



Chalmette High School



Senior Success Summit

Class of 2027



Meet Your Counselors



Ms. Tinnerella

**Last Names
A-F**



Ms. Willard

**Last Names
G-M**



Dr. Lewis

**Last Names
N-Z**



Ms. Landry

**College &
Scholarships**

Tonight you will learn:



01

Graduation requirements for each diploma type

02

How to track your senior's progress towards graduation

03

How to apply for colleges and scholarships

04

Important senior dates and deadlines

TOPS University

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–Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math–Pre-Calculus, or Calculus	
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, 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	
TOTAL = 24 Units	24 UNITS

Diploma Types

Similarities:

4 English, 4 math
2 science, 2 social studies
PE I, PE II, Health

Differences:

College Track - Additional
2 science & 2 social studies,
2 foreign language, and art
Career Track - 9 courses in a career pathway

Jump Start

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–Functions and Statistics, 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	
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



STEPS TO GRADUATION



Meet state attendance requirements



Complete all course requirements



Jump Start students must earn necessary credentials



Pass all required LEAP2025 Exams



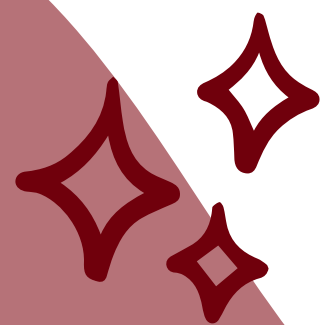
Take the ACT and WorkKeys Tests



Complete the LOSFA Consent Form



HOW TO:



Be an Honor Graduate

To be an Honor Graduate, students must achieve a 3.3 CHS weighted GPA and achieve an ACT composite score of 20 or higher.



Be a TOP 5%, TOP 10% Graduate

To graduate in the Top 5% or Top 10%, the Honor Graduate's CHS weighted GPA must rank them in the Top 5% or Top 10% of the senior class.



Be a TOP 5 Graduate

In order to graduate as one of the "Top 5" in the class, students must be an Honor Graduate and schedule 8 courses in each of the four years of high school. Top 5 graduates must also schedule an advanced English and Math their senior year.



Earn a Community Service Diploma Endorsement

Students who have earned 80 or more community service hours during high school can graduate with a Community Endorsement seal on their diploma.



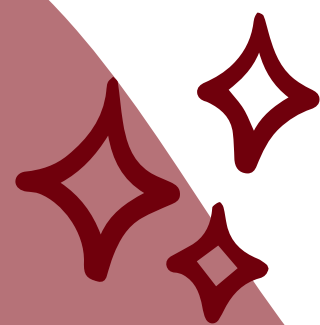
Tracking Your Senior's Progress

- **Student Progress Center** - track students' grades, attendance, transcript, testing history
 - Click on "Grades and Attendance" on the CHS website
- **Canvas** - access through Clever to track students' weekly assignments and assessments
- **Senior Webpage** - find senior newsletters, scholarship information, important dates
- **Social Media Pages** - stay informed about upcoming events, deadlines, and senior information
- **LOSFA Student Hub** - track students' TOPS status





Applying for College and Scholarships



College Applications

The Senior Newsletter contains links to all Louisiana and surrounding college applications. Some deadlines are as early as November and most are before January.



Common Apps

The Common App simplifies the application process by allowing you to complete one application that can be used to apply up to 20 colleges. Over 1000 colleges accept the Common App, including LSU, UNO, Tulane, Loyola, and Xavier. You can also apply to over 50 HBCUs through the Common Black College App.

Scholarships

The Senior Newsletter and the Senior Webpage include updated scholarship information and application links.

Questbridge and Posse connect high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds with four-year scholarships to top colleges.

REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPTS

YOU'VE APPLIED TO COLLEGE, NOW WHAT?

Some colleges will request transcripts, ACT, or letters of recommendation.

- Go to the **Senior** page on the school website.
- Click on the **Request for Transcripts, Letters of Recommendation, ACT Scores**
- Complete the **Google form**.
- Ms. Landry or your counselor will process the request.

