IOWA HIGH SCHOOL | 2026-2027 **CLASS OF 2027**

SENIOR YEAR: ALL IN FOR A STRONG FINISH

July 30th Senior Parent Meeting

WELCOME, SENIOR FAMILIES! We want every senior to leave Iowa High prepared, confident, and ready for the next step.
Website: iowa.cpsb.org
Facebook: Iowa High School 6th-12th

IOWA HIGH: A COMMUNITY SCHOOL

- Students are known, supported, and challenged by staff who care about their success.
- Families, educators, colleges, employers, and community partners work together to create opportunities beyond the classroom.
- Reach out early when concerns arise. Small challenges are easier to solve before they become graduation barriers.

BUILDING ON THE CLASS OF 2026

1,174 COLLEGE CREDIT HOURS	**$1.8M** SCHOLARSHIPS	**5** ASSOCIATE DEGREES
8 INTERNSHIPS COMPLETED	**12** ATHLETIC / BAND SIGNEES	**5** COMMUNITY SERVICE DIPLOMA SEALS EARNED

The Class of 2027 will build its own legacy.

READY FOR WHAT COMES NEXT

Louisiana expects students to graduate on time and be prepared for a **career, college, or service**. Readiness means students leave with the knowledge, skills, experiences, and qualifications needed for a meaningful next step.

- **College:** meet admission and placement expectations; complete applications, financial aid, and scholarship steps; earn college credit.
- **Career:** earn credentials, complete technical coursework, participate in work-based learning, and demonstrate employability skills.
- **Service:** meet eligibility requirements and demonstrate the responsibility, leadership, and preparation needed for military or community service.

EVERY SENIOR NEEDS A CLEAR PLAN

- Am I on track to earn my diploma?
- What will I do after graduation?
- What steps must I complete this year?

YOUR SENIOR SUPPORT TEAM

GRADUATION COACH

- Monitors credits, attendance, academic progress, testing, and graduation requirements.
- Coordinates interventions and helps remove barriers to graduation.

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SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- Guides diploma pathways, Individual Graduation Plans, college applications, scholarships, and financial aid.
- Helps students connect goals, courses, and next-step opportunities.

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ACADEMIC ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

- Supports attendance, discipline, academics, scheduling, communication, and student needs.
- Works with families and staff to keep students accountable and moving forward.

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FAMILY PARTNERSHIP: Monitor attendance and grades, discuss deadlines and postsecondary plans, encourage students to communicate, and contact the school early when support is needed.

EVERY SENIOR. A CLEAR PLAN. A STRONG FINISH.

DATES TO KNOW:

- Aug 5th Senior Portraits: Book online https://parishphotostudio.com/senior-yearbook-headshots
- Sept. 10th students will receive Senior Supply order materials from Jostens at 11AM
- Sept. 22nd Senior Supply orders during both lunches (Late orders on Nov 18 during both lunches)
- March 8th Senior Supply Pick Up both lunches
- May 4th Senior Requirement Deadline
- May 5th Awards Night
- May 17 Grad Walk at JIW (LSE TBA)
- May 19th Graduation 6:30PM Burton Coliseum

Dates for Seniors 2027



Date	Senior Event
May 4	Seniors' Last Day & Last Day to Complete Assignments, Seat Time, Credit Recovery, Grade Recovery, or Anything Else to be Eligible to Graduate
May 7	Senior Grades Due and Sowela Grade Entry
May 10-14	MIS and Counselor Transcript Preparation
May 17	McNeese Grade Entry
May 18, 19, 20	Transcript Checks
May 19	IHS Graduation Burton Coliseum, 6:30 pm

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Senior Yearbook Photos—August 5th
- Homecoming—October 16th
- Fall Sport Sr Night—October 29th
- Josten's Class Meeting (grad packet)—September 10th
- Josten's Senior Supply Order (lunches)—September 22nd
  - Late Orders November 18th
- Honor's Night—6pm May 5th
- JIW Grad Walk—9am May 17th

