

Louisiana DIPLOMA PATHWAY

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A Quick Look at Pathways to a Louisiana Diploma

TOPS University	TOPS Tech Jump Start
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upon graduation, students will receive a Louisiana Diploma ○ Students may be eligible to enroll in a Louisiana four-year public college or university. ○ Students may be eligible for a TOPS scholarship if they meet the requirements for GPA, ACT, and other requirements. ○ Students pursuing the University pathway can take Jump Start electives. ○ Students have the option to change to the TOPS Jump Start curriculum. This change may affect the time for a student's graduation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upon graduation, students will receive a Louisiana Diploma ○ Students may be eligible to enroll in a Louisiana community or technical college and may be eligible to enter a 4 year college or university after earning community college credit or associate's degree. ○ Students may be eligible for a TOPS Tech scholarship if they meet the requirements for GPA, ACT, and other requirements ○ Students are required to earn industry-valued credentials to graduate. Jump Start courses are career building and offer workplace experiences. ○ Students have the option to change to the TOPS University curriculum. This change may affect the time it takes for a student to complete requirements for graduation. ○ Every Jump Start graduation pathway can be adapted for students with disabilities who meet Act 833 eligibility criteria

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The Louisiana **TOPS University** pathway prepares students for entrance to a four-year Louisiana state university or for a career. Students may be eligible for a TOPS scholarship if they meet additional requirements including GPA and ACT.

The **TOPS Tech Jump Start** pathway helps prepare students for a Louisiana community college, technical school, military, or for a career by requiring them to earn industry-valued credentials to graduate. Jump Start courses are career building and offer workplace experiences. Students may be eligible for a TOPS Tech scholarship if they meet additional requirements including GPA and ACT or WorkKeys.

All high school students can take classes offered through Jump Start including students who are not pursuing the Jump Start pathway.

Students have the option to change pathways. This change may affect the time it takes for a student to complete requirements for graduation.

Every Jump Start graduation pathway can be adapted for students with disabilities who meet **Act 833** eligibility criteria (IEP teams with questions please contact JumpStart@la.gov)