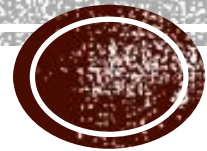


# OWLS Expo

**Graduation Diploma Options: Preparing  
for College or Career After High School**



# TWO LOUISIANA DIPLOMAS

## **TOPS University Diploma**

- The “College” Diploma Track
- Prepares students to enroll in a 4-year college or university after high school
- Requires students to take 4 of each core subject, PE/Health, one art, and two foreign language courses
- College credit opportunities through AP and DE are offered in the four core academic subjects
- Students may also choose to take courses in the six offered pathways as electives

## **TOPS Tech Jump Start Diploma**

- The “Career” Diploma Track
- Prepares students to enroll in a community or technical college or begin a career right after high school
- Requires students to take 4 English and math courses, 2 science and social studies, PE/Health, and 9 pathway courses
- Students must earn a credential that prepares them for a high wage/high demand job



# TWO DIPLOMA TRACKS

## TOPS University Diploma

ENGLISH	4 UNITS
1 unit of English I 1 unit of English II 1 unit of English III 1 unit of English IV	
MATH	4 UNITS
1 unit of Algebra I 1 unit of Geometry 1 unit of Algebra II 1 unit from the following courses: Algebra III, Advanced Math–Pre-Calculus, Calculus, or Calculus AP	
SCIENCE	4 UNITS
1 unit of Biology 1 unit of Chemistry 2 units from the following courses: Biology II, Chemistry II, Environmental Science, Physical Science, or Physics	
SOCIAL STUDIES	4 UNITS
1 unit of Civics 1 unit of US History 2 units from the following courses: World History, World Geography, or Psychology AP	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	2 UNITS
2 units in the same language: Spanish, Latin, or Japanese	
ART	1 UNIT
1 unit from the following courses: Fine Arts Survey, Art, Media Art, Band, Dance, Theater, or Chorus	
HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 UNITS
1 unit of Physical Education I 1/2 unit of Physical Education II 1/2 unit of Health Education	
ELECTIVES	3 UNITS
Students must take 3 elective courses	
TOTAL = 24 Units	24 UNITS

## Jump Start Diploma

ENGLISH	4 UNITS
1 Unit of English I 1 Unit of English II 1 units from the following courses: Business English, Technical Writing, English III, or English IV	
MATH	4 UNITS
1 unit of Algebra I 3 units from the following courses: Math Essentials, Financial Literacy, Geometry, Algebra II, Algebra III, Business Math, Advanced Math–Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math–Pre-Calculus, or Calculus	
SCIENCE	2 UNITS
1 unit of Biology 1 unit from the following courses: Biology II, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Environmental Science, Physical Science, or Physics	
SOCIAL STUDIES	2 UNITS
1 unit of U. S. History 1 unit of Civics	
HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 UNITS
1 unit of Physical Education I 1/2 unit of Physical Education II 1/2 unit of Health Education	
JUMP START ELECTIVES	9 UNITS
9 units from Jump Start Pathways	
INDUSTRY BASED CREDENTIAL	
Students must obtain an Advanced or Basic Industry Based Credential (IBC) in their identified pathway OR obtain 1 Core and 2 Complimentary credentials in their identified pathway.	
TOTAL = 23 Units	23 UNITS



# COURSE PROGRESSIONS

# TOPS University Diploma Track

- **Students' 9th grade courses are the same on each diploma track.**
- **Students should finalize their diploma track by the end of their 10th grade year.**

Grade	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Other Required/Elective Courses			
9	English I	Algebra I	Physical Science	Civics	PE I	CIW IBA	Technical Reading and Writing	Technical Math
10	English II	Geometry	Biology	World History	PE II/Health	Elective	Technical Writing	Math Essentials
11	English III	Algebra II	Chemistry	US History	Foreign Language	Foreign Language	Art Elective	Elective
12	English IV	Algebra III	Science Elective	World Geography	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

# TOPS Tech Jump Start Diploma Track

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# TOPS TECH JUMP START PATHWAYS

- The TOPS Tech Diploma allows students to get a jump start on a career.
- Jump Start students must choose one of the six pathways.
- Nine elective courses must be come from the chosen pathway.
- Students must also earn an industry-based credential.

