FHS

2027

SENIOR MEETING

Class of 2027

Topics We Will Cover Today

- Graduation Requirements
- Grades and Attendance
- Senior Exemptions
- Honor Grad and Rank in Class
- Community Service Diploma Endorsement
- ACT
- College Application Process
- Requesting Transcripts and Test Scores
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- TOPS
- Collegiate Athletics

Graduation Requirements

Tops Tech	Tops Univeristy
2 Year College	4 Year College
23 Credits	24 Credits
2 History Classes	4 History Classes
2 Science Classes	4 Science Classes
4 English Classes	4 English Classes
4 Math Classes	4 Math Classes
9 Career and Technical Electivs + 1 Industry Based Credential	1 Art Elective + 3 General Electives
PE/Health or JROTC	PE/Health or JROTC

Graduation Requirements Continued

LEAP TESTS

Students must pass 3 tests in the following categories:

English I or English II
Algebra I or Geometry
Biology or American History

Attendance and Grades

Absences are either excused or unexcused.

Days absent = days to makeup work

Excused Absences

Excused absences are defined as when a student is sick, has a funeral of a close family member, must go to court, etc. We need documentation that absences are excused and that documentation can be a parent or doctor note.

Students are responsible for turning in doctor and parent notes to student services within five days of returning to school to have the absence excused.

NEW RULE

ONLY THREE PARENT NOTES A SEMESTER WILL BE ACCEPTED

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused absences are defined as when a student does not turn in a parent note or doctor note related to the above circumstances within five days of returning to school.

If a student has more than 5 unexcused absence in a semester, credit will be denied.

Senior Exemptions

If a senior has a "B" average in a class, he/she must have 1 or fewer unexcused absences from that class to be exempt.

If a senior has an "A" average in a class, he/she must have 3 or fewer unexcused absences from the class to be exempt.

Senior Semester Exam Exemptions will not apply in dual enrolled courses.

Grades Continued....
Understanding Block Grading

1st Term = 42.5%

2nd Term = 42.5%

Exam = 15%

FHS Honor Graduates

Determined by cumulative weighted GPA

FHS Honor Graduate:
Cumulative GPA ranging between 3.5 and 3.999
Recognized at graduation with white cord

FHS Top Honor Graduate:
Cumulative GPA of 4.0 and above
Recognized at graduation with gold cord

Rank In Class

- **Rank in class is determined upon graduation. It is based on the quality points a student earns in grades 9-12 only.**
- **Rank in class is calculated using a maximum of 28 high school credits, of which a maximum of 16 credits may be weighted.**
- **The student(s) who earns the most quality points will be ranked number one in the graduating class and recognized at graduation.**
- **More information can be found at the link below**
  - https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1786476651/stpsborg/yntsmj08w1gvb8djlmpq/pupilprogressionplan.pdf

Community Service Diploma Endorsement

- St. Tammany Parish Public School System will recognize graduating seniors who complete the following number of service hours between 9th and 12th grades:

  - **80 hours (Bronze)**
  - **100 hours (Silver)**
  - **120+ hours (Gold)**

- All seniors that meet a minimum of 80 service hours will receive a diploma endorsement seal on their diploma and a pin to wear on their stole at graduation.

- Detailed information can be found on the Senior Google Classroom under From the Counselors. Please reach out to Mrs. Mollere in the counseling office with any questions. ***All documentation must be provided to Mrs. Mollere by January.***

ACT

ACT No Writing: $70	**Late Registration: $42**
ACT + Science: $5	**Standby Registration: $75**
ACT + Writing: $25	**Exam change fee: $49**

- **Register: myact.org**
  - **Must put in FHS code 191-659**
- **504/IEP Testing Accommodations:**
  - Applications must be submitted to ACT to determine if you are eligible to receive testing accommodations. See Ms. Jackson in the counseling office for questions.

