

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 9TH GRADE IN 2008-2009 TO 2013-2014

9TH AND 10TH GRADE:

All ninth graders entering high school in 2008-2009 to 2013-2014 shall be enrolled in the Louisiana Core 4 Curriculum. After the student has attended high school for a minimum of two years, the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian may request that the student be exempt from completing the Louisiana Core 4 Curriculum and be placed in the Louisiana Basic Core Curriculum.

11TH AND 12TH GRADE:

LA CORE 4 CURRICULUM: The LA Core 4 Curriculum prepares students for entrance to a four-year Louisiana university or for a career. Entrance to Louisiana public universities, as well as eligibility for TOPS, also relies on earning a minimum required GPA as well as minimum required ACT composite scores and subscores. This curriculum requires 24 credits as detailed in this guide.

LA BASIC CORE CURRICULUM: The LA Basic Core Curriculum prepares students for a Louisiana state community college or technical school. By completing the LA Core 4 Exemption Form, the student, the student's parent, guardian, or custodian acknowledges that the student is ineligible to enroll into a Louisiana four-year public college or university. A student may attend a four-year college after completing an Associate's degree. Students completing the LA Basic Core Curriculum must complete 24 credits, including 6 credits in a career area of concentration, to earn a high school diploma.

CAREER DIPLOMA: The Career Diploma prepares students for a Louisiana state community college or technical school. By opting to complete the Career Diploma, the student, the student's parent, guardian, or custodian acknowledges that the student is ineligible to enroll into a Louisiana four-year public college or university. A student may attend a four-year college after completing an Associate's degree. Students completing the Career Diploma must complete 23 credits, including 7 credits in a career area of concentration, to earn a high school diploma.

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LA Core 4 Curriculum	LA Basic Core Curriculum	Career Diploma
English (4 Units)	English (4 Units)	English (4 Units)
English I	English I	English I
English II	English II	English II
1 Unit from the following: English III, AP English Language Arts and Composition	1 Unit from the following: English III, AP English Language Arts and Composition	1 Unit from the following: English III, English IV
1 Unit from the following: English IV, AP English Literature and Composition	1 Unit from the following: English IV, AP English Literature and Composition	
Math (4 Units)	Math (4 Units)	Math (4 Units)
Algebra I	Algebra I	Algebra I
Geometry	Geometry	3 Units from the following: Geometry, Algebra II, Financial Mathematics, Math Essentials, Advanced Math-Pre-Calculus
Algebra II	2 Units from the following: Algebra II, Financial Mathematics, Math Essentials, Advanced Math-Functions & Statistics, Advanced Math-Pre-Calculus, Algebra III, AP Calculus	
1 Unit from the following: Financial Mathematics, Math Essentials, Advanced Math-Functions & Statistics, Advanced Math-Pre-Calculus, Algebra III, AP Calculus		
Science (4 Units)	Science (3 Units)	Science (3 Units)
Biology	Biology	Biology
Chemistry	1 Unit from the following: Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics	1 Unit from the following: Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics
2 Units from the following: Environmental Science, Physical Science, Agriscience I and Agriscience II (the elective course Ag I is a prerequisite for Ag II), Physics, AP Biology II,	1 Unit from the following: Environmental Science, Physical Science, Chemistry, Agriscience I and Agriscience II (the elective course Ag I is a prerequisite for Ag II), Physics, AP Biology II	1 Unit from the following: Environmental Science, Physical Science, Chemistry, Agriscience I and Agriscience II (the elective course Ag I is a prerequisite for Ag II), Physics
Social Studies (4 Units)	Social Studies (3 Units)	Social Studies (3 Units)
US History	US History	US History
Civics	Civics	Civics
1 Unit from the following: World Geography, World History, AP World History	1 Unit from the following: World Geography, World History, AP World History	1 Unit from the following: World Geography, World History, Psychology, Sociology
1 Unit from the following: World Geography, World History, AP World History, Psychology, Sociology		
Health Education (1/2 Unit)	Health Education (1/2 Unit)	Health Education (1/2 Unit)
Health Education (JROTC I and II may be used to meet this requirement)	Health Education (JROTC I and II may be used to meet this requirement)	Health Education (JROTC I and II may be used to meet this requirement)
Physical Education (1 1/2 Units)	Physical Education (1 1/2 Units)	Physical Education (1 1/2 Units)
1 ½ Unit from the following: Physical Education I, Physical Education II, or Adapted PE for eligible special education students (the substitution of JROTC is permissible)	1 ½ Unit from the following: Physical Education I, Physical Education II, or Adapted PE for eligible special education students (the substitution of JROTC is permissible)	1 ½ Unit from the following: Physical Education I, Physical Education II, or Adapted PE for eligible special education students (the substitution of JROTC is permissible)
Foreign Language (2 Units)	Electives (8 Units)	Electives (7 Units)
1 Unit from the following: French I and French II, Spanish I and Spanish II, or Speech I and Speech II	Shall include the minimum courses required to complete a career area of concentration.* The AOC shall include 6 credits, including one unit of Journey to Careers. *See the Area of Concentration Guide for options*	1 Unit Journey to Careers
Art (1 Unit)		6 credits required for a career area of concentration*
1 Unit from the following: Art, Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre Arts, Fine Arts Survey		*See the Area of Concentration Guide for options*
Electives (3 Units)		
Total Units = 24	Total Units = 24	Total Units = 23