Pathway	Courses a student must take to earn certification	Other Courses in pathway	Credentials
Business	Customer Service, CIW IBA, Digital Media I/II	CAD I/II, Carp I/II, CIW IBA, CIW NTA, CIW SDA, Desktop Publishing, Digital Media I/II, Medical Terminology*, Media Arts I/II*, Prin. Of Marketing, Prostart I/II, Publications I/II	<b>Advanced:</b> Adobe Visual Design Specialist <b>Basic:</b> CIW IBA OR Adobe Certified Professional <b>Regional:</b> Customer Service; Word, Powerpoint, AND Excel
Art and A/V Technology, Entertainment Tech	CIW IBA, CIW SDA, CIW NTA, OR Digital Media I, OR Technical Theatre & Design OR TV Productions I/II OR Publications I/II	Adv. Band, CAD I/II, Applied Music, Art I/II, Audio Engineering, Beginning Band, Beginning Choir, Carp I/II, CIW IBA, CIW NTA, CIW SDA, Dance I-IV, Desktop Publishing, Digital Media I/II, Fine Arts Survey, Geometry, Media Art I/II*, Music Elective, Publications I/II, Prin. Of Marketing, TV Productions I/II, Small Vocal Ensemble, Speech II, Theatre I-IV, Theatre Design and Tech	<b>Advanced:</b> CIW Web Foundations Associate OR Adobe Visual Design Specialist <b>Basic:</b> CIW IBA, CIW SDA, CIW NTA, Adobe Certified Professional, Avid Protocols
Health Sciences	Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant*, Emergency Medical Responder*	Biology II, Chemistry, Desktop Publishing, Digital Media I/II, Environmental Science, Into to Health Occ, Medical Assistant I/II*, Medical Terminology*, Nurse Assistant*, Nutrition & Food, Psychology, Sports Med I/II	<b>Basic:</b> Certified Nurse Aide, CTS in Patient Care, Emergency Medical Responder <b>Regional:</b> Certified EKG Tech, Phlebotomy Tech
Info Tech	CIW IBA or CIW SDA or CIW NTA or Digital Media I	Audio Engineering, CAD I, CIW SDA, CIW NT, CIW IBA, Desktop Publishing, Digital Media I/II, Geometry, Intro to Engineering, Media Arts I/II, Physics, Principles of Engineering, TV Productions I/II	<b>Advanced:</b> CIW Web Foundations <b>Basic:</b> CIW Internet Business, CIW Site Development, CIW Network Technology, Adobe Certified Associate <b>Regional:</b> Word, Powerpoint, AND Excel
Hospitality	Customer Service OR Prostart	Baking and Pastry Arts*, Chemistry I/II, CIW IBA, Culinary Occupations*, Customer Service, Desktop Publishing, Digital Media I/II, Environmental Science, Food Services I/II*, Nutrition & Food, Prin. of Marketing, Prostart I/II, Psychology, Publications I/II,	<b>Basic:</b> ProStart National Certificate <b>Regional:</b> Customer Service and Sales, ServSafe
Architecture and Construction	Cyber Society**, Carpentry I/II, Engineering, Electrical*, Welding*, HVAC*	CAD I/II, HVAC I/II*, Welding I-IV*, Carpentry I/II, Chemistry, Desktop Publishing, Digital Media I, Electrical I/II, Environmental Science, Geometry, Into to Engineering, Physics, Prin. Of Engineering	<b>Advanced:</b> Associate Degree, Tech Diploma, CITF Level 2, AWS Level 3, Electrical Level 2, HVAC Level 2, Inventor <b>Basic:</b> CITF Level 1, S/P2, AWS Level 2, Electrical I, HVAC I, CTS in Welding or Electrical <b>Regional:</b> OSHA

# WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING A DIPLOMA TRACK?

- **Academic Record:** Which academic areas do my strengths lie?
- **Post-Secondary Goals:** What are my plans after high school?
- **Diploma Tracks:** Which diploma track contains courses that will prepare me for my post-secondary plans?
- **Graduation Requirements:** Which courses do I need to take to graduate on my chosen diploma track?





# ELECTIVES

- In addition to the 24 required credits for each diploma track, students will also take electives based on their interests and post-secondary plans.