Nunez CC transcripts must be requested through [Nunez.edu](https://nunez.edu).

Enhanced ACT



Sequence	Subject	Questions	Passages	Time
1	English	50	6	35 minutes
2	Math	45	-	50 minutes
3	Reading	36	4	40 minutes
4	Science	40	7	40 minutes
5	Writing	1	-	40 minutes

Important ACT Facts

- Deadline to sign up for October 18 ACT (administered at CHS) is September 12
- ACT now allows only 2 fee waivers for eligible students
- “ACT My Answer Key” is available for the October ACT. You can purchase the the October ACT with your answer key to see which questions you missed!

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TOPS SCHOLARSHIPS



TOPS Scholarship	Minimum Criteria	What does it pay?
TOPS Opportunity	TOPS GPA – 2.5 ACT Composite – 20	Tuition at a LA public college/university or the average of LA public universities
TOPS Performance	TOPS GPA – 3.25 ACT Composite – 23	Tuition + \$400 Stipend
TOPS Honors	TOPS GPA – 3.5 ACT Composite – 27	Tuition + \$800 Stipend
TOPS Excellence *NEW for 2025	TOPS GPA – 3.5 ACT Composite – 31	LA Public: Tuition + Fees OR \$12,000 (whichever is less) LA Private: Avg LA Tuition + Fees OR \$8,500 (whichever is less)
TOPS Tech	TOPS GPA – 2.5 ACT Composite – 17 OR Silver on WorkKeys	Tuition at a LA 2-year public community or technical college

- TOPS GPA is calculated by averaging the 4 English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language & Art
- TOPS does NOT accept an ACT Superscore, only an ACT Composite
- Apply for TOPS Scholarships by completing the FAFSA
- Complete the LOSFA form to give permission for LOSFA to receive transcript & ACT for scholarship



Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA)

Don't Blow Your TOPS!

It pays to make good grades!

LOSFA's Vision is to be Louisiana's First Choice for College Access

	ACT Score	GPA	Scholarship
TOPS Tech	17 OR Silver on WorkKeys	2.5	Tuition
TOPS Opportunity	20	2.5	Tuition
TOPS Performance	23	3.25	Tuition + \$400
TOPS Honors	27	3.5	Tuition + \$800

***NEW* TOPS Excellence**
31 ACT and 3.5 GPA tuition and fees for up to \$12,000!



EXAMPLE CONVERSION TABLE FOR THE ACT®



Instructions: The **raw score** is the number of questions answered correctly, while the **scale score** is the final score on your ACT score report. This chart is an example of a typical conversion from **raw scores** to **scale scores**. Use it to estimate how many questions you should aim to answer correctly in order to reach your **goal score**—actual conversions may vary slightly by test.

Scale Score	Raw Score				Scale Score
	English	Math	Reading	Science	
36	40	41	27	34	36
35	39	40	26	33	35
34	38	39	26	33	34
33	37	38	25	32	33
32	37	38	25	31	32
31	36	37	24	30	31
30	36	36	24	30	30
29	35	35	23	29	29
28	35	34	23	28	28
27	34	32	22	27	27
26	33	31	21	26	26
25	32	29	20	25	25
24	31	28	19	23	24
23	30	27	18	21	23
22	29	26	17	20	22
21	27	25	16	18	21
20	26	24	16	17	20
19	24	23	15	16	19
18	23	21	14	14	18
17	22	19	13	13	17
16	21	17	13	11	16
15	19	14	12	10	15
14	18	11	11	10	14
13	16	7	10	9	13
12	15	5	9	8	12
11	13	4	8	7	11
10	11	3	6	5	10
9	9	3	5	4	9
8	7	2	4	4	8
7	6	2	4	3	7
6	5	2	3	3	6
5	4	1	3	2	5
4	3	1	2	2	4
3	2	1	1	1	3
2	1	1	1	1	2
1	0	0	0	0	1

RENEWING YOUR TOPS SCHOLARSHIP



- Earn 24 hours of college credit each year
- **TOPS Opportunity** - 2.3 GPA for 24-47 credit hours, 2.5 for more than 48 credit hours
- **TOPS Performance/Honors/Excellence** - 3.0 GPA
- **Complete the FAFSA**



FAFSA

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**
- **Website: fafsa.gov**
- Determines how much financial aid students are eligible to receive, which could include grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.
- Students must apply every year, beginning with senior year before college.
- Students should complete the **2026-27 FAFSA Form**

NCAA Eligibility Center

ARE YOU A STUDENT ATHLETE WHO PLANS
TO PLAY SPORTS IN COLLEGE?

