

# Albany High School Class of 2020

Graduation requirements and vital dates



**FAFSA is a requirement to graduate from a Louisiana Public High School**

# FAFSA

- ❖ FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - ❖ FAFSA is also the application for TOPS and TOPS Tech
  - ❖ Both the student and parent must complete a FSA ID before starting a FAFSA
  - ❖ FAFSA 2020-2021 goes online on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019
  - ❖ Use 2018 tax return information
  - ❖ Deadline Is April 1<sup>st</sup> , 2020
  - ❖ Seniors can not attend Prom without completing FAFSA
  - ❖ Two FAFSA completion nights one in October and one in March

# Louisiana Graduation Requirements

TOPS University (College track)	Jump Start TOPS Tech (Career track)
<p><b>English- 4 Units</b>  <b>English I</b>  <b>English II</b>  <b>English III</b>  <b>English IV</b></p> <p><b>Math- 4 Units</b>  <b>Algebra I</b>  <b>Algebra II</b>  <b>Geometry</b>            Advanced Math, Statistics AP, or Algebra III DE</p> <p><b>Science- 4 Units</b>            Physical Science  <b>Biology</b>  <b>Chemistry</b>            Anatomy &amp; Physiology, Physics I AP, or Biology II AP</p> <p><b>Social Studies- 4 Units</b>  <b>Civics</b>  <b>American History</b>            World Geography/AP Human Geo            World History</p> <p><b>PE/Health</b>  <b>Health (½ unit)</b>  <b>Physical Education (1 ½ units)</b></p> <p><b>Spanish (2 units)</b></p> <p><b>Fine Arts Survey/Band (1 unit)</b></p> <p>Electives (3 units)</p>	<p><b>English- 4 Units</b>  <b>English I</b>  <b>English II</b>            English III or Technical Writing            English IV or Business English</p> <p><b>Math- 4 Units</b>  <b>Algebra I</b>            Geometry            Math Essentials            Business Math            Financial Literacy</p> <p><b>Science- 2 Units</b>  <b>Physical Science</b>  <b>Biology</b></p> <p><b>Social Studies- 2 Units</b>  <b>Civics</b>  <b>American History</b></p> <p><b>PE/Health</b>  <b>Health (½ unit)</b>  <b>Physical Education (1 ½ units)</b></p> <p><b>Jump Start- 9 units</b>            Jumpstart course sequence, which leads to earning an industry-based credential. (Business Management, ProStart, Electrical/Welding, CNA/Medical Assistant)</p>

# Jumpstart Requirements

- ✓ Pass all core academic classes and EOC
- ✓ Pass 9 electives within your area of concertation
- ✓ Pass your basic statewide credential or one regional core credential and two regional complementary credentials
- ✓ Complete FAFSA by April 1<sup>st</sup>

# Transcripts

- Tomorrow during advisory seniors will get a copy of the PowerSchool transcripts, a copy of their LDOE STS diploma transcript (either jumpstart or university) and students will receive their TOPS transcript either TOPS CORE or TOPS Jumpstart transcript.
- Jumpstart student might have core classes missing due to them being picked up as a Jumpstart credit, for example, technical writing, business math, math essentials, etc. In addition, student might be missing a PE on the STS transcripts and that is due to the course changes we make at the end of the year, just as long as it is listed on PowerSchool it's fine. STS transcripts do tend to have errors and are corrected at the end of their senior year.

# **LDOE Transcripts (STS) University track**

- **LDOE STS TOPS University Diploma (TU) transcript:** Coursework is broken down by categories and is based on 21 credits, even though 24 credits is required the electives are not taken into consideration for the TU Core GPA, categories in bold are classes that are needed, which they should be currently enrolled in. For some students the unweighted GPA and the TU GPA will vary.
- **LDOE STS TOPS Core (TC) Transcript:** Coursework is broken down by categories and is based on 19 credits, categories in bold are classes that are needed, which they should be currently enrolled in. The Overall GPA is an unweighted GPA; TOPS GPA is a weighted GPA on the 19 credits needed for TOPS.

# LDOE Transcripts (STS) Jumpstart track

- **LDOE STS TOPS Tech Jumpstart Career Diploma (CA) transcript:** Coursework is broken down by categories and is based on 23 credits, categories in bold are classes that are needed, which they should be currently enrolled in. For some students the unweighted GPA and the TU GPA will vary.
- **LDOE STS TOPS Jumpstart (TJ) Transcript:** Coursework is broken down by categories and is based on 21 credits, categories in bold are classes that are needed, which they should be currently enrolled in. The Overall GPA is an unweighted GPA; TOPS GPA is a weighted GPA on the 21 credits needed for TOPS TECH.



# GPA Information for TOPS

- University track diploma students will have four different GPA's; PowerSchool GPA weighted and unweighted based on the total coursework, TU GPA based on the unweighted 21 credits needed to meet the graduation requirements, and the TC GPA based on the weighted 19 credits needed to meet the TOPS requirements. Students need to understand to qualify for TOPS and TOPS Tech it's the GPA listed on the (TC) TOPS Core and (TJ) TOPS Jumpstart transcripts not the one on PowerSchool nor the one listed under the diploma transcripts.

# Important dates

- September 16<sup>th</sup> 8am-10am, AHS college Fair (students only) must register at [gotomycollegefair.com](http://gotomycollegefair.com) to attend
- October is College Application & Access month
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm-8pm NACAC National College Fair, Baton Rouge River center, Register at [www.gotomynct.com](http://www.gotomynct.com)
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>, University of Southern Mississippi Campus tour
- October 17<sup>th</sup> Senior College Night (FAFSA, TOPS, Scholarship information session) 6:30pm-8:00pm
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent FAFSA assistance day 9am-7pm
- FAFSA Completion night Spring 2019 Date: TBA

# CollegeBoard's College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

- Students can take a CLEP test to earn college credit
- Test is a 100% online and results are given right away.
- Students must register through CollegeBoard
- Fee waivers are available in October for all seniors.
- CLEP Pass Rates for the some of the most common test were:

<u>Test</u>	<u>State Pass rate</u>	<u>AHS Pass Rate</u>
• College Composition	56%	60%
• Spanish	55%	90%
• Calculus	47%	90%
• History of the US I	45%	50%
• Biology	33%	45%
• English Literature	38%	45%
• History of the US II	29%	25%



## 2019-2020 Test Dates

- October 26<sup>th</sup>
- December 14<sup>th</sup>
- February 8<sup>th</sup>
- April 4<sup>th</sup>
- June 13<sup>th</sup>
- July 18<sup>th</sup>

## Registration Deadlines

- September 20<sup>th</sup>
- November 8<sup>th</sup>
- January 10<sup>th</sup>
- February 28<sup>th</sup>
- May 38<sup>th</sup>
- June 19<sup>th</sup>