana Transfer Degree General Business (Logistics & Supply Chain) 	<p>Associate - TOPS University</p> <p>Fletcher Technical Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louisiana Transfer Degree Associate of Arts (Humanities)

Approved Pathways

Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
<p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0 Louisiana State University-Eunice and South Louisiana Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Information Technology <p>South Louisiana Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Culinary Arts and Occupations Applied Science Technical Studies (Industrial Marine Electronics Technology) Applied Science Technical Studies (Welding) Applied Science Information Technology <p>Associate - TOPS University Louisiana State University-Eunice and South Louisiana Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Information Technology <p>South Louisiana Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Culinary Arts and Occupations Applied Science Technical Studies (Industrial Marine Electronics Technology) Applied Science Technical Studies (Welding) Applied Science Information Technology 	<p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0 SOWELA Technical Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Business Administration (Hospitality Management) <p>Associate - TOPS University Northwestern State University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louisiana Transfer Degree Applied Science General Studies (options of concentration in Biology, Nursing, Business Administration, Education, Psychology) 	<p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0 Central Louisiana Technical College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Practical Nursing

Approved Pathways

Region 7	Region 8
<p>Apprenticeships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-Apprenticeship Electrical Jump Start Electrical Training Alliance <p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0</p> <p>Central Louisiana Technical Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Science Business Office Administration <p>Southern University-Shreveport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science Computer Science <p>Associate - TOPS University</p> <p>Northwestern State University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Science General Studies <p>Southern University-Shreveport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Science Engineering Technology	<p>Associate - Jump Start 2.0</p> <p>Louisiana Delta Community College, Gen. Ed. courses can be taken at Grambling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Science Electrician• Applied Science Welding <p>Louisiana Delta Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Science Business Office Administration• Applied Science Industrial Instrumentation Technology <p>Associate - TOPS University</p> <p>Louisiana Delta Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science Teaching• Louisiana Transfer Degree Biological Sciences <p>Louisiana Delta Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Louisiana Transfer General Studies (Arts and Humanities)

Next Steps

- Monthly meetings with grant recipients to get updates on implementation and offer technical assistance with any perceived barriers
- Fast Forward implementation webinars for schools/school systems interested in adopting an approved pathway or developing a new pathway
- Technical support for any interested school/school system

For assistance with anything related to Fast Forward or links to monthly regional technical assistance sessions, please contact stephanie.marcum@la.gov.

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Jump Start 2.0

- [Updated Fact Sheets](#)
- Save the Date: 2022 Jump Start Convention
 - January 25, 2022
 - Raising Cane's River Center; Baton Rouge
 - A curated series of sessions will be livestreamed
 - Registration opens October 26
 - Hotel blocks have been secured at nearby hotels

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High School Planning Guide Updates

The [Louisiana High School Planning Guidebook](#) consolidates policies and programs and provides educators with the resources they need to ensure a students are successful—from the time they arrive on the high school campus until the day they graduate.

Updates to the [2021-2022](#) edition include the addition of an African American History course and the inclusion of LWC information on high-wage high-demand jobs. Visit louisianabelieves.com for all of the Department's Guidebooks, including the [2022-2023 School System Planning Guidebook](#).

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IGP Updates and Opportunities: Background

A quality individual graduation plan (IGP) is a crucial part of every Louisiana student's journey toward graduation. To support this important work, the Department has dedicated incentive funds for school systems to scale initiatives previously reserved only for schools with intervention labels:

- Individualized Graduation Plans
- High-Quality Curriculum
- School Improvement Best Practices
- School Support Institutes

Planning Partner Activities

Support partners **collaborate** with schools and school systems to identify the services that best meet their needs. Possible activities for individual graduation planning partners include

- consulting with the school leadership team to support a comprehensive program;
- providing professional development to strengthen knowledge of the IGP process;
- working directly with students to complete and maintain IGPs;
- creating and/or streamlining IGP processes.

Individual Student Planning partners support school counselors.