State High School Graduation Requirements

TOPS University Diploma

(College Diploma)

Course Requirements

ENGLISH	4 UNITS
1 unit of English I 1 unit of English II 1 unit of English III or English Language AP/DE 1 unit of English IV or English Literature AP/DE	
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: Physical Science, Biology II, Chemistry II, Environmental Science, or Physics	
SOCIAL STUDIES	**4 UNITS**
1 unit of Civics or US Government DE 1 unit of US History 2 units from the following courses: World History, World Geography, Human Geography AP, 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: Music, Fine Arts Survey, Art, Media Art, Theater, Dance, 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. Beginning with 2027 graduates, one of these electives must be Financial Literacy.	
TOTAL = 24 Units	**24 UNITS**

TOPS Tech Jump Start

(Career Diploma)

Course Requirements

ENGLISH	4 UNITS
1 Unit of English I 1 Unit of English II 2 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, Geometry, Financial Literacy, Business Math, Algebra II, Algebra III, Advanced Math Pre-Calculus, or Calculus	
SCIENCE	**2 UNITS**
1 unit of Biology 1 unit from the following courses: Physical Science, Biology II, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Environmental Science, or Physics	
SOCIAL STUDIES	**2 UNITS**
1 unit of US History 1 unit of Civics or US Government DE	
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 one of the six Jump Start Pathways	
INDUSTRY BASED CREDENTIAL	
Students must obtain the necessary state-approved Advanced, Basic, or Regional credential required by the student's chosen Jump Start Pathway.	
TOTAL = 23 Units	**23 UNITS**

In addition to the course and Jump Start credential requirements, students must also pass the LEAP2025 and complete the FAFSA requirement to be eligible for graduation.

HONOR GRADUATE POLICY

Honor Graduate status is based on earning a GPA of at least 3.5 and meeting the requirements below. The Honors GPA calculation is based on the 5.0 GPA.

Honors GPA Positions

1.	Summa Cum Laude	3.90-4.00+ G. P. A.
2.	Magna Cum Laude	3.70-3.89 G. P. A.
3.	Cum Laude	3.50-3.69 G. P. A.

Honor Graduate Requirements

Starting with the entering freshmen of 2023-2024, students must meet the GPA requirements PLUS:

1 of these: ACT of 20+ OR WorkKeys of Gold+ OR ASVAB of 59+

Distinguished Honor Graduate Requirements

Starting with the entering freshmen of 2023-2024, students must meet the GPA and assessments requirements listed for an Honor Graduate PLUS:

1 of these: TOPS Aligned AP Exam Score of 3+ OR 6 hours TOPS Aligned Dual Enrollment OR ACT English of 26+ OR ACT Math of 25+ OR Basic Bundle OR Advanced Jump Start Credential OR Military Acceptance

CPSB

Work-Based Learning

Calcasieu Parish School Board – CTE Department

What is Work-Based Learning?

Work-Based Learning (WBL) lets you earn high school credit while gaining real-world job experience. You will build workplace skills, earn a Carnegie Unit, and strengthen your resume.

How It Works

Part	Details
20% Online Learning	Financial Literacy Resume & Interview Skills Workplace Etiquette
80% On-the-Job Training	Any paid job counts Minimum 107 hours required Can be semester or year-long

Who Can Join?

- Students already working
- Students looking for a job

Jump Start students count toward the school's 25% advanced credential goal.