Register - <https://web3.ncaa.org>

Fee - \$100 unless qualifies for waiver

GPA - 2.3 Minimum NCAA GPA

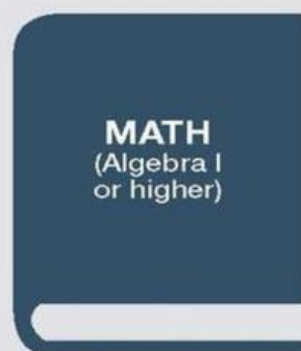
Courses Included in NCAA GPA – Must be
on the TOPS University Diploma Track

Core-Course Requirement

Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:



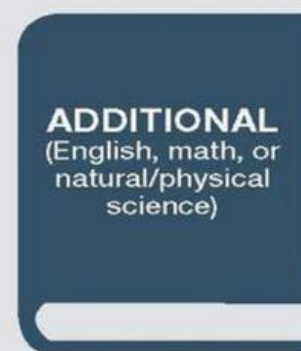
4 years



3 years



2 years



1 year



2 years



4 years



TECHNICAL & TRADE SCHOOLS

Links to several local technical and trade schools can be found on the Senior page on our school website

- Academy of Interactive Entertainment
 - Associated Builders and Contractors
 - Carpenter's Union
 - Electrical Union
 - Iron Workers Local Union
 - Louisiana Workforce Commission
 - Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 60
 - Riverboat Pilot Training
 - Tri Parish Works
 - Universal Technical Institute
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TRI-PARISH WORKS

Location

- Nunez Community College
- Kane Building A-122

Job Seekers

- Get connected to career opportunities
- Get you prepared for an interview
- Possibly get you on-the-job experience

Training

- If you meet qualifications, they can possibly help you with tuition, books, supplies, fees, transportation, childcare, other supportive services.

Youth Program Ages 16-24

- Provides Work Ready and Real Life Skills
- Paycheck and Bonuses
- Real Job Experiences

WHERE ARE THE JOBS IN OUR REGION?

Cluster	Jobs (2025)	10-Year Growth (2015–2025)	Avg Earnings	Demand	Strategic Position
Healthcare	86,477	+11,412 (+15.2%)	\$85,287	2,278/ month	Largest employer & growth engine
Energy	15,299	-5,669 (-27.0%)	\$198,712	186/ month	High-wage global leader in transition
Advanced Manufacturing	12,003	-568 (-4.5%)	\$107,731	303/ month	Reindustrialization opportunity
Trade & Logistics	9,273	+237 (+2.6%)	\$82,353	105/ month	Backbone of global commerce
Digital Media	6,602	+1,323 (+25.1%)	\$126,388	144/ month	High-growth diversification play

GNO Inc. Jobs Report

- Healthcare Jobs
 - RNs, LPNs, Radiological Techs, Medical Records Specialists
- Trade and Logistics
 - Truck Drivers, Maintenance Workers, Captains and River Pilots, Supervisors
- Advanced Manufacturing
 - Production Workers, Inspectors, Operators, Fabricators, Electrical, Instrumentation
- Digital Media
 - Software Developers, Computer System Analysts and Support, Film and Video Editors
- Energy
 - Surveyors, Drillers, Engineers, Technicians

LOUISIANA WORKFORCE COMMISSION

- Students > Star Jobs
- “Find My Career Choices” and search current opportunities available
- “Show Me All Choices” and narrow it by outlook, education, and salary