IGP Updates and Opportunities: Resources

- [Counselor Support Library](#)
- [Individual Graduation Plan fillable form](#)
- [IGP and Diploma Pathway Selection Guidance Document](#)
- [2021 IGP Webinar - Spring PDF](#)
- [Student Planning Partners Guide](#)
- [High School Planning Guidebook](#)

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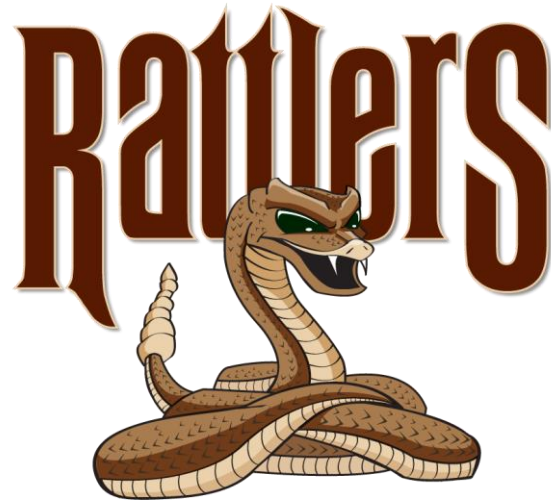
Youth Challenge Program

Presentation from Timberly Deville.

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- March2Success
- Career Exploration Program / Post Test Interpretation (CEP PTI)
- Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAp)
- National Education Tour
 - Fort Benning, GA
 - June 2022



High School Preparation



March2Success provides an online study program to help students prepare for standardized tests, improve school work and review materials. We also provide tools for educators and parents to track and encourage their students. Click [here](#) to learn more about how you can use March2Success.

SAT & ACT Prep

SAT Online Course

- Provides a customized learning path with lessons, quizzes and practice tests to help improve performance on the SAT Exam.

SAT Practice Tests

- Provides 7 full-length practice tests as well as tips and strategies.

ACT Online Course

- Provides a customized learning path with lessons, quizzes and practice tests to help improve performance on the ACT Exam.

ACT Practice Tests

- Provides 7 full-length practice tests as well as tips and strategies.

SAT/ACT Flashcards

- Provides 20 decks of vocabulary and 5 decks of math cards to help prepare for either the SAT or ACT.

Additional Resources

Complete Guide to College Financing and Admissions

- Provides information and tips for college planning, including admissions and financing.

Student Planning Guide

- A month-by-month guide of important steps in the college preparation process.

College Readiness Online Course

- Provides ACT/SAT prep courseware to identify individual academic needs and customized instruction for academic skills development.



John's Online Course for the ACT

PRE-ASSESSMENTS >

Let's Get Started!

This course is designed to make the most out of your time by focusing only on the areas you need to study. Once you complete a pre-assessment, you will be brought to your Learning Path Landing Page; this page will include all lessons that have been assigned to you, as well as access to the other pre-assessments for this exam. Once you have completed all of your lessons, go to the "Tests" tab at the top of the course to access three full-length practice tests. After each test, be sure to return to the lessons for the areas you still may not have mastered.

To begin, select one of the pre-assessments on the right. Good luck!

Flashcards

Select a Pre-Assessment to Begin

o English

= Math

@ Reading

[Science

] Writing

^ Default Course

GENERATE MONITOR ID

An email has been sent to [REDACTED] containing the information you need to allow students to register themselves with permissions for you to monitor their progress.

The capability to monitor students is intended to provide parents, friends, recruiters and educators the ability to follow-up with their students and help keep them on target, or to provide a material review or extra credit assignments. It is NOT intended to be used by teachers as a replacement for other lesson plans, or as a required grade. Any violation of the use of the monitoring module may result in your account being deactivated.

There are no restrictions on the use of the SAT/ACT materials.

There are 2 ways for a student to add a monitor:

- Register using the link provided in the email
- Register normally, then add the monitor using the Monitor ID and Last Name provided in the email.

