

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Course Requirements

The Louisiana Department of Education has made changes to their previous graduation requirements and has adopted two graduation pathways. To graduate from the State of Louisiana, a student must follow either the TOPS University Diploma or the Jump Start Career Diploma pathway. Teurlings Catholic High School only offers the TOPS University Diploma pathway. This does not ensure that a student will receive the TOPS Scholarship Award. To receive the TOPS Award, students must also meet the ACT and GPA requirements outlined by the TOPS program. In addition, Teurlings Catholic requires that students schedule a Religious Studies course each year. The required TCHS Program of Studies is outlined below.

COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	
English *	4 credits	English I, II, III, IV
Math *	4 credits	<u>Pathway 1:</u> Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and either Algebra III or Advanced Math I as a Senior <u>Pathway 2:</u> (for students with Algebra I credit in 8th grade) Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math I, and either Advanced Math II or Calculus as a Senior <u>Pathway 3:</u> (accelerated track for students without Algebra I credit in 8th grade, but wanting to take either Advanced Math II or Calculus as a Senior) Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II (both in 10th grade), Advanced Math I (as a Junior), and either Advanced Math II or Calculus as a Senior
Science *	4 credits	Physical Science, Biology I, Chemistry, and 1 credit from either Anatomy/Physiology, Biology II, Physics or Environmental Science as a Senior
Social Studies *	4 credits	World Geography, Civics, U.S. History, World History
Foreign Language	2 credits	French I and French II or Spanish I and Spanish II (Students must schedule 2 units from the same language) (Students entering high school with any Foreign Language credit should see their Counselor or Administration before scheduling) (Requests to take a language other than French or Spanish must be brought to TCHS Administration)
Health/Physical Education	2 credits	Health - 1/2 credit (9th) and Physical Education I - 1/2 credit (9th) Physical Education II - 1 credit (10th)
Art	1 credit	Selected from Art I, Fine Art Survey, Theatre/Drama (acting), or Theatre (competitive Speech)
Financial Literacy	1 credit	Beginning with the Class of 2028, 1 credit of Financial Literacy must be earned.
Free Electives	3 credits (2 credits beginning with the Class of 2028)	Students will receive a current list of available electives at the time of scheduling.
Religious Studies *	4 credits	Theology I, II, III, IV *Senior Campus Ministry class can be applied for to be taken in place of Theology IV.

*One unit in each of these areas must be scheduled each year.

*Students must schedule 7 courses per year.