

# Louisiana High School Diploma and Diploma Endorsement Requirements

Standard Diploma	Career/Technical Endorsement	Academic Endorsement	
<b>Core Courses</b>			
<p><b>Current Program of Studies</b>                      4 Units of English                      3 Units of Math                      3 Units of Science                      3 Units of Social Studies                      ½ Unit Health                      1½ Units PE                      8 Optional Electives</p>	<p><b>TOPS Opportunity</b>                      4 Units of English                      3 Units of Math                      3 Units of Science                      3 Social Studies                      ½ Unit Health                      1½ Units PE                      1 Unit of Fine Arts                      2 Units of Foreign Language                      1 Unit of Computer-related course required for the High School Major                      4 Optional Electives</p>	<p><b>TOPS TECH</b>                      4 Units of English                      3 Units of Math                      3 Units of Science                      3 Units of Social Studies                      ½ Unit Health                      1½ Units PE                       Option 1 (4 credits)  <b>OR</b>                      Option 2 (6 credits)</p>	<p><b>TOPS Opportunity/Graduation Requirements</b>                      4 Units of English                      3 Units of Math                      3 Units of Science                      3 Social Studies                      1 additional unit Math or Science                      ½ Unit Health                      1½ Units PE                      1 Unit of Fine Arts                      2 Units of Foreign Language                      ½ Unit of Computer-related course                      3½ Optional Electives</p>
<b>High School Area of Concentration</b>			
Not Required	Student <b>must complete</b> four elective credits in an area of concentration and two related elective credits. The areas of concentration shall be developed locally by a district Curriculum-Design Team and approved by BESE.	Students satisfy this requirement by completing the Core Courses listed above. Students may also choose to complete four elective credits in an area of concentration and two related elective credits including a computer-related course.	
<b>GEE 21</b>			
Pass English and math components plus pass either Science or Social Studies component	Pass all four components with a score of <b>Approaching Basic</b>	Pass all four components with a score of <b>Basic</b> or above <b>OR</b> one of the following combinations with the <b>English Language Arts</b> score at <b>Basic</b> or above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 <b>Approaching Basic</b>, 1 <b>Mastery</b> or <b>Advanced, Basic</b> or above in the remaining two</li> <li>• 2 <b>Approaching Basic</b>, 2 <b>Mastery</b> or above</li> </ul>	
<b>GPA/ACT</b>			
No ACT required	TOPS Opportunity/TOPS Tech GPA & ACT Requirements	TOPS Opportunity GPA ACT of 23	
<b>Other Performance Indicators</b>			
None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BESE-approved Industry-based certification; <b>OR</b> 3 college hours in a Career Technical area that articulate to a postsecondary institution, either by actually obtaining the credits and/or being waived from having to take such hours; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• A minimum of 90 work hours of work-based learning experience (in Area of Concentration)</li> </ul>	Senior Project <b>OR</b> 1 Carnegie unit in an AP course with a score of 3 or higher on the AP exam <b>OR</b> 1 Carnegie unit in an IB course with a score of 4 or higher on the exam <b>OR</b> 3 College hours of non-remedial, articulated credit in core area (Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Foreign Language, or English Language Arts)	