When you click the Generate Monitor ID link, the system processes and confirms the request. An email is sent to your registered email address with the information to allow students to add you as their monitor.

Educator Test

Below are 2 ways for students to add you as a monitor for their progress on the March2Success system.

1. If your student has not yet registered, please provide them with the following link to automatically add you as a monitor during the registration process.

<https://www.march2success.com/main/home?params=mID135341947|Test>

2. If your student has already registered, they can add you as a monitor from the Add/Remove monitor feature found on their courses page. Please give them the following keys:

monitorID: mID135341947

Last Name: Test

March 2 Success Support



SUCCESS STORIES

success

this place has helped me improve 10 times in math i had a 65% last year and it hurt me bad now i have an 85% in math and my parents are happy and i am happy and i just want to say this is one of the best things that ever happened.

March2Success (Rushyendranath Reddy Nalamalapu, MS)

Using this software has boosted my confidence in achieving a higher score on the ACT.

(Josh, 10th grade, TX)

My JROTC instructor said this would improve my SAT/ACT scores dramatically. End Result: They Did

(Jeremy, MS)

I believe this site will contribute to my improvement on the ACT test.

Success

March 2 succes really helped me with some of the problems I needed help with. March 2 succes is a great offer to all students. If you never gave it a try, you should try it, you will love it , and it will give you lots of help in the areas you need help in. GIVE IT A TRY!

This program is helping me a great deal and it made me smarter than i was before. Now that ive taken these practice tests i'm more than ready to take the real ones

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CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM / POST TEST INTERPRETATION (CEP PTI)

- Validated aptitude test and interest assessment.
- Results used to guide career exploration using our career planning tools



CONCURRENT ADMISSIONS PROGRAM (CONAP)

- Partnership between Army and 1900 participating colleges
- Link future soldier with college at enlistment
- Increase enlistment of college capable individuals
- Emphasis on local colleges
- Steps
 - College Referral and Intent to Enroll Form
 - College acknowledges and sends information



CONCURRENT ADMISSIONS PROGRAM (CONAP)

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY
HERZING COLLEGE NEW ORLEANS CAMPUS
ITI TECHNICAL COLLEGE
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-ALEXANDRIA
LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE-NORTHEAST LA
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY IN NEW ORLEANS
MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY
NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF
LOUISIANA
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY-LEESVILLE
OUR LADY OF HOLY CROSS COLLEGE
SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A & M COLLEGE-
BATON ROUGE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE
VIRGINIA COLLEGE-BOSSIER



ATTENTION EDUCATORS!!

Announcing the 2022 US Army Educators' Tour!

Tuesday, June 2022 –thru- Friday, June 2022
Visit Fort Benning, Georgia and the US Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, the US Army Armor School, and the US Army Infantry School

Transportation Provided & Hotel Accommodations Reimbursed!



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EDUCATOR TOUR

During this tour, participants will:

- Learn first hand about the many careers, training, and educational opportunities available in the Army
- Observe state-of-the-art educational facilities that employ interactive simulations to train and educate Soldiers
- Experience the Army through interaction with high-tech virtual experiences, real-world technologies and actual Soldiers
- See, touch, and learn firsthand what it means to be a Soldier, including the many high-tech aspects of the Army
- Learn about the Army's free educational resources to support your students and your school's curriculum



EDUCATOR TOUR

You'll also have an opportunity to...

- Operate equipment & talk with real Soldiers
About their Army experience*
- As a guest of the Army, transportation is provided**
- Hotel accommodations will be reimbursed and per-diem given for meals**





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ANY QUESTIONS?

WHAT'S YOUR
WARRIOR?

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Questions
and
Conclusions

Contact the LDOE Office of Career and College Readiness

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Graduation Requirements; General Information	highschoolacademics@la.gov
Jump Start	jumpstart@la.gov
Financial Aid Policy; FAFSA Assistance	ldefinancialaid@la.gov
Pupil Progression Plans	PPP@la.gov
Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice	SCA@la.gov