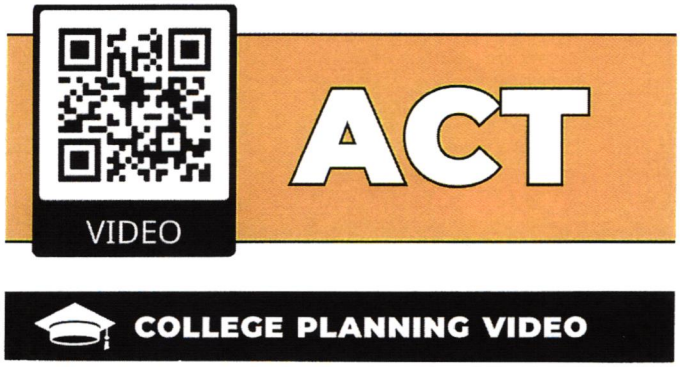
Why Take This Class?

- Get school credit for working your job
- Flexible and self-paced
- Prepares you for life after high school

Interested?


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I made it to my Senior Year of High School, so what's next?

Keep up with deadlines!
Ask questions!

September

Submit your Application for Admission to **McNeese.**

Register for ACT at act.org or SAT at collegeboard.org.

Don't forget to submit your scores to McNeese Admissions admissiondocs@mcneese.edu

October

Don't forget to stay in touch! Check your email often so you don't miss any advising updates or other info from us!

Email Office of Advising freshmanadvising@mcneese.edu

November

Are you going to live on-campus? Check out residence halls information at mcneesereslife.com!

Have questions? Contact Student Central at 337-475-5065 or studentcentral@mcneese.edu

December

December 1st the new Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA) will be available.

To apply, go to fafsa.ed.gov (school code 002017).

FAFSA is done each year of college - don't forget!

January

Submit any missing requirements ASAP for your admissions or FAFSA application.

Interested in testing, like ACCUPLACER or CLEP? Visit mcneese.edu/testing

February

Have you checked out our Freshman Advising team yet? You can find us at mcneese.edu/freshman-advising/

Dates and information for the semester will be found at mcneese.edu/schedule

March

Don't forget to stay in touch! Check your email often so you don't miss any advising updates or other info from us!

Sign-up for Cowboy Camp: New Student Orientation begins soon.

April

Our Financial Aid Deadline is **May 1st**. Have you completed everything for your FAFSA?

May

Graduation is around the corner. Have you done **all** you need to for college?

Request official high school transcript be sent to us, as well as official transcripts from other colleges or universities.

June

We can't wait to see you at **Cowboy Camp**! You will be able to register your fall classes there too.

Housing info will be coming soon. Don't forget to pick a meal plan! https://mcneesedining.sodexomyway.com/en-us/

July

Tuition & fee bills become available this month! Check your financial aid awards, scholarships, and TOPS in Banner.

Authorize any aid **EVERY** semester so your classes don't get dropped!

August

Go to Class!

Questions about financial aid, scholarships, and/or admissions?
Email: studentcentral@mcneese.edu

Questions about Cowboy Camp?
Email: cowboycamp@mcneese.edu

McNeese Office of Advising
freshmanadvising@mcneese.edu

How to Find Degree Plans



1.Go to https://catalog.mcneese.edu/

catalog.mcneese.edu

2.When you open the catalog, find the "Programs Listed By College" Tab

Programs Listed by College

3.Then, you'll see each College and Degree Plan listed in alphabetical order.

- Accounting, General Accounting Concentration, BSBA
- Accounting, Managerial Accounting Concentration, BSBA
- Accounting, Professional Accountancy and Exam Preparation Concentration, BSBA
- Accounting, Taxation Concentration, BSBA

4.Click on the Degree(s) you're most interested in and read the course requirements for it.

Accounting, General Accounting Concentration, BSBA

Return to: Programs Listed by College

Total Hours Required for Degree: 120

Freshman Fall - 15 hours

- Natural Sciences General Education Electives - 6 hours (Must choose one life science and one physical science)
- ENGL 101 - English Composition I Cr: 3
- MATH 113 - College Algebra Cr: 3
- ORIN 101 - Freshman Orientation Cr: 0
- PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology Cr: 3

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****If you have any questions about the programs offered, don't hesitate to reach out!****

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