ABOUT US

LOCATIONS

DIVISIONS

RESOURCES

FAQS

HIRE

STATISTICS

ONE DOOR



WORKS

Training Fund

Applications open April 15th, 2026

See the details

Customers

Employment

- Find Immediate Job Openings
- Job Fairs & Events
- Veterans' Services

Training

- Registered Apprenticeship
- Related Training Instruction Providers
- Workforce Pell

Explore Careers

- NEW! La Career Clusters
- My Life/My Way
- STAR Jobs

Employers

Employment

- List your job with us
- File a Separation Notice/Form 77
- Hire a Laid-Off Worker (HALOW)
- Youth Employment Certificates

Training

- On-the-Job Training (OJT)
- Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWTP)
- Start a Registered Apprenticeship Program

More

- Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)
- E-Verify
- Report job interview no-shows
- Report refusal of work

Unemployment Insurance

Individual Resources

- Updates for 2026
- How many weeks can I receive?
- File a Claim
- Identity Verification
- RESEA Appointment Information

Employer Resources

- Register for an Unemployment Tax Account
- File Wages and Taxes

Workers' Compensation

- Behind the Counter Act - Signage

LOUISIANAWORKS

RESTART YOUR SEARCH

All Occupations

Statewide

Click  icons for tips.

Find a Job or Explore Careers

TOP RATED OCCUPATIONS

2 Help us narrow your search.

Occupational Outlook: Select from one to five stars

★★★★★ ★★★★★ ★★★★★ ★★★★★ ★★★★★

Educational Requirement

Less than High School High School Diploma Postsecondary, Non-degree Associate Degree Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Doctoral / Professional

Minimum Required Salary: Hourly wages \$7.46 -> \$90

Minimum Wage \$30 -> \$90 Maximum Wage

Choose a Location

Statewide, Parish, or ZIP code

SHOW RESULTS

3 Click an occupation for more details.

Results Per Page 10

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Star Rating	Occupational Title	Best Match or Related	Currently Advertised Jobs	Wages		
				hourly	annual	
				Entry-level	Typical	Experienced
★★★★★	Accountants and Auditors Find Training	Best	248 Show Current Listings	\$22.04	\$31.87	\$50.89
★★★★★	Administrative Services Managers Find Training	Best	57 Show Current Listings	\$26.29	\$41.92	\$75.28
★★★★★	Architectural and Engineering Managers Find Training	Best	21 Show Current Listings	\$54.24	\$82.05	> \$90.00
★★★★★	Chemical Engineers Find Training	Best	22 Show Current Listings	\$47.37	\$59.33	\$89.14
★★★★★	Chemical Technicians Find Training	Best	7 Show Current Listings	\$21.35	\$39.26	\$50.87
★★★★★	Civil Engineers Find Training	Best	158 Show Current Listings	\$33.02	\$50.88	\$71.33
★★★★★	Computer and Information Systems Managers Find Training	Best	82 Show Current Listings	\$36.12	\$58.68	> \$90.00
★★★★★	Computer Systems Analysts Find Training	Best	65 Show Current Listings	\$24.07	\$39.74	\$56.87
★★★★★	Construction Managers Find Training	Best	76 Show Current Listings	\$33.70	\$49.57	\$80.59
★★★★★	Database Architects Find Training	Best	12 Show Current Listings	\$33.32	\$49.81	\$62.59

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Mark Your Calendars



October ACT

October 17
Register by
September 11



Ring Day

October 23



College &
Career Night

October 28



Balfour Deadline

December 10

Important Senior Dates

- Senior Sunrise – August 28
- Ring Day – October 23
- College & Career Night – October 28
- Balfour Order Deadline – December 10
- Senior Prom – March 20
- Senior Awards Ceremony – April 12
- Senior Spring Exam Days – April 28 & 29
- Graduation Rehearsal – May 5
- Senior Check-Out Day – May 6
- Honors Recognition Ceremony – May 11
- Graduation Day – May 19

NEXT STEPS

Build your resume - join extra-curriculars that match your interest

Register for the October ACT by September 11 (waivers available)

Look for Balfour information to order graduation supplies

Research colleges and begin applying for colleges &

Make an appointment at Raymar to take your Senior Portrait



Thank you
for coming!

