

WEST MONROE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear West Monroe High School Parent/Guardian:

Your child has been identified to pursue or has expressed interest in the TOPS 2 Pathway to meet his/her graduation requirements. **Below is an explanation of the two graduation pathways in Louisiana:**

The **TOPS 4** curriculum will provide all of the courses and exams that are required for acceptance into a four year university immediately after high school. If your student pursues the TOPS 4 Pathway, he/she MAY be eligible for TOPS financial assistance IF he/she scores the minimum ACT and required TOPS GPA set by the Louisiana Board of Regents. Your student must have an 18 subscore in English and a 19 subscore in Math on the ACT IN ORDER to enroll in a four year university directly after high school graduation.

The **TOPS 2** curriculum will include the courses and credentials that will prepare your student to attend a Community College, Technical College, and the option to transfer to a four-year university after attending those institutions **OR** to join the work force immediately after high school. If your student pursues the TOPS 2 Pathway, he/she MAY be eligible for TOPS TECH financial assistance **IF** he/she scores at least a 17 on the ACT **OR** a Silver on the WorkKeys **AND** has the required TOPS TECH GPA set by the Louisiana Board of Regents. High demand, high wage careers are available in Louisiana for students who do not plan to attend four year universities. Preparation for some of these careers may take only a few months to two years following high school. In addition to the time savings, community college tuition is much less expensive than a four year university. Community/Technical colleges have open admissions.

Please discuss these options with your child as this is a very important decision. Complete this form and return it to your child's counselor in Guidance promptly. If you do not return this form, your child will be assigned to a pathway by the School Building Level Committee. The assignment will be made based on student classes, grades, exam scores, and interest.

If you have any questions, please contact your student's counselor at (318) 323-3771.

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_____ I **DO NOT** wish for my child to pursue the TOPS 2 diploma. I understand this can potentially affect my child graduating and receiving a high school diploma in a timely manner

_____ I **DO** wish for my child to pursue the TOPS 2 diploma.

My student, _____, will pursue the following Jump Start pathway:

_____ **Architecture and Construction**

_____ **Health Sciences**

_____ **Arts, AV Technology & Communication**

_____ **Hospitality, Tourism, Culinary & Retail**

_____ **Business Management**

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

(Contact Number)