ACT Continued...
2026/2027 ACT Test Dates

September 19th, 2026

October 17th, 2026

December 12th, 2026

February 27th, 2027

April 10th, 2027

June 12th, 2027

July 10th, 2027

Dates highlighted in bold will be offered at FHS

Sending Your Test Scores to Colleges/Universities

- If you took the ACT/SAT, an AP exam, or a CLEP exam and did not send scores to the school you are applying to, you will need to send them now

- Create an account on the appropriate website to send your scores
  - www.myact.org or www.collegeboard.org

- Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can receive up to 2 waivers to take the ACT. See Ms. Jackson in the counseling office for more information.

Sending Your Test Scores Continued...AP and CLEP

- **AP Scores**
  - You can view your AP scores and order additional score reports for colleges, universities, and scholarship programs online at apscore.org
  - Only one free score report is sent for AP
- **CLEP Scores**
  - Scores are displayed on your test screen immediately following the CLEP test
  - You can send your scores to two institutions for free when you register for your CLEP exam
  - You can also request a transcript if you want to send scores to more than two institutions. You must complete a transcript request for each institiution and pay the $20 fee for each transcript ordered by logging in to the MY CLEP student portal.

- YOUR LOGIN IS THE SAME FOR AP AND CLEP

IMPORTANT: If you are enrolled in DE English IV 102, DE Trigonometry, or DE Statistics in the spring and are using your CLEP or AP scores to qualify, you MUST send your scores to SLU before Thanksgiving break. Please see either Dr. Lorio or Ms. Best for assistance.

College Application Process

- **APPLY NOW - Do not wait for new ACT scores**
- **Request your high school transcript to be sent (if college is not on Common App)**
  - Transcript Request Forms are available in the counseling office or on the Senior Google Classroom. Fill out and return to Mrs. Mollere if the school you are applying to is not on Common App.
- **Send your ACT/SAT scores to college(s)**
- **Apply for Housing (pay attention to deadlines)**

- **Choose Admission Decision Deadline:**
  - Early Decision - Binding (must meet with Mrs. Mollere)
  - Restrictive Early Action - Non-Binding
  - Early Action - Not binding and you receive admission decision earlier
  - Regular Decision - Deadline varies

Deadlines for admissions, financial aid/scholarships, and housing are frequently different. Check college websites for specific deadlines.

Private/selective schools may require additional paperwork which may include essays, letters of recommendation, ect.

Requesting High School Transcripts

- **Students applying to schools on Common App do NOT need to request a transcript**
  - The platform notifies Mrs. Mollere to send one for you

- **Emailed/Mailed transcript**
  - If you need your transcript mailed or emailed to a university, you will complete a transcript request form
  - The form is located in the counseling office or on the Senior Google Classroom
  - Give the completed form to Mrs. Mollere

Requesting College Transcripts (Seniors in Dual Enrollment Classes)

College applications will request your college transcript for Dual Enrollment courses you took in high school.
<u>It is your responsibility to complete this step.</u>

- **<u>Southeastern Louisiana University</u>**
  - Use the link below and follow the directions:
    - https://www.southeastern.edu/admin/registrar/transc-verify/

- **<u>Northshore Technical Community College</u>**
  - Use the link below and follow the directions:
    - https://www.northshorecollege.edu/admissions/transcript-request

Common App Tips

- **Create an account at www.commonapp.org**
- **How does it work?**
  - Add colleges where you are going to apply
  - Each college will have its own set of specific requirements
  - Answer ALL the questions in the Common App tab. For each college you select you will:
    - Answer college specific questions
    - Invite and manage recommenders
    - Complete other supplements (if applicable)
    - Waive your rights to view your letter of recommendations

<u>NOTE</u>: Once you invite Mrs. Mollere, she will complete your secondary school report, which includes sending your transcript. Your brag sheet is required to complete this part to complete it as soon as possible

Letters of Recommendation

- Complete your brag sheet in the Senior Google Classroom
- Ask your recommender in person
- Give your recommender a copy of your brag sheet
- Give your recommender a minimum of 3 weeks to submit your request!

