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College and Career Counseling Resource: Individual Graduation Plan



Agenda

Role & Components of Individual Graduation Plan

Timelines for Individual Graduation Plan

The Role of Louisiana Connect

IGP-related Legislative and Policy Updates

Counseling Supports and Resources

Individual Graduation Plan (IGP)

According to Act 643 (Regular Session 2014), an IGP:

- Includes a flexible program of study that ensures "the student will meet the high school graduation requirements for ...chosen major and be qualified for admission to a postsecondary education institution or to enter the workforce" by
 - Supporting students and parents with "exploring educational and career possibilities"
 - Assisting students and parents "in making appropriate secondary and postsecondary education decisions as part of an overall postsecondary plan"
 - Guiding students and parents with planning "the next academic year's course work
- Is signed by the student, parent or other legal custodian, and the school counselor
- Developed through multiple career activities including career interest inventories, job shadowing, etc.

Components of Individual Graduation Plan

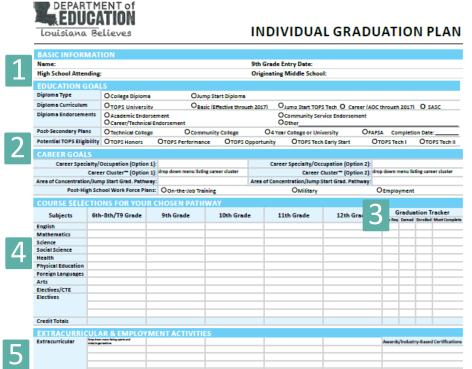
Community Service Prop down listing categories

English

Math

End-of-Course

- 1. Student Demographics
- 2. Identify Postsecondary Plan
- 3. Track High School Graduation Requirements
- 4. Plan Annual Academic/Advanced Course Work
- 5. Build Career and Life Skills
- 6. Acquire Appropriate Signatures



Academic

PSAT

English II

English III

Geometry

English II

Algebra I

WorkKey

English III

WorkKeys

Basic Skill Inventor

Learning Styles

Timeline of Individual Graduation Plan (Act 643, Regular Session 2014)

End of 8th grade

- Develop plan to guide 9th grade academic coursework and assist with exploring educational and career possibilities
- List the required core courses to be taken through 10th grade
- Identify elective courses to be taken in 9th grade, including remedial courses

In 9th and 10th grade

- List required core courses
- Update courses being taken in 9th grade, including remedial courses
- Identify elective courses to be taken in 10th grade
- Continue exploring educational and career possibilities

End of 10th grade

- List required core courses until all required core are completed
- Update plan to include courses required for successful completion of standard diploma
- Update plan to ensure meets high school graduation requirements for chosen major and is qualified for admission to a postsecondary institution or to enter the workforce
- Review and update plan annually

Act 704 (Regular Session 2010)

"Each school...counselor employed in a public high school shall complete an academic profile for each student in the ninth grade using ... appropriate web-based student guidance system. The profile shall include but not be limited to the student's academic and personal goals, planning for college, exploring careers, participation in extracurricular activities, and other skills and interests. All information contained in the profile also shall be included in the student's individual graduation plan developed pursuant to R.S. 17:183.2 and 2925. The counselor shall involve the student and the student's parent or legal guardian in completing the student's profile and shall meet with the student and his parent or legal guardian to review and revise the profile accordingly each year that the student is enrolled in the school."



Online system
that
incorporates all
the
components of
the IGP

Role of Louisiana Connect

Is online guidance system (Act 704, Regular Session 2010)

Supports exploring educational and career possibilities

Assists students and parents in making appropriate secondary and postsecondary decisions

Guides
planning of
next
academic
year's
course
work

Options for Completing Individual Graduation Plan

- Fillable form to complete and upload to Louisiana Connect or an appropriate web-based system
- Direct input into Louisiana Connect
- An appropriate web-based system that incorporates the components of the IGP



Recent Legislative Updates (Act 837, Regular Session 2014)

Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

- Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is information about an individual that can be used on its own or with other information to identify, contact, or locate a single individual. It includes but is not limited to
 - Full Name
 - Date and place of birth
 - Social Security Number

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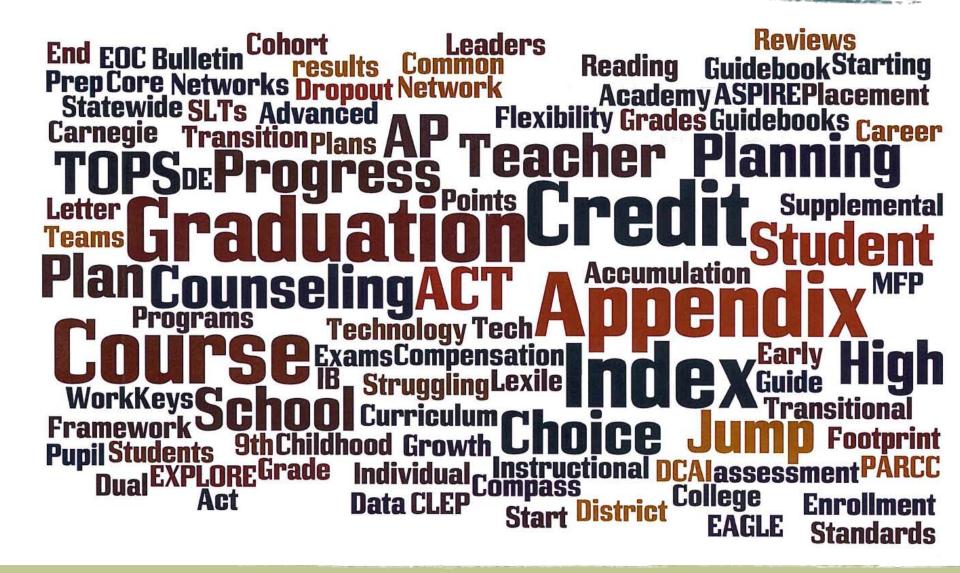
- Collect <u>parental consent forms</u>
- Indicate in local student transcript system which students have consent
- Permits Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) to track students' progress toward and make students eligible for a TOPS scholarship and post-secondary to process applications.

Counseling Supports and Resources

- High School Student Planning Guidebook
- Counselor Support Toolbox
- Jump Start Web Page
- Jump Start Career Education Library
- Jump Start Graduation Pathways
- Louisiana Connect



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Next Steps

- Support students and parents with exploring and defining educational and career possibilities
- Assist students with initiating and updating Individual Graduation Plans

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