

Class of 2027

Senior Information

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SLIDELL HIGH SCHOOL

School Code 192-750

380 seniors

Graduation: Wednesday, May 19, 2027

TOPICS COVERED TONIGHT

- Senior Exemptions
- Honor Graduates
- Top of Class
- College Application Process
- Requesting Transcripts and Test Scores
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- TOPS
- Collegiate Athletes

SENIOR EXEMPTIONS

- If a senior with a “A average” in a course and **3 or fewer unexcused** absences in the course for a semester, then they are exempt from the semester exam.
- If a senior with a “B average” in a course and **1 or fewer unexcused** absences in the course for the semester, then they are exempt from the semester exam.
- Senior Semester exam exemptions **DO NOT** apply to dual enrolled courses or online courses.

HONOR GRADUATES

Determined by Cumulative weighted GPA

- **TOP 5%:** Recognized at graduation with gold tassels, gold cords, and gold stoles
- **TOP 10%:** Recognized at graduation with gold tassels and gold cords
- **TOP 15%:** Recognized at graduation with gold tassels

TOP IN CLASS

- Top in Class is determined at the end senior year.
- Uses only grades earned in 9th through 12th grades.
- Calculated using maximum of 28 credits earned: 16 weighted and 12 unweighted.
- Recognition at graduation

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND PROCESS

- **APPLY NOW-DO not wait on ACT scores!**
- **Choose Admission Decision Deadline: ** deadlines vary from college to college****
 - Early Decision (ED) – Binding: you must enroll if accepted, must withdraw all other college applications if admitted, your top choice school that you can afford regardless of financial aid)
 - Restrictive Early Action (REA) – Non-binding: not forced to enroll if accepted, you cannot apply to EA or ED to any other private universities but most will allow you to apply to other public colleges.
 - Early Action (EA) – Non-binding: not forced to enroll if accepted, you can apply to other schools with EA or RD and you receive admission decision earlier
 - Regular Decision (RD) – No obligation to attend if accepted, apply to as many as you want
- Deadlines for admissions and financial aid/scholarships are frequently not the same. Check college websites.
- **After you apply:** send your High School transcripts, ACT/SAT scores, and/ or DE/AP/CLEP scores. If you are not using Common Application, then you can request your high school transcript to be sent to college(s) via the Transcript Request Form located in Google Classroom Class of 2027>Counselor Corner.
- Apply for housing. (Make sure to check deadlines for each school)
- **DO NOT** use your school email for college applications.

COMMON APPLICATION

- Create an account at <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- How does it work? <https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-year-students>
 - Start by adding colleges
 - Each college you add has its own specific set of requirements and supplements.
 - Answer all questions in Common App tab. For each college you selected you will:
 - Answer college specific questions
 - Invite and manage recommenders:
 - **Invite Dr. Lori Barthel as your counselor.** Once invited, I will complete your secondary report, upload your transcript, and write a letter of recommendation if needed. A **BRAG SHEET** is **required** to complete my portions of the application—located in counselor corner of the Class of 2027 Google classroom.
 - If you need a recommendation from a teacher or community member, **ask them in person before adding them to your application. Provide them with a copy of your resume and the application deadline. Please allow a minimum of three weeks for them to complete your recommendation.**
 - Complete other supplements (if applicable)
 - Waive your rights to view your letter(s) of recommendation

REQUESTING COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS & SCORES

- It is **your responsibility to send the transcript and scores to your college choice(s).**
- Your child's high school transcript will indicate the college where the Dual Enrollment (DE) credit was earned.
 - Southeastern Louisiana University: <https://www.southeastern.edu/admin/registrar/transc-verify/>
 - Northshore Technical Community College: <https://www.northshorecollege.edu/admissions/transcript-request>
 - University of New Orleans: <https://www.lsuneworleans.edu/registrar/transcript>
- AP scores: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/sending-scores>
- CLEP scores: <https://clep.collegeboard.org/scores/send-scores-transcripts>
- ACT scores: [Sign In | MyACT](#)

HOW AND WHEN DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

- **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.gov
- **Opens OCTOBER 1, 2026.**
- By completing the FAFSA, you are considered for federal pell grants, student loans, work-study on campus, and Louisiana State based TOPS program. Use the correct birth date, Social Security number, and high school graduation date.
- 2 Step Process:
 1. Create a FSA ID <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
 - BOTH parent and student create their own FSA ID
 2. Complete the FAFSA using 2025 tax information
- **FAFSA Help Line: 1-844-GO-FAFSA or 1-844-463-2372**
- **LOSFA** –Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid custserv@la.gov
- **LELA** Louisiana Educational Loan Authority Resources: <https://lela.org/student-resource-center/>
- **TOPS & FAFSA SEMINAR with LOSFA Representative will be here on OCTOBER 27, 2026 at 6pm**

HOW DO I FIND SCHOLARSHIPS?

- **ACADEMIC:** Apply through the college/university you are applying to
 - Varies but usually based on GPA and ACT/SAT scores
 - Admissions and scholarship application deadlines-check college websites
- **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS:**
 - <https://slidellhigh.stpsb.org/our-school/counseling>
 - Senior Class of 2027 Google classroom
- **SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES**
 - Examples: www.Fastweb.com , www.goingmerry.com , www.scholarship.com

COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS – NCAA AND NAIA

- **National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)**
 - SAT/ACT code: 9999 (students must send scores officially)
 - Registration fee: \$110. You can request a fee waiver during the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) registration process if you face financial hardship and qualify.
- **National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)**
 - SAT/ACT code: 9876 (students must send scores officially)
 - Registration fee: \$110. Fee waiver available for financial hardship.

Athletic Director: Coach Jeanmard will upload transcripts through the portals

****It is the student's responsibility to apply to the university/college that is recruiting them, not the coach or recruiter****

REMINDERS

- **Frequently** check the Google Classroom Class of 2027 including the Counselor Corner
- Check your school email regularly
- Senior Counselor Contact Information:
 - Email: lori.barthel@stpsb.org
 - Phone: 985-643-2992 ext. 2361
- Students can request to meet with me through the Google classroom Class of 2027>Classwork>Counselor Corner>Request to see Counselor