

Senior Information

TOPS University Graduation Requirements

- English 1, 2, 3, 4
- Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, and 1 credit from Advanced Math, Algebra 3 or any Dual Enrollment Math
- Physical Science, Biology 1, Chemistry, and 1 credit from Biology 2 AP or Physics
- World Geography, Civics, US History, and World History
- 1 Art Credit, Fine Art Survey, or Band credit
- 2 Consecutive foreign language credits
- + 3 Elective credits
- 24 Total Credits

*****Students must complete the following courses, maintain a 2.5 GPA in the highlighted classes and earn a minimum of a 20 on the ACT Composite score to qualify for a TOPS Award.**

TOPS Opportunity	2.5 Core GPA/20 ACT Composite = Tuition
TOPS Performance	3.0 Core GPA/23 ACT Composite = Tuition
TOPS Honors	3.0 Core GPA/27 ACT Composite = Tuition
TOPS Tech Award	2.5 GPA/17 ACT Composite = Tuition

****Students may also qualify for a TOPS Tech Award by completing the high school course work constituting the TOPS core curriculum for the Opportunity, Performance and Honors Awards.**

Difference between TOPS Core GPA and Cumulative GPA

- TOPS Core GPA is determined by grades in core classes (4 English, 4 Math, 4 Science, 4 Social Studies, 2 Foreign Languages, and Art/Fine Art Survey)
- Cumulative GPA is determined by all classes taken in high school.

ACT

When registering for the ACT, be sure to enter the codes of the schools where you would like your scores to be sent. You may also want to include code 1595 which is the code for LOSFA/TOPS. If you want to play sports at the college level then you must send your ACT scores to NCAA and the code is 9999. Students eligible for FEE WAIVERS may use a maximum of two separate waivers.

Sign up for the ACT is online at actstudent.org.

Practice tests for ACT/SAT/PSAT can be found at:

1. ACT Kaplan Online Prep
2. PrepFactory.com
3. Number2.com
4. Khanacademy.com

FAFSA

What is FAFSA? FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Aid. FAFSA awards grants (free money based on need), allows for low interest government loans, and communicates with the Louisiana TOPS program. Once you fill out the FAFSA, the federal government will send your information to LOSFA (Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance). Once this is done, TOPS will look at a student's Core GPA and ACT scores to determine who qualifies.

You can begin filling out your FAFSA on October 1, 2018. Once you begin your FAFSA, you have 45 days to complete it or it is deleted and you will have to begin again.

First Step is to create and FSA ID (fsaid.ed.gov) which is basically your electronic signature. Parents will also create and FSA ID. You will need to provide an email address, but DO NOT use your school account. If you do not have an email account already, you will need to create a personal email account so that you may receive future notifications and correspondences.

WRITE DOWN YOUR FSA ID. IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND OUT THIS FORGOTTEN INFORMATION, BUT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT.

You will need your 2017 taxes to complete the FAFSA.

College Application Fees

If you receive a Fee Waiver for ACT or SAT testing, you may qualify for your college application fees to be waived. Contact your school counselor for the correct form to use. (NACAC form)

Scholarships

If you have not signed up for REMIND yet, you probably should. When the counselors receive a scholarship notification, the post it on REMIND. Reminders and notifications will also be posted when needed. If you have issues downloading any scholarship from REMIND, be sure to frequently check our school's scholarship page.

To sign up: Text: @38hkca to 81010

If you are in need of a recommendation letter for a scholarship, be sure to notify the person you choose to write the letter at least a week in advance. This give the person time to compile the letter.

*****St. Martin Parish will host a college Career Fair for seniors on October 12, 2018 in Breaux Bridge. You will ride a bus to and from the event. Permission slips are coming soon.**