FAFSA - Free Application For Federal Student Aid

Steps:

1. **Create an FSA ID - www.fsaid.gov**
    a. Both student and parent create their own FSA ID
2. **Complete the FAFSA** - Use 2025 tax information
    a. www.fafsa.gov
    b. Opens October 1st, 2026

Loans
Grants
TOPS Scholarship

FAFSA Continued...

FASFA/TOPS SEMINAR

- Date: September 2nd @ 5:30 p.m.
- Location: FHS Auditorium

Other Resources

- Lela's FAFSA completion guide and workbook
  - https://lela.org
- FAFSA Help Line
  - 844 GO FAFSA or 844.463.2372
- LOSFA (TOPS) Assitance
  - https://mylosfa.la.gov
  - Meet Lex 24/7 help

TOPS SCHOLARSHIP

AWARD LEVELS

TOPS OPPORTUNITY - 4 YEAR AWARD
- Completion of TOPS OPHE Core Curriculum
- TOPS Core Minimum GPA: **2.50**
- **One** of the following minimum test scores:
  - ACT composite score equal to the previous year's state average (**but never below 20**)
  - SAT: **1030**
  - CLT: **66**

TOPS PERFORMANCE - 4 YEAR AWARD
- Completion of TOPS OPHE Core Curriculum
- TOPS Core Minimum GPA: **3.25**
- **One** of the following minimum test scores:
  - Composite ACT: **23**
  - SAT: **1130**
  - CLT: **80**

TOPS HONORS - 4 YEAR AWARD
- Completion of TOPS OPHE Core Curriculum
- TOPS Core Minimum GPA: **3.50**
- **One** of the following minimum test scores:
  - Composite ACT: **27**
  - SAT: **1260**
  - CLT: **91**

TOPS EXCELLENCE - 4 YEAR AWARD
- Completion of TOPS OPHE Core Curriculum
- TOPS Core Minimum GPA: **3.50**
- **One** of the following minimum test scores:
  - Composite ACT: **31**
  - SAT: **1390**
  - CLT: **101**

TOPS TECH - 2 YEAR AWARD
- Completion of TOPS Tech JumpStart Core Curriculum or TOPS OPHE Core Curriculum
- TOPS Core Minimum GPA: 2.50
- **One** of the following minimum test scores:
  - Composite ACT: **17**
  - WorkKeys: **Silver Level**
  - SAT: **920**
  - CLT: **54**

AWARD REDUCTION

Your award may be reduced by one or more semesters because: 1. Your application was submitted after the deadline; 2. You qualified for TOPS based on an ACT score achieved in May, June, and/or July of the year you graduated from high school; or 3. You enrolled in an out-of-state college. See pages 5 and 6 for additional information.

AWARD AMOUNTS		
TOPS Opportunity Award	**TOPS Award Amount**	The TOPS Opportunity Award pays the TOPS Award Amount, which is based on the cost of tuition set by the administering agency for a student at that particular institution for the 2016-2017 academic year unless increased by an Act of the Legislature.
TOPS Performance	**TOPS Award Amount + $400 Stipend**	The TOPS Performance Award pays the TOPS Award Amount, which is based on the cost of tuition set by the administering agency for a student at that particular institution for the 2016-2017 academic year unless increased by an Act of the Legislature plus an annual stipend of $400.
TOPS Honors	**TOPS Award Amount + $800 Stipend**	The TOPS Honors Award pays the TOPS Award Amount, which is based on the cost of tuition set by the administering agency for a student at that particular institution for the 2016-2017 academic year unless increased by an Act of the Legislature plus an annual stipend of $800.
TOPS Excellence	**Tuition and Fees or $12,000 (whichever is less)**	If a student attends a public institution in Louisiana, the award pays an annual amount equal to tuition and fees as reported to the Board of Regents in the annual mandatory survey on tuition and fees, or $12,000, whichever is less.
TOPS Tech - 2 Year Award	**TOPS Award Amount**	The TOPS Tech Award pays the TOPS Award Amount, which is based on the cost of tuition set by the administering agency for a student at that particular institution for the 2016-2017 academic year unless increased by an Act of the Legislature.