English Courses	Credits
Tech R&W/English I	2
Tech Writing/English II	2
English III	1
English III/Lang AP/DE	2
English IV	1
English IV GT	1
English Literature AP/DE	1
English V	1
Business English	1

Math Courses	Credits
Algebra I/Technical Math	2
Math Essentials/Geometry	2
Algebra II	1
Algebra III	1
Algebra III DE	1
Pre-Calculus	1
Pre-Calculus GT	1
Calculus	1
Calculus/Calculus AP	2
Business Math	1
Financial Literacy	1

Science Courses	Credits
Physical Science	1
Physical Science GT	1
Biology	1
Biology GT	1
Chemistry	1
Chemistry DE	1
Chemistry II	1
Biology II	1
Biology II AP	1
Physics	1
Environmental Science	1
Environmental Science DE	1

Social Studies Courses	Credits
Civics	1
US Government DE	1
World History	1
World History DE	1
U.S. History	1
Pre-AP/U.S. History AP	2
World Geography	1
Psychology AP	1

Foreign Language Courses	Credits
Spanish I/II	2
Spanish I/II DE	2
Spanish for Native Spkr I/II	2
Latin I/II	2
Japanese I/II	2

Art Courses	Credits
Art I/II	1
Ceramics	1
Fine Arts Survey	1
Fine Arts Survey GT	1
Media Art I/II DE	1
Dance/Band/Chorus/Theater	1

P.E. Courses	Credits
P.E. I	1
P.E. I Band/Chorus/Dance	1
P.E. II/Health	1
P.E. II/Health/Band/Chorus/FB	1
P.E. III/IV	1
Athletic P.E. (Sports Team)	1
JROTC I/II	1

Elective Courses/Credits					
Computer Science I/II	1	General Tech Education	1	Percussion	1
Business Computer Apps	1	Carpentry I/II	1	Brass Band	1
Principles of Business	1	CAD I/II	1	Woodwind Band	1
Customer Service	1			Dance I/II/III	1
Cyber Society	1	Quest for Success	1	Beginning Choir	1
CIW Site Development	1	Creative Writing	1	Applied Music	1
CIW Network Tech	1	Newspaper I/II	1	Small Vocal Ensemble	1
CIW Internship	1	Publications (Yearbook) I/II	1	Theater I/II/III	1
		TV Production I/II/III	1	Theater Tech & Design I/II/III	1

Found of Education DE	1
Multicultural Learn Comm DE	1

Intro to Health Occupations	1
Sports Medicine I/II/III	1
Certified Clinical Med Assist	1
Medical Terminology DE	1

Food Science	1
ProStart DE I/II	1

Introduction to Engineering	1
Principles of Engineering	1

Psychology	1
ACT Prep	1
Law Studies	1
Horticulture	1

JROTC I/II/III/IV	1
JROTC Leadership I/II	1

Principles of Marketing	1
Cooperative Marketing Ed	3

Lodging Management I/II	1
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Care & Dev of Young Children	2
Cloud Computing	2
First Responder	1
Certified Nursing Assistant	2
Medical Assist I (Phlebotomy)	2
Medical Assistant II (EKG)	2
Electrical I/II	2
HVAC I/II	2
Welding I/II	2
Instrumentation	2
Water Plant Operator	1

# Louisiana High School Assessments

- **\*LEAP2025** - All Louisiana high school students take a LEAP2025 cumulative LEAP2025 exam in Algebra I, Geometry, English I, English II, Biology, and US History (or Civics beginning in 2024-25).
- **\*ACT** - All Louisiana 11th graders take the ACT on a school day in March each year. Subtests are given in English, math, reading, & science.
- **WorkKeys** - All Jump Start students take the WorkKeys exam to earn a certificate that deems them career-ready.
- **Advanced Placement (AP)** - Students enrolled in AP courses take a national exam in May for college credit.
- **PSAT** - Students wanting to participate in the National Merit scholarship program can take the PSAT their junior year.
- **ELPT** - English Language Learners take the ELPT each year

\*Graduation Requirement







# THE CHOICES YOU MAKE TODAY SHAPE YOUR WORLD TOMORROW.

MR. WAYNE WARNER