TOPS Continued...

TOPS does not accept an ACT super score

Applying for TOPS

- Complete the FAFSA form on or after October 1st, 2026
- University: Achieve a 20 or higher composite ACT score on or before April 2027
- Tech: Achieve a 17or higher composite ACT score on or before April 2027
- TOPS application deadline: July 1, 2027

Missing or incorrect information can delay your award

- High School Code - 191659
- Social Security Number
- Month and Year of FHS Graduation

Scholarships

- **Academic**
  - Apply through the college/university
  - Based on GPA and ACT scores
  - Admission and scholarship application - check college website

- **Local**
  - Check the Senior Google Classroom, listen to announcements, check email

- **Search Engines** - various websites
  - Examples: www.fastweb.com, www.goingmerry.com, www.scholarship.com

- **Academic Common Market**
  - https://www.sreb.org/academic-common- market

Once you begin to hear from colleges (acceptance letter, scholarship offers) PLEASE let your counselor know. Bring us a copy of your scholarship award. We will recognize students at senior breakfast who provide us with hard copies of scholarship offers, and we calculate the total amount of scholarship money awarded to the class of 2027

Collegiate Athletics

NCAA

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center: www.eligibilitycenter.org
  - Typically done at the completion of junior year
- ACT/SAT code for NCAA is 9999 (Student must send scores officially)
- Fee waivers are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch
- Counselor will upload transcript when notified through NCAA

NAIA

- Register at www.playnaia.org
- ACT/SAT Code for NAIA is 9876 (Student must send scores officially)
- Fee waivers are available for students on free or reduced lunch
- Final transcript is sent at completion of senior year
- Visit NAIA site for a list of participating schools
- NAIA offers fewer sports and recruiting restrictions

FONTAINEBLEAU BULLDOGS
EMBRACE THE FIGHT

Important "To Do" List for Seniors

- **Complete your Brag Sheet in the Senior Google Classroom** -REQUIRED
  - The brag sheet is used for the counselor portion of Common App and for writing letters of recommendation

- **Check your school email daily**
- **Check your Senior Google Classroom daily**
  - I recommend setting up your GC to send you email notifications when something new is posted

- **Check the FHS website counseling tab regularly**

- **Make sure you are using your personal email for college applications, NOT your school email**

Resources

Senior Counselor Information

<u>Tops Tech Seniors</u>
Che' Ashby-Jackson
Che'.ashby-jackson@stpsb.org
(985)892-7112 ext. 2069

<u>Tops University Seniors</u>
Leah Mollere
Leah.Mollere@stpsb.org
(985) 892-7112 ext. 2068

- **Google Classroom - From Your Counselors**
- **FHS Website - htpp://fontainebleauhigh.stpsb.org**
- **FHS Facebook Page**
- **LOSFA Student Hub - https://mylosfa.gov/applications/student-hub/**
- **Academic Common Market - https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market**
- **Announcements and Emails**

Upcoming Dates

August 25 - University of Southern Mississippi Lunch Visit
September 1 - Mississippi State University Lunch Visit
October 6 - Mississippi Christian University Lunch Visit
August 25 - Open House 6:00 p.m.
August 25 - Senior Parent Meeting 5:00 p.m. in the auditorium
September 2 - TOPS/FASFA Seminar 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium
October 12 - College/Career Expo at the Castine Center
December 12 - Senior Portrait Deadline
December 12 - Baby Picture Deadline
December 12 - Senior Quote Deadline
December 16 & 17 - Exams
January 29 - Personalized Yearbook Purchase Deadline
January 31 - Senior Ad Deadline
January 15 - Community Service Diploma Endorsement Deadline
February 19 - Yearbook Purchase Deadline
May 10 & 11 - Exams
May 24 - Graduation